

## MEET THE SPEAKERS

**Dr Charlie Teo** has an international reputation in developing pioneering techniques in minimally invasive neurosurgery in both Australia and the United States (where he is also Board). He has a passion for teaching Certified and philanthropy and devotes three months per year to teaching and sponsoring neurosurgeons in developing countries such as Bangladesh, Peru, Romania and Vietnam. Dr Teo lives by the principle of treating all his patients as he would a member of his own family.



**Marcella Zemanek** is a truly inspirational woman. Marcella was the primary carer for her late husband, Stan, who is best known to Australians for his larrikin personality and bringing a smile to all who knew him or listened to his radio or television programs. Marcella completed and published the story of Stan's life that he wrote in the last months his death: "My Way or the Highway". It is an honour to have Marcella speak today.

**Dr Eng-Siew Koh** is a Radiation Oncologist at Liverpool Cancer Therapy Centre and at CCORE. She completed her specialty training at Westmead Hospital then undertook a three year Fellowship at Princess Margaret Hospital, Canada, in the areas of neuro-oncology, haematologic, breast, lung and paediatric malignancies. Her particular research interests include neuro-imaging of brain tumours, cancer survivorship, and the study of late effects of treatment in both adult and paediatric cancer survivors.



**Dr Helen Wheeler** is a medical oncologist with a research background and has contributed greatly to the establishment of the ABTB and the SNOG clinical database. Specialising in neuro-oncology since 1989, she treats patients from around the world and recognises the limited amount of specialty care available to patients with brain tumours.



**Dr David Ziegler** spent two years conducting research at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute at Harvard Medical School, USA. He was awarded the prestigious Fulbright Postgraduate Alumni Award in 2005 and has been working closely with Professor Andrew Kung, a leader in the area of targeted cancer therapy. Dr Ziegler is a paediatric oncologist, with brain tumours as a clinical and research specialty.

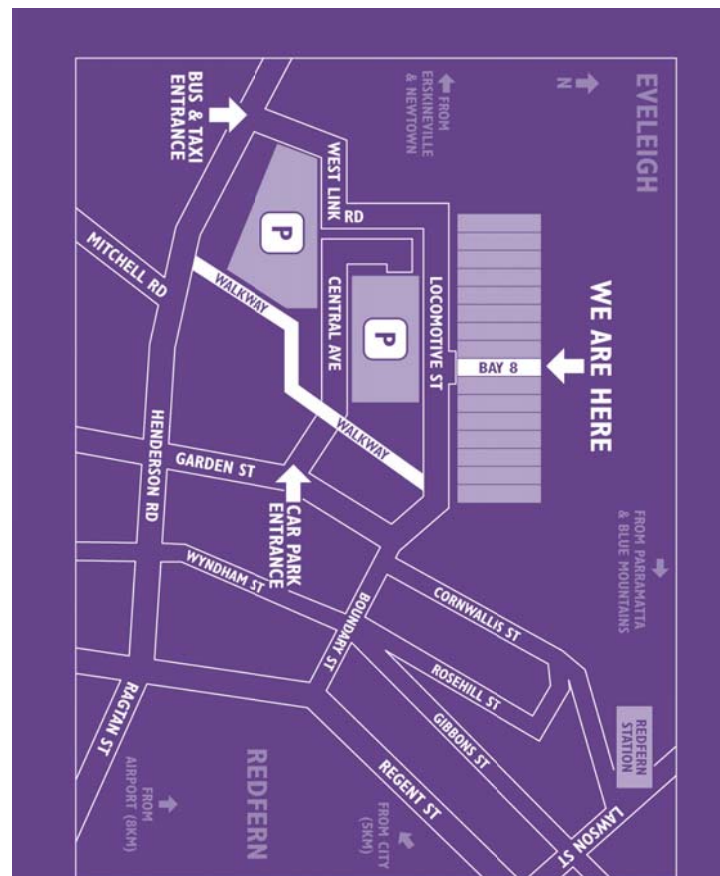
**Prof Lyle Palmer** is an internationally renowned geneticist and epidemiologist with interests in cancer, asthma, CVD, sleep apnea, fetal growth regulation, diabetes and methodological research. Prof Palmer is the chief investigator of a new collaborative project between WA and NSW to build a tissue repository for glioma with the vision for a national co-operative. One of the key objectives of this project is to unravel the underlying genetics of glioma.



**A/Prof Andrew Cole** is Director of Medical and Allied Services, Hope Healthcare Group, a Senior Staff Specialist in Rehabilitation Medicine at St George Hospital, Conjoint Associate Professor of UNSW and the Coordinator of Education at The Australasian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine. He is a passionate and dedicated clinician devoted to improving the quality of life of brain tumour patients with rehabilitation therapy.



**Kaye Duffy**, former chair of consumer group Brain Tumour Australia, is a patient advocate who has made a significant contribution at State level as a result of her involvement in the Health Participation Council and her advice to Government on health-related matters. She is currently a member of Cancer Australia's National Consumer Advisory Group providing advice on current issues impacting consumers.



**DIRECTIONS**

**BY CAR**  
The entrance to the ATP car park is from Garden Street. Collect a ticket from the boom gate and drive through to the car park. To gain access to the disabled parking area please contact the security office on **Tel: (02) 9209 4666**. The cost of parking will be met by the Cancer Institute for this event.

**BY RAIL**  
CityRail operates frequent train services between Redfern Station and other major Sydney stations including Sydney's Central Station, Town Hall, Wynyard and Circular Quay. Redfern Railway Station is a convergence station for much of Sydney's rail network. For information about travelling by rail, call the Transport Infoline on **131 500** or visit [www.131500.com.au](http://www.131500.com.au)

**FROM REDFERN STATION**  
Exit via Platform 10 at Redfern Station. Walk past the WaterTower apartment block and follow the walkway through to the Australian Technology Park.

**BY BUS**  
There are frequent bus services to the ATP from the Sydney city and from Sydney's domestic and international airport. The bus stop closest to the ATP is in Boundary Street. For bus timetables call the Transport Infoline on **131 500** or visit [www.131500.com.au](http://www.131500.com.au)

# invitation

You are invited to attend the  
**Cancer Institute NSW  
NSWOG Neuro-Oncology**

**Brain Tumour Support &  
Education Forum**

*An information day for brain tumour  
patients and their families*

Tuesday, 28 October 2008  
9am – 4pm

Room 6B (Entry via Bay 8)  
Australian Technology Park, Eveleigh

## Interactive Panel Session:

You are invited to submit any anonymous question you would like answered by professionals during the two interactive panel sessions. Please submit this piece of paper to the registration desk before 10am



# PROGRAM

Chaired by Ms Kaye Duffy OAM

- 9.25 Opening: Emeritus Prof Tom Reeve, Surgeon, Medical Advisor, Australian Cancer Network & Hon. Tony Stewart, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)
- 9.30 **Neurosurgery: Brain Tumours: Treating the patient, not the Xray**  
Dr Charlie Teo MBBS, FRACS, Neurosurgeon & Director: Centre for Minimally Invasive Neurosurgery, Prince of Wales Private Hospital
- 10.15 **Radio-oncology: De-mystifying the myths about radiotherapy for brain tumours**  
Dr Eng-Siew Koh, Radiation Oncologist, Liverpool Hospital
- 10.45 **Neuro-oncology: Treatment advances for patients diagnosed with glioma in adults and children**  
Dr Helen Wheeler MBBS, FRACP, Adult Neuro-oncologist, Department of Medical Oncology, RNSH; Centre for Minimally Invasive Neurosurgery, POW Private &  
Dr Lesley Ashton, Head of the Molecular Epidemiology Group, Children's Cancer Institute Australia
- 11.30 **Interactive panel 1: A Clinical Flavour**  
Dr Helen Wheeler (Oncology), Dr Elizabeth Hovey (Oncology), Prof Michael Barton (Radiation Oncology), Dr Eng-Siew Koh (Radiation Oncology), Dr Michael Rodriguez (Pathology) and Dr Adam Fowler (Neurosurgical trainee/PhD student)
- 12.15 Lunch (Provided)
- 1.00 **Rehabilitation: Applying rehabilitation therapies to improve quality of life and functional outcomes**  
A/Prof Andrew Cole MBBS (Hons) FAFRM, Senior Consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine, Rehabilitation Department, St George Hospital, Conjoint Professor, UNSW
- 1.30 **Research Advances: Taking a collaborative approach to improve our understanding of glioma**  
Prof Lyle Palmer, Chair in Genetic Epidemiology, Director of Centre for Genetics Epidemiology and Biostatistics, University of Western Australia, Chief Investigator: Australian Genomics and Clinical Outcomes of High Grade Gliomas (AGOG)
- 2.00 **Patient and Carer Perspective**  
Mrs Marcella Zemanek, Mr Evan Shonks, Liane McFarlane and Ms Janet Willis
- 2.30 **Interactive Panel 2: Quality of Life**  
Prof Lyle Palmer (Research), Lindy Cohn & Sally Carveth (The Cancer Council NSW Helpline), Robyn Leonard (Media and Carer) and Mrs Marcella Zemanek (Carer)
- 3.30 **Close** Dr Kerrie McDonald, Chair NSWOG Neuro-Oncology

Please RSVP by Friday 17 October by emailing [nswog@cancerinstitute.org.au](mailto:nswog@cancerinstitute.org.au) or call 02 8374 5600 or register with the individual health professional who informed you about the workshop.