

Please note the program is a work in progress and subject to change.

2024 PROGRAM – Day 1

Wednesday, 23 October 2024

8.15am Registration opens

8.55am – 9.10am Plenary Room

Session 1

Introduction	Warren Bingham, Conference MC Aria Research
Welcome to Country	Yvonne Weldon 2022 NSW Aboriginal Woman of the Year
Welcome and Official Opening	Ian Burgess MTAA

9.10am – 9.30am Plenary Room

Session 2 – Address by Minister and Shadow Minister

The Hon Andrew Giles MP Minister for Skills and Training	Senator the Hon Anne Ruston Shadow Minister for Health and Aged Care
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9.35am – 10.35am Plenary Room [#MTAA > Plenary](#)

Session 3 – Keynote with Dr Daniel Nour

Founder of Street Side Medics & NSW Young Australian of the Year 2022, Dr Daniel Nour discovered his passion by addressing the needs of underprivileged and vulnerable members of the community. His ambition led to the first mobile medical clinic that uniquely addresses the multiple health disparities experienced by the homeless and alleviates the many burdens present in accessing healthcare today.

Join this session to hear Dr Daniel Nour's incredible story of passion, commitment and a strong sense of responsibility for providing healthcare to those in need.

Dr Daniel Nour
Street Side Medics

10:40am – 11.30am Morning tea Exhibition

11.35am – 12.20pm

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Session 4 – Bridging Innovation and Regulation – AI in MedTech

Join us for a session where regulation meets AI MedTech innovation, exploring the future of medical device compliance. Discover how innovators can balance cutting-edge technology with evolving regulatory frameworks to ensure optimal outcomes for patients and the healthcare system.

Tracey Duffy

TGA

Mitchell Burger

Healthdirect

Minta Chen

Annalise.ai

Stephanie Owen

Microsoft

Yan Chia

CSIRO

Jasjit Baveja, Chair

MTAA

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Session 5 – Clinical investigations – Challenges and Opportunities to Attract Clinical Studies to Australia

This panel session will explore the latest developments in the National One Stop Shop (NOSS) implementation, as well as workforce development and emerging decentralised clinical trials/tele-trials activities. It will pose questions regarding the impact of increasing requirements for reimbursement approval to adopt alternative study designs that enable comparative performance analysis and journal publications of relevant findings.

Bernadette Aliprandi-Costa

Department of Health and
Aged Care

Deborah Bell

Avania Clinical

Prof Andrea O'Connor

Vic MedTech Hub

Bernadette Morris-Smith

Australian Teletrial Program

Lisa Eckstein

CT:IQ

Deama Amr

Medtronic

Manoj Sridhar, Chair

L.E.K. Consulting

12.25pm – 1.10pm

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Session 6 – Prescribed List Reforms – Where are we now and where are we headed?

Discussion about the current management of the Prescribed List, future reforms, and what industry should know.

Andrew Rintoul

Prescribed List Reform Taskforce
Department of Health and Aged Care

Kristy Hardy, Chair

Johnson & Johnson MedTech

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Session 7 – The Future of Neurostimulation

This panel session will discuss innovations coming down the pipeline for the neurostimulation industry. Will brain-computer interfaces (BCI) live up to the promise or struggle to find clinical significance? Are there other bottlenecks in technology and what opportunities await new entrepreneurs?

Prof Hugh McDermott

DBS Tech | University of Melbourne

Ludovic Lablat

NeoBionica

Peter Single

Saluda Medical

Yan Lin Lye, Chair

Venture Studio

Brett Kensett-Smith

Intrinsika

1.10pm – 2.10pm

Lunch

Exhibition

2.10pm – 3.05pm

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Session 8 – The Future of Healthcare

AI, deep brain stimulation, Augmented Reality and other groundbreaking digital technologies, and the skills required to revolutionise the future of healthcare. How can the multiple stakeholders in the healthcare ecosystem collaborate for improved patient access to care?

Prof Farah Magrabi

Macquarie University

Warren Bingham

Aria Research

Harry Iles-Mann

Consumer Advocate, Department of Health and Aged Care Advisor

Prof Hugh McDermott

DBS Tech | University of Melbourne

Andrew Wiltshire

AWS, MTAA DHAG Chair

Geoff Quattromani, Chair

Johnson & Johnson MedTech, MTAA DHAG Vice-Chair

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Session 9 – Striking the right balance on evidence requirements for the Prescribed List'

The evidence requirements published in the draft Prescribed List Guide in December 2023 set a high bar even for devices that are only seeking to list in the same group and the same benefit on the PL. The industry is concerned that the requirements are very difficult to meet and are much higher hurdles than in comparable overseas jurisdictions. What drives the requests by ECAGs and MDHTAC for these evidence requirements? What risks are they trying to mitigate? How do they fit with the efficacy and safety assessments of the TGA? This session will discuss these issues and more with chairs of key committees and the Department.

Terry Campbell

Chair, Medical Devices and Human Tissues Advisory Committee

Peter Lewis

Chair, Prescribed List Hip and Knee Expert Clinical Advisory Group

Sarah Botros, Chair

Stryker

Irina Tsyganova

Department of Health and Aged Care

Shebnem Erdol

Abbott

3.05pm – 3.35pm

Afternoon tea

Exhibition

3.35pm – 4.15pm

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Session 10 – In Conversation with the TGA

Hear the latest about the regulatory landscape as MTAA's Jas Baveja interviews Tony Lawler from the Therapeutic Goods Administration.

Prof Anthony Lawler

TGA

Jasjit Baveja, Interviewer

MTAA

4.15pm – 5.05pm

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Session 11 – Fortifying Health Data

This session aims to share the value of health data and discuss the current health data governance challenges regarding privacy and cyber security. How to ensure a balance between data privacy & security with access for innovation and development.

James McKay

Australian Digital Health
Agency

Senthil Gurumoorthi

AWS Health Care Life
Sciences

Andrea Ratsch

Johnson & Johnson,
MTAA PWG Co-Chair

Dalvin Chien

Mills Oakley

Paul Davies, Chair

Abbott, MTAA Cyber Security
Working Group Chair

5.05pm – 5.10pm

Plenary Room

Closing remarks

Warren Bingham, Conference MC

Aria Research

5.15pm – 7.15pm

Welcome Reception | Pre-dinner Drinks

Exhibition

Session 12 - Hypothetical - Access to Growth Finance for MedTech Commercialisation

5.15pm-6.00pm

Taking place in the Exhibition space, this session will be an entertaining and insightful look into financing the MedTech commercialisation journey. From early-stage angel investment, venture capital and private equity, to ASX listing and potential acquisition, this hypothetical session will explore the critical early stages to help these startups access funding to grow, consolidate and succeed in the market. Delegates can enjoy this session during pre-dinner drinks.

Richard Dale

Sydney Angels

Gary Zamel

New Medtek Devices

Michael Woods

Newburyport Capital

Rowena Gracey

ArchiMED

Hashan De Silva

CP Rx

Joseph Ischia

Akeeko Medical

Nick Northcott

Eudaemon Technologies

Amy Yu

Ventora Medical

David Burnett

Margin-Clear

Andrew Speers

SoHi Capital

Damien Menzies

Ord Minnett

Chris Cowley

Independent Consultant

Entertainment in the Exhibition

From 5.30pm-7.00pm there will be some surprises in the Exhibition space. Enjoy drinks, canapes, and catching up with industry friends, together with some light entertainment.

7.15pm

MTAA MedTech Industry Awards Dinner

This is the MTAA MedTech Industry's night of nights! Enjoy a relaxed and entertaining evening hosted by **Claire Hooper**, whilst celebrating and acknowledging the incredible individuals, companies and technology of our industry.

2024 PROGRAM - Day 2

Thursday, 24 October 2024

8.00am Registration opens

8.45am – 9.00am Plenary Room

Welcome **Warren Bingham, Conference MC**
Aria Research and MTAA Board Member

9.00am – 9.50am Plenary Room **#MTAA > Plenary**

Session 13 - Empowering Patients: Voices and Advocacy for Better Healthcare

Patient advocacy plays a critical role in shaping the future of healthcare. Our distinguished speakers will share personal stories, highlight successful advocacy initiatives, and explore strategies for amplifying patient voices. Join us to learn how empowered patients can drive positive change, improve healthcare outcomes, and foster a more patient-centered healthcare system.

Rozalina Sarkezians
Health Industry Hub

Ann Single
Patient Voice Initiative

Jo Root
Consumers Health Forum

Monika Boogs
PainAustralia

Kate King
Medtronic

Matthew Versi, Chair
MTAA

9.55am – 10.45am Plenary Room **#MTAA > Plenary**

Session 14 - MedTech Sustainability

With the growing awareness of the environmental damage and health risks of micro plastics, this panel session explores opportunities to reduce and reuse waste in the medical product sector - from alternative raw materials behind plastics to repurposing single use plastics devices.

Jane Crowe
Cardinal Health

Leonie Walsh
Solving Plastic Waste CRC

Forbes McGain
ReResp | ActiveMask

Dr Thava Palanisami
University of Newcastle | Kelpy

Julia Farrington
NSW Health

Stuart Anderson, Chair
MTAA

10.45am – 11.20am Morning Tea **Exhibition**

11.25am – 12.10pm

Plenary Room

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Session 15 - Leveraging Value Based Procurement for Greener Healthcare

Value Based Procurement is an approach to delivering high quality and sustainable healthcare by placing patient outcomes at the centre of purchasing decisions. However, with the environmental impacts of healthcare becoming an area of proposed reform in Australia, Value Based Procurement can play a role on supporting greener healthcare. This session will unpack the current application of VBP and its increasing ability to impact on environmental outcomes in healthcare.

Richard Charter, Chair

CHLOE Healthcare Advisory
Group

Arthur Wyns

National Health, Sustainability
and Climate Unit, DOHAC

Omar Sarwary

Medtronic

11.25am – 12.10pm

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Session 16 - Putting a Gender Lens on your MedTech Organisation

Join Kerry Wilson a gender equality advocate and change maker as we explore: What if the key to unlocking your company's full potential lies in addressing gender disparities in the workplace? Join us as we explore the transformative power of applying a gender lens and the practical steps you can take to drive organisational excellence.

Kerry Wilson

Gender Equity Victoria

12.20pm – 1.05pm

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 **Session 17 - Supply Chain and Procurement in Healthcare:
Navigating Current and Future Challenges**

Context: During the pandemic, there was an understanding of how critical healthcare supply chains were and the necessity to forward plan for a range of scenarios. As the world emerges from the pandemic, the MedTech industry is still faced with a range of interesting challenges that test the resilience of supply chains. How do suppliers, logistics providers and hospital procurement work together to navigate the current environment?

Michael Gardner

DHL Life Sciences

Shane McCormack

Cardinal Health

Chris Sullivan

Ramsay Health Care

Pravin Siriwardena, Chair

MTAA

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Session 18 - Bridging Cultures & Empowering Voices

Susan is the founding director of The Gaimaragal Group, with her rich Woolwonga and Gurindji heritage and extensive experience in community consultation and empowerment, Susan will discuss the importance of facilitating the voices of Elders, empowering youth, and fostering cultural translation. Learn how her lived experiences as part of the Stolen Generations shaped her work in cultural competency and social planning, discover ways to bring individuals and communities together through understanding and respect.

Susan Moylan-Coombs

The Gaimaragal Group

1.05pm – 2.05pm

Lunch

Exhibition

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2.05pm – 2.50pm

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Session 19 - Leveraging the Power of Digital Health Effectively

While Australia has made major strides integrating digital technology into healthcare, there are still a lot of potential gains for the Government to unlock. Industry and Government need to ask “Is digital technology genuinely helping to improve health care access and are the benefits making its way to patients? What measures are in place to justify its effectiveness of digital technology integration into healthcare? And is Government effectively harnessing the power of AI and Data?” Answering these questions from a Government and Industry perspective, this 45-minute session will discuss how we can better leverage digital technology in our healthcare system.

The Productivity Commissioner will discuss recent Productivity Commission reports: Advances in Managing Healthcare Productivity; and Leveraging Digital Tech in Healthcare.

Catherine de Fontenay

Productivity Commissioner

Warren Bingham

Q&A

2.55pm – 3.55pm

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Session 20 - What's Next for the Private Hospital System?

What are the solutions to its current funding challenges, and what impact could these reforms have on device procurement and use?

Dean Breckenridge

Ramsay Health Care

Katharine Bassett

Catholic Health Australia

Jo Root

Consumers Health Forum

Andrea Caton

HCF

Paul Dale, ChairMTAA

3.55pm – 4.00pm

Plenary Room

Closing remarks

Ian Burgess

MTAA CEO

Sue Martin

MTAA Board Chair

4.00pm – 5.30pm

Closing Reception in the Cockle Bay Foyer