# DRAFT PROGRAM

## 11th Stem Cell Workshop

### Directed Differentiation of Embryonic Stem Cells

**8 August, 2008**  
*Edmund Blacket Lecture Theatre, Prince of Wales Hospital, Randwick*

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| 8:40am | Breakfast seminar  
*Hosted by Millipore* |                                                                                           |
| 9:40am | Opening speech  
*Innovation in science in Australia, the federal government’s perspective on hESC research*
*Senator Jan McLucas, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing* |                                                                                           |
| 9:40am | Session 1: |                                                                                           |
| 10:10am | Derivatives from embryonic stem cells as a therapy for spinal cord injuries  
*Dr Edward D Wirth III, Medical Director, Geron Corporation* |                                                                                           |
| 10:40am | Growth factor requirements - embryonic stem cells to hematopoietic cells  
*A/Prof Andrew Elefanty, Monash Immunology & Stem Cell Laboratories, Melbourne* |                                                                                           |
| 11:00am | Embryonic stem cells to pancreatic cells as a cure for type 1 diabetes  
*Prof Bernie Tuch, Diabetes Transplant Unit, Prince of Wales Hospital, Sydney* |                                                                                           |
| 11:20am | Topic unconfirmed  
*Prof Peter Rathjen, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research), University of Melbourne* |                                                                                           |
| 11:40am | Generation of kidney cells from human embryonic stem cells  
*Dr Andrew Laslett, Australian Stem Cell Centre* |                                                                                           |
| 12:00pm | Lunch / networking |                                                                                           |
| 1:00pm | Session 2: |                                                                                           |
| 1:00pm | Title unconfirmed  
*Prof Andrew Webster, University of York, UK.* |                                                                                           |
| 1:30pm | Some international comparisons of state strategies and innovation in stem cell science  
*Dr Olivia Harvey, University of NSW* |                                                                                           |
| 2:00pm | The stem cell debate – winning public opinion  
*Gabriel McDowell, Res Publica Public Relations* |                                                                                           |
| 2:30pm | Commercialisation of stem cell therapies (title unconfirmed)  
*Dr Allan Robins Novocell* |                                                                                           |
| 3:00pm | Refreshments / networking |                                                                                           |

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