

GUEST SPEAKERS



Professor Eugene Yafele

Prior to moving to Melbourne in 2024 to lead Monash Health, Eugene was CEO at University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust in England. He has held senior roles across the English National Health System and has consistently been recognised for his leadership and passion for whole systems approach to health, health equity and outcomes. He was appointed Visiting Professor for the College of Health, Science and Society at University of the West of England and was a board member of the NHS Race and Health Observatory. Eugene is also Adjunct Clinical Professor in the School of Clinical Sciences at Monash University.

Adjunct Associate Professor Helen Cooper

Helen was appointed Chief Executive of Peninsula Health in July 2024 having previously held the role of Executive Director Operations and Deputy Chief Executive. Holding a Bachelor of Nursing and Master of Business Administration, Helen has over 25 years' experience in health leadership with previous executive positions at Murrumbidgee Local Health District NSW and Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service. With extensive experience in strategic service planning, hospital redevelopments and leading diverse teams across complex health services, Helen has a passion for strong clinical governance, working with patients and consumers to ensure healthcare strategies are co-designed, and inclusively creating culturally safe environments.



Mr Adam Horsburgh

Adam joined Alfred Health as Chief Executive in August 2024, bringing with him a deep understanding of healthcare across Victoria's public sector. Prior to this, he was Chief Executive of Austin Health for four years. He has held other senior roles serving as the Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer at Melbourne Health as well as the Chief Operating Officer for Southern Health (now Monash Health). Adam has held senior policy and advisory roles with the Victorian Government's Department of Premier and Cabinet and Department of Health (DH), where he was the Director of Performance and System Design. In addition, he has international health experience through various operational management roles in the UK's National Health Service.

Associate Professor Charles Pilgrim

Associate Professor Pilgrim completed fellowships in Upper Gastro-intestinal surgery at The Alfred and Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic surgery at the Medical College of Wisconsin (USA) and has a PhD from Peter MacCallum. He has appointments at Cabrini Hospital, The Alfred (HPB and Trauma) as well as Frankston and Peninsula Private hospitals and is a serving military surgeon and lieutenant colonel in the Australian Army. Charles is an Associate Professor at Monash University and a Senior trauma instructor/examiner for the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. He is a member of the Academy of Surgical Educators and the Section of Academic surgery with the College of Surgeons.



Dr Hari Wimal

Hari is a lung cancer respiratory specialist, currently running the lung oncology assessment clinic for nodules and masses at Monash Health and is the clinical lead at Cabrini Health for the National Lung Cancer Screening Program (NLCSP). He is a part of the lung cancer multi-disciplinary team both at Monash Health and Cabrini Health. He actively performs fibre optic and endobronchial ultrasound (EBUS) bronchoscopy at Cabrini Health for lung cancer diagnostics and is involved in lung cancer research, including Australia's first experience with upstaging lung cancer through a transoesophageal endobronchial ultrasound approach.



Associate Professor Andrew Haydon

Associate Professor Andrew Haydon is a Medical Oncologist and Deputy Director of Oncology at Alfred Health. He has also been the co-medical director of SMICS for the past 5 years. Andrew's main areas of interest are Melanoma, Upper-GI and Head & Neck Cancers. Andrew has also been heavily involved in running clinical trials in these tumours which have led to numerous practice changing publications.



Ms Seleena Sherwell

Seleena Sherwell is the Program Director at Southern Melbourne Integrated Cancer Service, where she plays a key role in overseeing strategic initiatives to enhance cancer care in the southern Melbourne region. With extensive experience in senior management, Seleena holds qualifications in Applied Science and expertise in governance, strategic planning, and change management. She is skilled in project management and community engagement, driving initiatives that foster collaboration and improve healthcare outcomes. Her leadership facilitates SMICS work to drive integration of cancer services and comprehensive, patient-centered care.



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