

**The 16th Annual Hospital in the Home  
Annual Scientific Meeting 2024**

**Sydney Masonic Centre | 13 - 15 November 2024**

**WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2024**

08.30 - 17.30	<b>Health Roundtable Workshop</b> Sydney Masonic Centre - Ionic Room <i>Note: This is a separate event to the HITH ASM and separate registration to this workshop is required</i>
14.00 - 19.00	<b>REGISTRATION OPEN</b> Marble Foyer, Sydney Masonic Centre
17.30 - 19.00	<b>Welcome Reception in the Exhibition</b> Banquet Hall, Sydney Masonic Centre

**THURSDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2024**

07.00 - 17.00	<b>SPEAKER PREP OPEN - DAY 1</b> Tuscan Room
08.00 - 18.00	<b>REGISTRATION OPEN - DAY 1</b> Marble Foyer, Sydney Masonic Centre
08.00 - 16.20	<b>Exhibition Open &amp; Arrival Tea and Coffee</b> Banquet Hall
09.00 - 10.45	<b>CONFERENCE OPENING AND PLENARY SESSION ONE</b> <b>Grand Lodge</b> <i>Chair: James Pollard</i>
09.00 - 09.10	<b>Welcome to Country</b> Aunty Yvonne Weldon
09.10 - 09.15	<b>Welcome and Conference Opening</b> Voni Leighton, Co-founder and Clinical Director, Vitalis Health & Home Care, NSW
09.15 - 09.30	<b>Ministerial Address</b> Dr Michael Holland, Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Health, NSW Government
09.30 - 10.20	<b>Keynote Address - HaH model in Spain: evolving to a quality-based model</b> Dr David Nicolás, Medical Coordinator, Hospital at Home Unit, Hospital Clinic Barcelona; Internal Medicine Doctor; Assistant Professor, Universitat de Barcelona; Spain
10.20 - 10.35	<b>World Congress and International Journal</b> A/Prof Michael Montalto, Medical Director, Hospital in the Home, Epworth Health, Melbourne, VIC
10.35 - 10.45	<b>Nicholas Collins Award Presentation</b> Dr Michael Young, CEO, Hospital in Your Home, QLD
10.45 - 11.15	<b>MORNING TEA, EXHIBITION AND POSTER VIEWING</b> Banquet Hall

11.15 - 13.00	<b>PLENARY SESSION TWO</b> Grand Lodge <i>Chair: Voni Leighton</i>			
11.15 - 12.00	<b>Opportunities and Obstacles in Rural and Remote HITH</b> Rebecca Evans, Lachlan Health Service, HITH Nurse Practitioner, Lachlan Health Service; Aaron Martin, HITH CNC, Orange Health Service and Dr Anne Balcomb, GP Visiting Medical Officer and Medical Head of Department HITH, Orange Hospital; NSW			
12.00 - 12.15	<b>Paediatrics Presentation - virtualKIDS urgent care statewide service</b> Dr Jagdev Singh, Medical Lead and Staff Specialist, virtualKIDS Service; Clinical Senior Lecturer, University of Sydney and Amie Donnelly, virtualKIDS Nurse Unit Manager, Sydney Children's Hospital Network, NSW			
12.15 - 13.00	<b>"HITH Society year in review"</b> <b>This session is your opportunity to hear from the HITH Society Board, and will include polling, Q+A, and highlight the year's activity with view to 2025 and beyond</b> Dr James Pollard, President HITH Society			
13.00 - 14.00	<b>NETWORKING LUNCH, EXHIBITION AND POSTER VIEWING</b> Banquet Hall			
14.00 - 16.00	<b>Concurrent Session: Presentation of Papers One</b> Grand Lodge <i>Chair: Michelle Lock</i>		<b>Concurrent Session: Presentation of Papers Two</b> Ionic Room <i>Chair: Karyn Cuthbert</i>	
14.00 - 14.15	<b>Changing trends in utility and provision of outpatient antimicrobial therapy (OPAT) in a health district nearing a decade of service</b> Dr Hasan Bhally, Infectious Diseases Physician, Health New Zealand- Waitemata, New Zealand	OR01	<b>A HITH-led ecosystem for complex patients</b> Felice Borghmans, Manager Clinical Service Design, and Dr Archana Thayaparan, Deputy Director General Medicine - Community; Alfred Health, VIC	OR09
14.15 - 14.30	<b>Optimising cold chain: Transitioning to permanently fixed battery-powered fridges in Hospital in the Home (HITH) vehicles</b> Claire Johnston, Clinical Nurse Manager, and Sheue-Ching Ooi, HITH Pharmacist; Hospital in the Home, Alfred Health, VIC	OR02	<b>Increasing use of HITH pathways to reduce elective surgery inpatient length of stay and improve bed access</b> Angela Sullivan, Nurse Unit Manager, Austin Health, VIC	OR10
14.30 - 14.45	<b>Intravenous drug use and hospital in the home services, a retrospective cohort audit</b> Dr Justin Davis, HITH Clinical Lead, Barwon Health, VIC	OR03	<b>Complex cancer surgery - the new frontier for Hospital In The Home (HITH)?</b> Fiona Winckens, Operations Director, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, VIC	OR11

14.45 - 15.00	<b>Teams Time in Hospital in the Home (HITH): From Concept to Reality- Creating a Culture of Collegiality, Collaboration, and Connection</b> Rajni Nair, Clinical Nurse Consultant, Metro North Hospital and Health Service, QLD	OR04	<b>Development and Evaluation of Hospital at Home Training Program in Taiwan: A Pilot Study</b> Dr Sang-Ju Yu, President, Taiwan Society of Home Health Care, Taiwan	OR12
15.00 - 15.15	<b>A HITH proposal they cannot refuse - strategies to ensure executive engagement for service expansion and design</b> Dr Cloe Benz, Senior Physiotherapist - HITH and Denisha Lee, Senior Project Officer, Perth Children's Hospital, WA	OR05	<b>Assessing the impact of a geriatric-led Hospital in the Home (HITH) service on return to Residential Aged Care Facilities (RACF)</b> Dr James Carroll, Geriatric Advanced Trainee, St Vincent's Hospital, Darlinghurst, NSW	OR13
15.15 - 15.30	<b>Administration of intravenous iron at home; risks, reactions and rewards</b> Julie Adams, Managing Director, View Health, WA	OR06	<b>Technologically enhanced virtual care delivers safe, high quality at-home care following cardiac surgery. Results of a 6-month audit</b> Assoc Prof Mark Horrigan, Medical Director; and Ray Dowling, Virtual Care Lead, Austin Health, VIC	OR14
15.30 - 15.45	<b>The good and the bad: Evaluating Hospital in the Home patients experience during antimicrobial treatment using an elastomeric infuser</b> Devni Nagodavithana, Medical Student, Monash University, VIC	OR07	<b>Implementation of same day Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy (PEG) insertion for Complex Cancer Patients: Opportunities and Challenges</b> Fiona Winckens, Operations Director, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, VIC	OR15
15.45 - 16.00	<b>Safety of Continuous IV Antibiotic Infusions via Peripheral Cannulas in Home Hospital Settings: A Retrospective Two-Year Audit</b> Dr Mathew Sermanni, HITH Fellow - Mater at Home, Mater Health, QLD	OR08	<b>A novel approach to hospital avoidance with a focus on primary care</b> Meredith Prestwood, Nurse Practitioner, Tasmanian Health Service, TAS	OR16
<b>16.00 - 16.20</b>	<b>AFTERNOON TEA, EXHIBITION AND POSTER VIEWING</b> Banquet Hall			
<b>16.20 - 17.15</b>	<b>PLENARY SESSION THREE</b> Grand Lodge <i>Chair: Alex Beath</i>			
16.20 - 16.30	<b>Consumer interview</b> Shirley Barbuto, current HITH Patient with Vitalis Health Facilitated by Voni Leighton, Co-founder and Clinical Director, Vitalis Health & Home Care, NSW			
16.30 - 16.45	<b>A Pulse Check on HITH Activity Across Australia: Insights, Growth and Trends</b> Rebecca Clarke, Program Manager, Health Roundtable, NSW			
16.45 - 17.15	<b>Factors affecting implementation of Hospital at Home: a qualitative evidence synthesis</b> Jason Wallis, Research Fellow, School of Public Health & Preventive Medicine, Monash University, Melbourne, VIC			
<b>17.15 - 18.15</b>	<b>Hospital in the Home Society Australasia Annual General Meeting</b> Grand Lodge			
<b>19.30 - 23.30</b>	<b>Conference Dinner</b> Doltone House Hyde Park			

**FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2024**

07.00 - 17.00	<b>REGISTRATION OPEN - DAY 2</b> Marble Foyer, Sydney Masonic Centre		
07.00 - 14.00	<b>SPEAKER PREP OPEN - DAY 2</b> Tuscan Room		
07.30 - 08.45	<b>Breakfast Session - Innovations in Emergency-Hospital in the Home: Royal Prince Alfred Hospital's Experience with Abbott i-STAT</b> <b>Sponsored by Abbott Point of Care</b> Ionic Room		
	Facilitator: Ben Langridge, Abbott Point of Care Dr Ria Ko and RN Kulia Moala, Emergency Hospital in the Home, RPA Hospital, Sydney Local Health District (SLHD), NSW		
08.30 - 15.30	<b>Exhibition Open &amp; Arrival Tea and Coffee</b> Banquet Hall		
09.00 - 10.40	<b>PLENARY SESSION FOUR</b> <b>Grand Lodge</b> <i>Chair: AnnMarie Crozier</i>		
09.00 - 09.30	<b>Healthcare in the home - Yesterday, today, and tomorrow</b> Dr Seok Lim, Medical Head, RMH@Home Acute, Royal Melbourne Hospital, VIC		
09.30 - 09.50	<b>The Role of Allied Health in HITH - An Allied Health Professional Perspective</b> Sophie Page, Dietitian, Monash Health, VIC		
09.50 - 10.10	<b>Transforming Care: HITH Allied Health Making a Difference</b> Rachelle Foxtton, Allied Health Manager HITH, Northern Sydney Local Health District (NSLHD), NSW		
10.10 - 10.40	<b>Hyperemesis gravidarum and fluid management on HITH</b> Associate Professor Sandra Lowe AM, Consultant Obstetric Physician and Clinical Associate Professor, Royal Hospital for Women and UNSW, NSW		
10.40 - 11.15	<b>MORNING TEA, EXHIBITION AND POSTER VIEWING</b> Banquet Hall		
11.15 - 12.30	<b>Session A - Research Workshop</b> <b>Grand Lodge</b> <i>Session led by Karyn Cuthbert and Penelope Bryant</i>	11.15 - 12.30	<b>Session B - Vascular Access Workshop</b> <b>Ionic Room</b> <i>Chair: Iftah Amith</i>
11.15 - 11.45	<b>Paediatric HITH improvement and research network</b> A/Prof Penelope Bryant, Paediatrician and Infectious Diseases Physician; Medical Lead of Hospital in the Home, The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne, VIC	11.15 - 11.20	<b>Introduction to the vascular access interest group</b> Dr Iftah Amith, HITH Society Australasia Board Member, HITH Consultant, VIC
11.45 - 12.15	<b>How to develop a research project</b> Dr Karyn Cuthbert, HITH Unit Director, Canberra Hospital; Senior Clinical Lecturer ANU School of Medicine and Psychology, ACT	11.20 - 12.30	<b>Vascular Access Workshop</b> Elliot Williams NP, Associate Director Nursing and Midwifery, NSW Ambulance; Intensive Care Nurse Practitioner, Royal North Shore Hospital; Casual Academic, Faculty of Medicine and Health, University of Sydney, NSW Jessica Butler, ICU Nurse Practitioner, Royal North Shore Hospital Kelly Harbour, ICU Nurse Practitioner, Royal North Shore Hospital Katie Kelleway, Transitional Nurse Practitioner, Royal North Shore Hospital
12.15 - 12.30	<b>Research Brainstorm - What do we want to know?</b> A/Prof Penelope Bryant, Dr Karyn Cuthbert and Amy Jones, HITH Clinical Care Coordinator RN, Canberra Hospital, ACT Eve Inglis, Nurse Unit Manager, The Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne, VIC		
12.30 - 13.30	<b>NETWORKING LUNCH, EXHIBITION AND POSTER VIEWING</b> Banquet Hall		

13.30 - 15.00	<b>Concurrent Session: Presentation of Papers Three</b> <b>Grand Lodge</b> <i>Chair: Michael Young</i>		<b>Concurrent Session: Presentation of Papers Four</b> <b>Ionic Room</b> <i>Chair: Sue Henning</i>	
13.30 - 13.45	<b>Reducing Emergency Department Access Block: Direct Community Admissions to a Hospital in the Home Service</b> Dr Iestyn Lewis, Head of Department, Hospital@Home Service and Angela Cooper, Clinical Nurse Consultant, Royal Hobart Hospital, TAS	OR17	<b>TORS- a blooming pathway for success!</b> Samantha Barhoun, HITH Pharmacist, St Vincent's Public Hospital Melbourne, VIC	OR23
13.45 - 14.00	<b>Transitioning a regional nursing-led Hospital in the Home (HITH) model to a medical model: Are our doctors worth the money?</b> Dr Candice Schultz, Hospital Medical Officer, Primary Author and Investigator, Northeast Health Wangaratta, VIC	OR18	<b>Experience and perspective of stakeholders of the Emergency Hospital in the Home model of care</b> Dr Linda Korja, EHITH Project Officer, Sydney Local Health District, NSW	OR24
14.00 - 14.15	<b>Bridging the Gap – Introduction of the Role of the Community Liaison Clinical Nurse Specialist</b> Hannah Cattaway, Clinical Nurse Specialist Lead, Health New Zealand Counties Manukau, NZ	OR19	<b>Review of three years of patients who have had multiple admissions to a Hospital in the Home (HITH) service</b> Dr Greg McDonald, Senior Medical Officer, Vitalis Health, NSW	OR25
14.15 - 14.30	<b>Hospital in the Home for older people in rural Australia: A qualitative study of health professional's attitudes and experiences</b> Natalie Bransgrove, Phd Candidate, Lecturer of Nursing, Federation University, VIC	OR20	<b>Home grown: Comparing the growth velocity of newborns receiving in-hospital and Neonatal Hospital-In-The-Home cares- A retrospective audit</b> Dr Indhumathi Babu, Paediatric Registrar, Werribee Mercy, VIC	OR26
14.30 - 14.45	<b>Emergency Hospital in the Home (EHITH)- Who we saw, what we did and how we kept patients at home</b> Dr Myung (Ria) Ko, Advanced Trainee, Emergency-Hospital In The Home, NSW	OR21	<b>Transfusions at Home - developing a safe and efficient at-home transfusion service for children receiving regular red cell transfusions</b> Amy Wright, Clinical Nurse, Women and Children's Health Network, SA	OR27
14.45 - 15.00	<b>Make the "I" in HITH your Intravenous Team- Benefits of combining a Vascular Access Team with Hospital in The Home</b> Kerry Taliaferro, Clinical Nurse Consultant, Canberra Health Services, ACT	OR22	Discussion	
15.00 - 15.30	<b>AFTERNOON TEA, EXHIBITION AND POSTER VIEWING</b> Banquet Hall			
15.30 - 16.50	<b>PLENARY SESSION FIVE AND CLOSING PLENARY</b> <b>Grand Lodge</b> <i>Chair: James Pollard</i>			
15.30 - 15.50	<b>Keynote Address - The Future of Hospital in the Home: Training Today's Professionals</b> Dr David Nicolás, Medical Coordinator, Hospital at Home Unit, Hospital Clinic Barcelona; Internal Medicine Doctor; Assistant Professor, Universitat de Barcelona; Spain			
15.50 - 16.35	<b>2040 Panel - Where are we going? What will be the challenges? What are the opportunities? Hear from a diverse panel on what the future may bring</b> A/Prof Michael Montalto, Director, Epworth HITH; A/Prof Michael Clements, Rural Chair and Vice President, Royal Australian College of General Practitioners; Stephanie Looi, Associate Director Clinical Programs, NSW Ambulance; Dr David Nicolás, Medical Coordinator, Hospital at Home Unit, Hospital Clinic Barcelona; Internal Medicine Doctor; Assistant Professor, Universitat de Barcelona; Spain; Karol Petrovska, Director, Connected Care, NSW Health; Andrea Caton, General Manager - Member Health Strategy & Planning, HCF			
16.35 - 16.40	<b>Conference Wrap up</b>			
16.40 - 16.45	<b>Awards &amp; Prizes</b>			
16.45 - 16.50	<b>Conference Handover 2025</b>			
16.50	<b>Conference Close</b>			
17.15 - 18.15	<b>Farewell Drinks and Canapes</b> Clarence Vault Rooms			