



2025 TropiQ Townsville Research Symposium

Townsville Research Symposium Tuesday, 28 October 2025

Robert Douglas Auditorium, Townsville University Hospital

Time	Event
8:30-8:35	Professor Andrew Mallett, Master of Ceremonies Welcome to Country/Acknowledgement of Country Opening Introductions: Professor Kieran Keyes, Health Service Chief Executive THHS Townsville Hospital and Health Board Representative
8:45-9:30	Plenary Invited Speaker – Professor Fabienne Mackay “Research Integrity and its Impact ”
9:30-10:30	Oral Presentations Session 1: Addressing Regional Health <i>This session focuses on retrospective analyses, audits, and implementations addressing health challenges specific to regional areas like North Queensland</i>
Corianne Richardson	A 20-Year Retrospective Review of Coronial Recommendations Relating to Mental Health Services in Queensland
Ifeoluwapo Tokun	STRIDE- Strengthening regional implementation of diabetic-foot equity
Michael Inskip	Best Practice Frailty Care capability of Residential Aged Care Facilities in North Queensland: Audit Findings
Alyssa Einhorn	The initial management of paediatric acute leukaemia in regional and remote North Queensland, Australia: how can we improve? A multi-centre retrospective cohort study.
Stephanie Caldwell	Ischaemic stroke: A retrospective cohort study from a Comprehensive Stroke Centre in Northern Queensland, Australia
10.30-11:00	Morning Tea / Poster viewing
11:00-12:15	Oral Presentations Session 2: Integrated support in healthcare <i>This session explores Psychological dimensions, attachment dynamics, trauma, wellness promotion, and support systems, often in vulnerable populations</i>
Chidiamara Maria Njoku	Exploring the Experiences of Best Practice Frailty Care Implementation in Residential Aged Care
Melissa Freestun	Through the Lens of Attachment: Exploring Adult Attachment Psychological Birth Trauma and the Role of Maternity Care Providers.

Alyssia Merrick	A Qualitative Exploration of Using Tabletop Gaming to Promote Wellness in Australia
Veronica Graham	Empowering Educators for Brain Healthy Schools
Simone Scully	The impact of cot-side cameras on parent-infant attachment and breastfeeding rates for surgical babies in the neonatal unit.
Sonja Brennan	Intergenerational effect of maternal health on infant kidney development, with a focus on First Nations women and infants
Yoga Kandasamy	Indigenous Female Elders and Healthcare Professional experiences and perceptions of providing support to women and families after stillbirth
12.15-1.10	Lunch / Poster viewing
1.15-2.00	Plenary Invited Speaker – Professor Michael Reade “Why don’t they just follow the guideline?” Lessons in implementation science based on military experience
2.00-3.00	Oral Presentations-session 3: Translational Health Science <i>Innovative research in biomarkers, treatments, interventions, and capacity building</i>
Robert Kinobe	Trends in Antimicrobial Resistance for Canine Pseudomonas Isolates
Joseph V Moxon	A research program to identify biomarkers for acute ischaemic stroke
Mike Boggild	Exploring regional brain volumes in multiple sclerosis with early or delayed high efficacy treatment
Dupinderjit Rye	SUSPECT Study: Surgical Skin Preparation Effect on Complications in Trauma Study
Md. Mizanur Rahaman	Harnessing gut microbiome: Plant-based interventions for inflammatory bowel disease
Matan BenDavid	Advancing trauma research capacity: building on SERTA grant success
3:00-3:30	Afternoon tea / Poster viewing
3:30-4:15	Shark Tank Research Translation Challenge / 4 minute presentations
Zoe Byrne	BUSH BABE: Biomarker and Ultrasound Screening in High-Risk Pregnancies – Bridging Access for Birth Equity
Dr Joanna Longley / Dr Mahima Balaji	Through Patients’ Eyes – The Human Connection
Imagion Carlyle-Brauer	Feel Stronger, Breathe Easier, Recover Faster! Implementing a Physiotherapy Pre-Admission Clinic for Upper Abdominal Surgeries
Rowena Noronha	Crossing Borders, Finding Care: Refugee Health Navigation
Christine Steward	Health in Their Language: Empowering Refugees Through In-Language Literacy
4.15-4.30	Awards Shark Tank/Best Poster Award/ Best Presentation Award TAAHC Mentorship Grant and Fellowship Award
4:30 PM	Symposium Close
6:00 PM	Research Dinner: Bridgewater Restaurant, 2/2 Dibbs St, Townsville City

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