

11th Stem Cell Workshop

# Directed Differentiation of Embryonic Stem Cells

**8 August, 2008**

*Edmund Blacket Lecture Theatre, Prince of Wales Hospital, Randwick*

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