

Future Health: Decision Makers and Leaders

While we often claim to have one of the best healthcare systems in the world, we also recognise that a significant workforce shortage exists and our increasing healthcare expenditure is not sustainable. So what are the tough decisions we need to make, and how do we empower the next generation of health leaders to implement change and improve the health of our communities?

During this interactive session, we will hear from Emmanuel Gnanamanickam, Co-Chair of Future Health Leaders – an independent organisation that aims to ensure ongoing engagement of health students and early career health professionals in the health reform process. Emmanuel will provide a brief introduction to the organisation and draw on outcomes from the FHL national conference and forums that FHL has run across Australia to provide a student and early career perspective on health and health system in Australia. He will also provide a unique insight into the value of collaboration across all health professions the lens of the FHL national council.

We'll also hear from Professor Kerry Arabena, from the Melbourne School of Population and Global Health, who will challenge us all to transform public health through a social movement to support collective public health action at all levels of society – personal, community, national, regional, global, and planetary. Our aim is to respond to the threats we face: threats to human health and wellbeing, threats to the sustainability of our civilisation, and threats to the natural and human-made systems that support us. Our vision is for a planet that nourishes and sustains the diversity of life with which we coexist and on which we depend. Our goal is to create a movement for planetary health.

So whether you are an early career health professional or student, or you've been working in health for longer than you care to remember, this engaging session will provide an opportunity for early career and established health professionals to network and challenge how we as a society tackle the problems of healthcare.

This seminar is part of our Skill-set Series. Interested in our other seminars? Information about our full calendar is available on our website under the 'Events' tab ([click here](#)).

We also offer informative sessions in the following topic areas:

Innovation Series Second Thursday monthly	Business Intelligence Series Third Thursday monthly	Skill-set Series Fourth Thursday monthly
<p>The extraordinary challenges faced by primary health services in the current economic climate require extraordinary solutions, challenging us to think outside the box.</p> <p>Our Innovation Series focuses on identifying, developing and implementing new ideas for challenging our assumptions for the delivery of primary health services.</p>	<p>Like every small to medium business, general practice needs to remain informed of the big issues facing our practice models.</p> <p>Our Business Intelligence Series focuses on the key issues that are impacting on general practice, and provides practical skills and knowledge to keep business owners, partners and practice managers informed and ahead of the game.</p>	<p>If your staff are not performing effectively and efficiently, your practice may be not be performing at optimal levels.</p> <p>Our Skill-set Series provides your staff with practical learning opportunities to ensure they have the necessary skills and knowledge to enhance your practice operations.</p>

About the facilitators:

Emmanuel Gnanamanickam

Emmanuel, while currently Co-Chair of the Future Health Leaders (FHL) Council, joined the council as the international representative in 2012. He is currently working as a Research Officer with the Oral Health Promotion Clearinghouse within the Australian Research Centre for Population Oral Health (ARCPOH) at the University of Adelaide. He is also pursuing his doctoral studies in health services research.

He was an Erasmus Mundus scholar, completing a double Master's program in public health from the University of Sheffield, UK and the University of Copenhagen, Denmark. He also has Masters qualification in social work from Madras Christian College (Madras University), Chennai, India.

He has previously worked overseas in primary health service management, community rehabilitation and Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health (MNCH) research.



Prof Kerry Arabena

Dr Kerry Arabena is Chair for Indigenous Health and Professor and Director, Onemda VicHealth Koori Health Unit, and formerly the Professor and Director of Indigenous Health Research in the School for Indigenous Health, Monash University. A descendant of the Meriam people of the Torres Strait, and a former social worker with a doctorate in human ecology, Professor Arabena has an extensive background in public health, administration, community development and research working in senior roles in indigenous policy and sexual health.

Her work has been in areas such as gender issues, social justice, human rights, access and equity, service provision, harm minimisation, and citizenship rights and responsibilities. She was a founding Co-Chair of the new national Indigenous peak body, the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, a collective voice to lobby governments on Indigenous issues.



Seminar details:

When: Thursday | 23 October 2014 | 6.30pm – 9.00pm

Where: Education Development Centre, 4 Milner Street, Hindmarsh For [Google Maps](#), [click here](#)

Cost: General Admission - \$50 (inc GST)
General Practice SA Members - \$40 (inc GST)
FHL Members - \$30 (inc GST)
(For information about becoming an FHL Member, [click here](#))

Registration via Eventbrite: To register for this event [Click Here](#)

Light refreshments will be served (included in the ticket price)

Parking is available in the EDC car park on Orsomond Street adjacent to Milner Street.

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to commencement for registration.

