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You're invited to a Face-to-Face Aluminar

Tuesday, 13th June 2023, 12 midday

RCH Foundation, 2nd Floor, 48 Flemington Road

“Peer review in Forensic Paediatric Medicine: Quality or quackery?”

With A/Prof. Anne Smith

Anne Smith was appointed Director of the Victorian Forensic Paediatric Medical Service in 2006, which is a health service providing forensic medical examinations, medicolegal reports, and court testimony when child abuse and neglect is suspected.

Anne has a longstanding association with the Royal Children's Hospital dating from her role in 1988 as the inaugural Research Fellow in Child Abuse in what was then the Royal Children's Hospital Child Protection Unit. For 15 years she combined work in private practice with appointments in the Department of General Paediatrics and Child Protection Unit. Anne was instrumental in establishing a state-wide forensic medical service for abused children which the Royal Children's Hospital has governed since 2010. She has worked full time in paediatric forensic medicine since 2015. Her interests include developing the evolving sub-speciality of clinical forensic medicine, establishing a training pathway for forensic paediatricians, quality and safety, improving the system's response to child abuse and minimising the negative impact of “junk science”.

Anne will talk about the strengths and limitations of the many types of peer review used in clinical forensic medical practice, highlighting the gap that exists between theoretical benefits and real-life failures.



You are warmly invited to join us for lunch (\$25/person) following the talk – RSVP by 8th June if joining us for lunch. Parking beneath the building is reached via Entry no 4 in Flemington Rd. If you would like to park for \$15 you can either pre-purchase at the time of booking, or obtain a ticket on entry and give this to Jim Wilkinson who will give you an exit ticket.

To register, please go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/CIJAV>

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