



# Clinical Ethics Forum

Clinical ethics, healthcare and vulnerable populations

Wednesday March 25th at 6.00pm

The Garvan Auditorium, 384 Victoria Street, Darlinghurst, NSW 2010  
(Please access the venue via the Burton Street entrance)

Refreshments from 5.15pm

## Program

<b>Master of Ceremonies:</b>	Professor Terry Campbell
<b>Facilitator:</b>	Professor Lynn Gillam
<b>Panelists:</b>	Sister Clare Nolan, Professor Jo-anne Brien, Pauline Deweerdt, Professor Greg Dore, Jenny O'Mahony
<b>Opening Address</b>	Dr Jo Mitchell, Director, Centre for Population Health NSW Ministry of Health
<b>Keynote Address "Vulnerability"</b>	Professor Wendy Rogers, Professor Catriona Mackenzie
<b>Case study and Discussion: Vulnerability and substance use in the hospital setting</b>	Dr Nadine Ezard
<b>Case study and Discussion: Difficult challenges in vulnerable populations</b>	Dr Gail Matthews
<b>Summary</b>	Professor Lynn Gillam
<b>Vote of Thanks and Close</b>	Professor Terry Campbell

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## Speakers



### Professor Lynn Gillam

Lynn Gillam is Professor in Health Ethics at the Centre for Health and Society, in the Melbourne School of Population and Global Health, and she works as Clinical Ethicist at the Royal

Children's Hospital in Melbourne and is Academic Director of the Children's Bioethics Centre. She is Chair of the University of Melbourne Human Research Ethics Committee and serves on a number of ethics advisory bodies for state government agencies, professional bodies and the NHMRC.

Ethics. She is currently Associate Dean (Research) in the Faculty of Arts. An academic philosopher by training, her research interests are in theoretical and applied ethics.



### Associate Professor Nadine Ezard

Nadine Ezard is the Clinical Director of the Alcohol and Drug Service at St Vincent's Hospital Sydney. Nadine has worked with vulnerable populations for over 20 years, including holding a

visiting fellowship in health and human rights at Harvard School of Public Health and publishing on the health care of vulnerable populations.



### Professor Wendy Rogers

Wendy Rogers is Professor of Clinical Ethics at Macquarie University and Deputy Director of the Macquarie Research Centre on Agency, Values and Ethics. Wendy has published

extensively on vulnerability and she is a member of the Australian Health Ethics Committee and co-chair of NSW Health Clinical Ethics Advisory Panel.



### Associate Professor Gail Matthews

Gail Matthews is Associate Professor and NHMRC fellow in the Viral Hepatitis Clinical Research Program at the Kirby Institute, Sydney. She

also holds a clinical academic appointment in HIV and Infectious Diseases at St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney with a particular interest in HIV/viral hepatitis co-infection.



### Professor Catriona Mackenzie

Catriona Mackenzie is Professor of Philosophy at Macquarie University and Director of the Macquarie University Research Centre for Agency, Values and

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## Panelists



### Clare Nolan RSC

Clare Nolan is Congregational Leader of the Sisters of Charity of Australia. She trained as a nurse at the Mater Hospital Brisbane after which she entered the order and was professed as a Sister of Charity in 1967. Sister Clare has dedicated her life to delivering the healing ministry of Christ in hospitals, hospices and aged care facilities as well as supporting medical research in major health services in which she has worked. Sister Clare was the Director of Nursing at St. Vincent's Hospital Sydney when the AIDS epidemic took hold in Australia and she remembers this as a very special time in her ministry.



### Professor Jo-anne Brien

Professor Brien is the inaugural chair in Clinical Pharmacy (St Vincent's Hospital), Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Sydney and a Conjoint Professor of Medicine at the St Vincent's Hospital Clinical School, Faculty of Medicine, University of New South Wales. Professor Brien is currently Chair of the St Vincent's Hospital Human Research Ethics Committee and is Deputy Chair of the St Vincent's Hospital Drug and Therapeutics Committee. Professor Brien is the Chair of the Justice Health Human Research Ethics Committee and a member of the Management Committee of the NSW Therapeutic Advisory Group.



### Ms Pauline Deweerdt

Pauline Deweerdt is the Aboriginal Health Manager at St Vincent's Hospital Sydney where she is responsible for leading the Aboriginal Health Unit to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients who are dealing with health related issues. Previously, Ms Deweerdt

worked with the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations for 28 where she was responsible for the service delivery, policy development and implementation of Indigenous programs across NSW and ACT. Ms Deweerdt has also worked with the Australian Parents Council as a national trainer delivering the Indigenous Parent Factor program.



### Professor Gregory Dore

Professor Dore is Head, Viral Hepatitis Clinical Research Program, Kirby Institute, UNSW Australia, and Infectious Diseases Physician, St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, Australia. He has been involved in viral hepatitis and HIV epidemiological and clinical research, clinical care and public health policy for 20 years. Professor Dore is internationally recognized in the areas of natural history of acute and chronic HCV infection, therapeutic strategies for acute and chronic HCV infection, particularly among people who inject drugs.



### Ms Jenny O'Mahony

Jenny O'Mahony is the Assistant Program Manager for Inner City Health which includes mental health, alcohol and drug and homeless health services at St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney. Ms O'Mahony has held a number of senior manager roles in health including the management of Homeless Health and the Alcohol and Drug services. She worked at the NSW Ministry of Health where she was responsible for the development and implementation of a range of new health initiatives in NSW responding to homelessness as part of the NSW Homeless Action Plan.