You are invited to attend a Special Adult Cancer Program Seminar, Level 4
Lowy Cancer Research Centre
Tuesday 14th October, 12:00pm-1:00pm

Cervical Screening in Low Resource Settings

Hosts: A/Prof Karen Canfell & Prof Neville Hacker
INTERNATIONAL GUEST SPEAKER: Prof Paul Blumenthal, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Stanford University School of Medicine

Abstract: In many parts of the world, including both developing and developed countries, cervical cancer remains a clinical and public health problem. Despite many successes over the last 50 years in prevention and management in developed countries, large swaths of a planet have had minimal success in either screening or treatment for this devastating condition, which affects women and their families in the prime of life. In recent years, initiatives based on identifying resource-appropriate means of prevention and focusing on the programmatic aspects of prevention as well as the clinical components of care have become more prevalent and, while still not at the desirable scale, are becoming increasingly commonplace. This presentation will focus on the recent history of these efforts and will provide a perspective on the direction that future cervical cancer prevention programs will take, particularly for low-resource settings, in coming years.

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We hope you can join us.

A light lunch will be provided. For catering purposes please click here RSVP to Luke Testa (l.testa@unsw.edu.au)

Prof Paul Blumenthal

Paul D. Blumenthal, MD, MPH is Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Stanford University School of Medicine. He directs the Stanford Gynecology Service and SPIRES, the Stanford Program for International Reproductive Education and Services, an initiative providing technical assistance and training to women’s health programs in a wide variety of countries across Africa, Asia, and Central America. For over 25 years, Dr. Blumenthal has been an advisor to multiple international agencies such as Gynuity Health Projects, Ipas, Pathfinder, Family Health International, Path, JHPIEGO Corporation, and the World Health Organization and served as the Special Advisor to Minister of Health and Family Planning of the Republic of Madagascar. He currently serves as the Global Medical Director for Population Services International. Among other things, Dr. Blumenthal is currently involved in studies of community-based distribution of injectable contraceptives, Post Partum IUD insertion, and “single visit” approaches to the prevention of cervical cancer and simplification of both medical abortion regimens and contraceptive delivery systems. He is an author of over 130 peer-reviewed publications involving collaborations from over 20 countries. Dr. Blumenthal is committed to the development and implementation of innovative approaches to reproductive health issues in both the domestic and international arenas.