



Brain Tumour Research SA


3rd BTRSA Symposium

From Discovery Science to the Clinic

Sunday 3 August 2025
National Wine Centre, North Tce, Adelaide

Program

1:00-1:05	WELCOME - Stuart Pitson	
1:05-3:05	SESSION 1 - Chairs: Hien Le & Briony Gliddon	Sponsor: SERVIER <i>moved by you</i>
1:05-1:35	Eng Siew Koh Liverpool Hospital/UNSW PLENARY TALK: <i>Capacity building in neuro-oncology trials research</i>	
1:35-1:50	Michael Brown Centre for Cancer Biology/RAH <i>CAR-T cell-based clinical trials for high grade glioma</i>	
1:50-2:05	Chloe Shard Centre for Cancer Biology <i>Novel GABAAR antagonists target networked gene hubs at the leading-edge in high-grade gliomas</i>	
2:05-2:20	Rebecca Ormsby Flinders University/SANTB <i>A decade in review: insights and impact from the SA Neurological Tumour Bank</i>	
2:20-2:35	Melinda Tea Centre for Cancer Biology <i>Generation and application of patient-derived resources for brain tumour research</i>	
2:35-2:50	Pascal Duijf Centre for Cancer Biology <i>Targeting genetic alterations in brain tumours</i>	
2:50-3:05	Resty Nabeeta Centre for Cancer Biology <i>The association between tumour blood vessels and T cell therapy success in brain cancer</i>	
3:05-3:30	BREAK	
3:30-5:50	SESSION 2 - Chairs: Adam Wells & Olivia Morris Hanon	Sponsor: JonesRadiology
3:30-4:00	Hui Gan Austin Health/ONJCRI PLENARY TALK: <i>Opportunities and challenges for brain cancer research and translation</i>	
4:00-4:15	Ganessan Kichenadasse FMC <i>Active clinical trials in SA for glioblastoma</i>	
4:15-4:30	Angela Walls Jones Radiology/SAHMRI <i>Single-voxel MRI spectroscopy for 2HG quantification as an IDH biomarker – can it reach clinical use?</i>	
4:30-4:45	Christopher Ovenden University of Adelaide <i>Molecular basis of invasion in pituitary adenoma and the potential role of fluorescence guided surgery</i>	
4:45-5:00	Amanda Luck SAHMRI <i>An update on South Australia's Paediatric Brain Tumour Biobank</i>	
5:00-5:15	Dione Gardner-Stephen Centre for Cancer Biology <i>Modelling childhood brain tumours with induced pluripotent stem cells</i>	
5:15-5:30	Cedric Bardy Flinders University/SAHMRI <i>Repurposing Trifluoperazine for glioblastoma</i>	

5:45-6:15 **PANEL DISCUSSION: How to drive brain tumour clinical trials in SA** Sponsor: 
Panellists: Michael Brown, Hui Gan, Craig Gedy, Ganessan Kichenadasse & Eng-Siew Koh
Moderators: Stuart Pitson & Santosh Poonnoose

6:15-6:20 **CLOSE** - Santosh Poonnoose

6:20-9:00 **DINNER**

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3rd BTRSA Symposium Organising Committee:

Co-Chairs: Stuart Pitson & Santosh Poonnoose
 Committee: Dione Gardner-Stephen, Briony Gliddon, Andy J. Y. Low, Olivia Morris Hanon, Ginta Orchard

Brain Tumour Research SA

Brain Tumour Research SA (BTRSA) was formed in 2021 as a collaborative of South Australian scientists and clinicians active in the area of brain tumour research and treatment. BTRSA is closely aligned to and administratively supported by the Neurosurgical Research Foundation. The goal of BTRSA is to enhance research and collaboration into the cause, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of brain tumours. To do this, BTRSA aims to:

- To enhance researcher-researcher and researcher-clinician interaction and collaboration in SA;
- To maximise productivity and minimise duplication of research effort in SA;
- To increase capacity in brain tumour research in SA;
- To raise public awareness and fundraising for brain tumour research in SA;
- To empower SA researchers and clinicians to grow their brain tumour knowledge in order to improve research outcomes and patient care;
- To increase opportunities for local researchers, clinicians and patients to participate in translational research activities that bring novel diagnostics, interventions and therapies for brain tumours to SA;
- To cooperate with other organisations in brain tumour research, both nationally and internationally.

BTRSA Executive Committee:

Stuart Pitson (Director)	<i>Researcher: Centre for Cancer Biology, University of South Australia/SA Pathology</i>
Cedric Bardy	<i>Researcher: SAHMRI/Flinders University</i>
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