



Australasian Mortality Data Interest Group Workshop
Improving, Investigating and Using Mortality Data
THE MANTRA ON LITTLE BOURKE CONFERENCE CENTRE • MELBOURNE
18-19 November 2010

Draft Workshop Program

The 2010 Australasian Mortality Data Interest Group Workshop will be held in Melbourne from Thursday 18th November to Friday 19th November. The workshop will feature well respected speakers, presenting in the following areas:

- suicide
- drugs and alcohol
- methods, data sources and international perspectives
- death investigation processes

Professor Shanthi Amerantunga

Shanthi Amerantunga, a Professor of Epidemiology and Deputy Head of the School of Population Health at the University of Auckland will discuss *“Getting the best from incomplete mortality data in international settings”*.

Professor Louisa Degenhardt

Louisa Degenhardt, a Professor at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre will discuss *“Advances in the identification and/or interpretation of drug and alcohol involvement in deaths”*.

Magistrate Paresa Spanos

Paresa Spanos, a Victorian Coroner will discuss *“The role of coroners in improving mortality data and facilitating death investigation research”*.

Dr Sarah Parsons

Sarah Parsons, a Forensic Pathologist at the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine will discuss *“The role of forensic pathology in improving, investigating and using mortality data”*.

Thursday 18th November

8:00 – 9:00 Registration
9:00 – 9:15 Welcome address

Drugs & Alcohol

9:15 – 10:00 Keynote speaker:
“Advances in the identification and/or interpretation of drug and alcohol involvement in deaths” (Professor L. Degenhardt: Burnet Institute)
10:00 – 10:20 “Coronial deaths involving prescription opioids, Victoria, 2000-2009”
(A. Rintoul: Dept Forensic Medicine, Monash University)

10:20 – 10:40 Morning Tea

10:40 – 10:50 “Impact of a prolonged heroin shortage on drug-related mortality in ex-prisoners”
(J. Andrews: Burnet Institute)
10:50 – 11:00 “Extracting alcohol and drugs data for injury deaths in Victoria, Australia”
(J. Killian: Monash University Accident Research Centre)
11:00 – 11:20 “Drug Involvement in coronial deaths” (Dr S. Haas: National Coronial Information System)

Suicide

11:20 – 11:40 “Developments in suicide identification” (presenter to be confirmed)
11:40 – 12:00 “Work related suicide” (Prof J. Ozanne-Smith: Dept Forensic Medicine, Monash University)

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

Poster Presentations

13:00 – 13:15 Posters (Vinluan, Howle, Selvakmar, Cheng, Masson)

Death Investigation Processes

13:15 – 14:00 Keynote Speakers:
“The role of coroners in improving mortality data and facilitating death investigation research” (Magistrate P. Spanos: Coroners Court of Victoria)
“The role of forensic pathology in improving, investigating and using mortality data” (Dr S. Parsons: Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine)
14:00 – 14:20 “The Coroners Prevention Unit” (S. Hauge, Coroners Court of Victoria)
14:20 – 14:40 “Child death review in Queensland” (A. Oetting: Commission for Children and Young People)
14:40 – 14:50 “The death of a patient can be a learning experience” (C. Retegan, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons)
14:50 – 15:00 *presentation to be confirmed*

15:00 – 15:20 Afternoon Tea

15:20 – 15:30 “Audit of surgical mortality - surgical accountability in Queensland” (T. Rey-Conde: Royal Australasian College of Surgeons)
15:30 – 16:15 Panel Discussion – Death Investigation Processes
16:15 Close

Friday 19th November

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

Methods, Data Sources and International Perspectives

- 9:00 – 9:45 Keynote Speaker: “Getting the best from incomplete mortality data in international settings” (Prof S. Ameratunga: School of Population Health, University of Auckland)
- 9:45 – 10:05 “The mortuary as a source of injury prevention data in low-middle income countries” (Dr C. Kipsana: Dept Forensic Medicine, Monash University)
- 10:05 – 10:15 “Identifying opportunities in unintentional fatality prevention” (Dr C. Jones: Dept of Forensic Medicine, Monash University)
- 10:15 – 10:25 “Stitching the data patchwork together - Global mortality from jellyfish stings (1996 - 2010)” (Dr K. Winkel: Australian Venom Research Unit, Dept Pharmacology, University of Melbourne)
- 10:25 – 10:35 “Deaths from spider bite as a study in coding accuracy” (Dr R. Lowe, Australian Venom Research Unit; Dept Pharmacology; University of Melbourne)

10:35 – 10:55 Morning Tea

- 10:55 – 11:15 “Validation of the Vietnamese A6 mortality reporting system: injury as a cause of death” (Prof M. Stephenson: Monash University Accident Research Centre)
- 11:15 – 11:35 “Restructuring external causes in ICD-11: Implications for mortality data” (K. McKenzie: NCHIRT, Queensland University of Technology)
- 11:35 – 11:55 “Using mortality data linkage to estimate the total incidence of end-stage kidney disease in Australia” (F. Green, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare)
- 11:55 – 12:05 “Child fatalities resulting from motorcycle and quad bike incidents in Queensland (2004 - 2009)” (D. Scott: NCHIRT, Queensland University of Technology)
- 12:05 – 12:15 “Utilising the National Coroners Information System to determine mechanism of injury in Australian quad bike deaths 2001-2009” (E. Herde: Australian Centre for Agricultural Health & Safety)

12:15 – 13:15 Lunch

- 13:15 – 13:25 “Reviewing the deaths from pandemic influenza (H1N1) in New Zealand in 2009” (Prof C. Farquar: Dept of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and National Women's Health)
- 13:25 – 13:45 “The use of birth registration versus hospital discharge data in perinatal-related mortality reporting in New Zealand” (Dr L. Sadler: Auckland District Health Board & Perinatal and Maternal Mortality Review Committee)
- 13:45 – 14:05 “Injury mortality - opportunities for more timely reporting. “ (G. Henley: Research Centre for Injury Studies, Flinders University)
- 14:05 – 14:25 “Creating an enhanced ACC-MOH linked administrative dataset for government agencies and bone fide public good researchers” (Dr J. Wren: Accident Compensation Corporation, New Zealand)
- 14:25 – 14:45 “Recent changes at ABS” (A. Schmider: Australian Bureau of Statistics)

14:45 – 15:05 Afternoon Tea

- 15:05 – 15:45 Panel Discussion – Methods, Data Sources & International Perspectives
- 15:45 – 16:00 Thank you and close.