

Tuesday 19 March 2013

12.00pm Welcome catering –

12.30pm Start

1.30pm - Finish

Venue: The Niche Conference Room -
Independent Living Centre, SCGH
Campus, 11 Aberdare Road
Nedlands

Associate Professor Sandro Porceddu

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Management of head and neck cancer in the era of HPV

HPV-related head and neck cancers occur primarily in the oropharynx and are more common in men. They are mostly caused by tobacco and alcohol use, but it is believed that up to 80% of oropharyngeal cancers are due to infection with the HPV virus. HPV-related head and neck cancer occurs in both people who smoke and those who do not smoke.

There are two vaccines available that protect against infection with certain types of HPV. These vaccines prevent only new HPV infections but do not cure HPV infections. Vaccination was found to protect against most genital warts and anal cancer.

The national school-based HPV Vaccination Program, provided through the National Immunisation Program, has been extended to include males. From February 2013, males and females aged 12-13 years will receive the HPV vaccine at school. Males aged 14-15 years will also receive the vaccine as part of a catch-up program until the end of the 2014 school year.

Assoc. Prof Porceddu will present an overview of public health approaches to controlling HPV Head and neck cancers and will also cover the main treatment approaches that include surgery, radiotherapy and chemotherapy.

Dr Porceddu is an internationally recognised head and neck radiation oncologist at the Princess Alexandra Hospital and Associate Professor with the University of Queensland. He is currently President of the Clinical Oncological Society of Australia (COSA) and he also chairs the Trials Scientific Committee of the Trans - Tasman Radiation Oncology Group (TROG). He has been awarded a Doctorate of Medicine for his research into improving the integration of radiotherapy in the management of head and neck cancer and is currently the recipient of the American Head and Neck Society/ANZ Head and Neck Cancer Society Christopher O'Brien Travelling Scholarship.

Sandro Porceddu's visit to Perth is sponsored by the WA Clinical Oncology Group



More details regarding the national school-based HPV Vaccination Program can be found at: hpv.health.gov.au

RSVPs **ESSENTIAL for catering purposes** to Venna Manricks by **Friday 15 March 2013**
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