



Parkinson's Disease Seminar CAIRNS

Saturday, 6 April 2013

10am–2.30pm (Registration from 9.30am)
Isabella State School Hall, Walker Road, Edmonton

FEATURING

Professor Peter Silburn—Parkinson's Disease Q & A Session
Dr Terry Coyne—Parkinson's & Deep Brain Stimulation
Associate Professor George Mellick—Latest Parkinson's Research
Dr Nadeeka Dissanayaka—Depression & Anxiety in Parkinson's Disease
Jamie Sheard— Nutrition & Parkinson's Disease

Hear from some of Queensland's most respected and knowledgeable experts in the treatment and management of Australia's second most common neurological disorder—Parkinson's Disease.

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About the Speakers

Professor Peter Silburn is Professor of Clinical Neuroscience at The University of Queensland and the Patron of Parkinson's Queensland. He is a world expert in the treatment and research of Parkinson's disease. Peter's research into deep brain stimulation (DBS) is changing the lives of people with Parkinson's disease, as well as a wide range of other neurodegenerative diseases. Peter really likes looking into people's brains. In fact, with neurosurgeon Dr Terry Coyne, he's been deeper into the human brain than most people in the world. With Dr Coyne and a team of researchers from a wide range of other disciplines, Peter leads one of the busiest clinical neurosciences units in Australia.

In the 2013 Australia Day Honour's List Peter was awarded MEMBER (AM) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA For significant service to medicine as a neurologist, particularly in the treatment of neurodegenerative diseases.

Dr Terry Coyne is a Neurosurgeon in private practice with BrizBrain and Spine. Dr Coyne has been practicing at the Wesley since 1994 and has sub-specialties in neurosurgery, spinal surgery and deep brain stimulation. His practice covers a broad range of adult neurosurgery, with particular interests in cerebrovascular surgery, skull base surgery, spinal surgery and movement disorder surgery, including deep brain stimulation (performed in conjunction with neurologist Prof Peter Silburn).

Associate Professor George Mellick is an interdisciplinary scientist who works on all aspects of Parkinson's disease and related disorders. He is the Deputy Director of the Eskitis Institute, Griffith University and holds adjunct positions at the University of Queensland, RBWH and Princess Alexandra Hospital. George has authored over 100 research publications including articles in the *Lancet*, *JAMA*, *Lancet Neurology* and *Annals of Neurology*. He is also an advocate for people affected by Parkinson's disease and has served as the President of Parkinson's Queensland (PQI) and on the Board of Parkinson's Australia. He also has a major interest in teaching and postgraduate student supervision. He currently lectures in Neuroscience, Molecular Genetics, Bioinformatics, Pharmacology and Scientific Methods; he supervises 7 PhD students. In 2006 he won an Australia National Carrick (Education) Award for Programs that Enhance Student Learning.

Dr Nadeeka Dissanayaka is a research fellow currently undertaking clinical research at the Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital (RBWH) and the University of Queensland Centre for Clinical Research. She is a recipient of the Lions Medical Research Foundation research fellowship 2012 and RBWH foundation post doctoral fellowship 2010. Her research projects primarily focus on improving diagnostic methods and treatment of anxiety and depression in Parkinson's disease.

Dr Dissanayaka completed her PhD in 2008 from the School of Medicine, the University of Queensland and her thesis specialized in assessment methods and risk factors for depression in Parkinson's disease. Her publication record of over 35 publications includes a featured editor's choice article in the prestigious International Movement Disorders journal which examined the prevalence and risk factors associated with anxiety in Australian Parkinson's disease patients.

Jamie Sheard is a third year doctoral candidate at the Queensland University of Technology Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation. She is also an Accredited Practising Dietician (APD) practicing at the Princess Alexandra Hospital. Her PhD research focuses on nutritional status in Parkinson's disease.

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