



Program

Juvenile Arthritis Consumer Conference

Presented by the Juvenile Arthritis Foundation Australia (JAFA)

Saturday May 3, 2025, 12:30pm – 5.30pm

South Australian Medical and Health Research Institute (SAMHRI)
860-878 North Terrace Adelaide

12.30pm Registration and Light Lunch

1.00pm Welcome and Introduction to the Conference

Session 1: Treatment and Outcomes

Co-Chairs: A/Prof Ruth Colagiuri and Glenn Tucker

Leading paediatric rheumatology and uveitis specialists will cover the latest on standards of care, and new developments in treatments and outcomes.

Speakers: Dr Mark Friswell - What's New in Treatment and Outcomes
Prof Justine Smith - Uveitis and Advances in Treatment Explained

Session 2: Research and Registries

Co-chairs: Rebecca Perry and Dr Mark Friswell

Australian researchers share details about their emerging research, patient registries and patient engagement in research - what's in it for you.

Speakers: Dr Grainne Murray - SA Transition Study
Bethany Richmond - Parents Fear of Disease Progression
Prof Stephen Colagiuri - Australian Juvenile Arthritis Registry (AJAR).

Q&A Panel and discussion with the Researchers.

Dr Tim Beukelman - Patient Engagement in Research: American Style.
Open Discussion on what this might look like in Australia.

3.00pm

Break

3.20pm Session 3: It's a Pain!

Co-Chairs: Prof Stephen Colagiuri and Dayna Matchewson

Panel discussion and Q & A with pain specialists, researchers, a parent and a young adult on the causes, experience, assessment and validation of pain.

Speakers: Dr Sarah Wallwork

Tenielle Dallas

Mikaila Crotty

Q&A and open discussion on personal experiences.

4.00pm Session 4: Closed Session for Consumers and Significant Others Only

Facilitator: A/Prof Ruth Colagiuri

This roundtable discussion is for you to have your say about your issues and experiences in a supportive, non-judgemental environment.

Depending on what you want to discuss, this might cover topics like.....

- getting the most out of your health professional visit
- what to do when the services you need aren't available
- when and how to take your concerns to your local MP
- school issues and what you can do about them
- what would you most like Jafa to be doing.

The discussion will be moderated by Jafa. We'll take your concerns on board, so bring your burning questions, concerns and ideas with you.

4.30pm

Close

**Admission is Free but Registration is Essential:
<https://www.jafa.org.au/consumerconference/>**

