

**June 14, 2018**

## **Innovation Week 2018: Imagine, Transform, Lead**

Sydney Local Health District's annual Innovation and Research Symposium celebrates six year in June with a new theme: Imagine, Transform, Lead.

From 18-24 June, the District will showcase leading healthcare experts, research and innovations and bring more than 2,500 researchers, staff, clinicians, experts, and partner organisations together to share ideas.

Innovation Week will be held at Australian Technology Park, Eveleigh as well as Centre for Education and Workforce Development (CEWD), Rozelle and Kerry Packer Education Centre, RPA, Camperdown.

The annual Sydney Innovation and Research Symposium returns as well as The Big Idea, Sydney Robotics Summit, Clinical Trials Showcase and Research Education Series.

This year's Innovation Week will also feature the inaugural Patient and Family Experience Symposium and a new Care in Our Community forum.

### **Symposium - Friday June 22, 2018**

Sydney Local Health District's annual Innovation and Research Symposium continues to grow since its origin in 2013, when about 250 delegates gathered in a meeting of minds.

This year, more than 1000 people are expected to attend the Friday showcase event, bringing together our staff, clinicians, research and business partners, and industry experts to share ideas in the biggest event of its type in Australia.

Healthcare is changing, and so are the challenges our health services face in overcoming disease, reducing health disparities and meeting the needs and expectations of our consumers and their communities.

To face these challenges the District is supporting our people to pursue world-class research and deliver evidence based care, underpinned by high quality research capabilities and state-of-the-art research infrastructure.

Multi-award winning speaker, trend forecaster and six-time bestselling author Michael McQueen will deliver the keynote address, thanks to generous sponsorship from Device Technologies.

In "Preparing now for What's Next", Michael will reveal the four forms that disruption will take in the coming decade. He'll discuss the key technology trends that will shape the future including Artificial Intelligence, robotics and automation.

Throughout the day, more than 30 snapshot presenters will talk to their latest and breakthrough work. We'll hear about printing new body parts in NSW's first 3D bio-printing lab and an innovative webcam system helping parents bond with their newborns in neonatal intensive care.

RPA's comprehensive Stroke Service will be officially launched, with special insight into the incredible recovery of a patient thanks to a quick thinking pilot who diverted a plane to Sydney so she could receive life-saving treatment.

We'll explore what's possible in Information Communication Technology as we celebrate our 25 year partnership with Cerner in the ICT smart room.

Have you ever wondered why sometimes you don't feel fresh after a night's rest? Or why you need a pick-me-up at 3pm? Sydney's leading sleep researchers will give you the latest science behind sleep.

In the afternoon the topic of debate is personalised medicine. We'll hear from RPA's leading gene therapist Professor John Rasko as he talks about discovering two cures for genetic diseases in just six months.

We'll also get an insight into the unique and compassionate work provided by the multidisciplinary team of specialists at the Burns Unit at Concord Hospital, including inspirational patient stories.

For more information about Innovation Week events and full programs see [www.slhd.nsw.gov.au/sydneyconnect/stories/innovation-week/2018/](http://www.slhd.nsw.gov.au/sydneyconnect/stories/innovation-week/2018/)

*Media are welcome to attend all Innovation Week events.*

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