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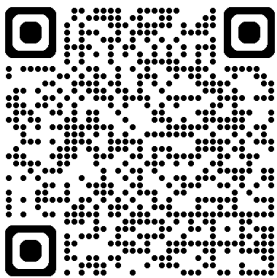
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Program

SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER 2026

- 08:30 *Sign-in and welcome refreshments*
- 09:00 **DR MIKE O'CONNOR AM** — ACLM President — *President's Welcome*
- 09:05 GUEST SPEAKER - 'MAURICE WALLIN ADDRESS': **THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE DAVID COLLINS**
Acting Judge of the Court of Appeal of New Zealand — *The Dilemma in trying to Define Death*
- 09:45 **DR SHAMINI RAMOO** — *Lead of the Adult Medical Forensic Team at Prevention and Response to Violence Abuse and Neglect (PARVAN) Services, Northern Sydney Local Health District (NSLHD)*
Bridging Health and Justice: Medico-Legal experience in the Northern Sydney LHD Sexual Assault and Domestic and Family Violence Services
- 10:10 **PROFESSOR CHRISTIAN GERICKE** — *Consultant Neurologist and Public Health Physician at Deakin and Calvary Bruce Private Hospitals, Canberra; Clinical Professor of Medicine, Australian National University; Honorary Professor of Public Health, University of Queensland*
Loss of Chance and the Right to Compensation in Medical Litigation
- 10:35 *Morning tea*
- 11:00 **A/PROFESSOR DAVINDER HANS** — *Consultant Psychiatrist, Director of Advanced Training of Youth Psychiatry (WA) & Director of Youth Psychiatry, WA Country Health Service* — *Young Minds, Big Decisions: Patient-Centred Informed Consent for Psychotropic Medications in Young People*
- 11:25 **THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE IAN FRECKELTON AO KC** — *Judge of the Supreme Court of Nauru; Professor of Law* — *Informed Consent: Practicalities, Realities and New International Perspectives*
- 11:50 **ANDRA LAPE MAZRIMAITE** — *Attorney at Law, Lecturer, Lithuania*
Medical Liability Without Blame? Patient Complaints, Compensation and Healthcare Accountability: The Lithuanian Case
- 12:15 **A/PROFESSOR DAVID ERNEST** — *Adjunct Clinical Associate Professor, Monash University; Intensive Care Physician* — *Medical Panels: An effective medical dispute tribunal in Victoria*
- 12:40 *Lunch*
- 13:30 GUEST SPEAKER: **DR CHRISTOPHER RUDGE** — *Lecturer, Sydney Law School*
With Great Biomedical Power Comes Real Professional Duty: Freebirth and the Limits of Professional Regulation
- 14:10 **NATY GUERRERO-DIAZ** — *Head of Medical Law (Victoria), Slater & Gordon*
Disparity in Pain Management
- 14:35 **A/PROFESSOR MAN TENG IONG** — *Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Macau*
The Law for AI in Healthcare: Integrating Legal, Ethical, and Regulatory Frameworks for Safe and Equitable AI Adoption
- 15:00 **DR MIKE O'CONNOR AM** — *ACLM President; Chair, Patient Care and Clinical Review, St George Private Hospital* — *Psychopathic Doctors: Caterpillars or Butterflies?*

15:25	<i>Afternoon tea</i>
15:45	DR MARK WOODROW – <i>General Manager, Medical Advisory Services, and Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Avant; Emergency VMP at Wesley Hospital; President MLSQ</i> <i>If It Isn't Written, It Didn't Happen – Guiding principle or legal reality?</i>
16:10	A/PROFESSOR CHRIS MILLS – <i>Interventional Gastroenterologist, General Physician, Lawyer and Bioethicist</i> – <i>Dying to Get There: Reforming Voluntary Assisted Dying in Victoria – Legislative Progress, Persistent Rural Inequity, and the Road Ahead</i>
16:35	DR DAVID NGUYEN – <i>Psychiatrist</i> – <i>In Defence of the Dark Acts – Mental Health Court</i>
17:00	Day 1 Closing Comments
17:00	<i>ASM Day 1 Ends</i>

ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

19:00 - 22:00 *Shangri-La The Marina, Cairns – Trinity Room*
 Formal seated dinner, with beverages
 Presentation of College Awards
 After dinner speech by guest speaker:

DAVID GILLESPIE – *Taming Toxic People*

David Gillespie is a bestselling non-fiction author and researcher known for his deep dives into psychology, health, and nutritional science. With a background in corporate law, David applies rigorous analytical skills to complex subjects, translating them into accessible, practical knowledge. He has authored several critically acclaimed books, empowering readers and audiences to make informed decisions about their physical wellbeing, relationships, and workplace dynamics.

Taming Toxic People explores how to recognise and manage everyday psychopaths in our personal and professional lives. While society often associates psychopathy with criminality, many people with these traits are successful, charming individuals who leave a hidden trail of emotional destruction. They lack empathy, manipulate others for personal gain, and frequently thrive in corporate organisations. This presentation breaks down the underlying psychological and behavioural traits of workplace psychopaths. It offers practical, evidence-based strategies to protect yourself, establish firm boundaries, neutralise toxic influence, and ultimately safeguard your mental wellbeing and team culture.



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SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 2026

08:30	<i>Sign-in and welcome refreshments</i>
09:00	Opening Comments
09:05	A/PROFESSOR ANTHONY CROSS — <i>Emergency Physician and Intensivist; Director of Intensive Care, Northern Hospital; Associate Professor, Department of Critical Care, University of Melbourne</i> — What is the Emergency Physician's duty to prevent a patient harming others when mental health acts don't apply?
09:30	GUEST SPEAKER: DR CHRISTOPHER MEREDITH — <i>Neurosurgeon; American College of Legal Medicine</i> Prisoner's Rights to Health Care in the U.S. from Arrest to Conviction
10:10	DR LO RAMON YIU — <i>Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Tseung Kwan O Hospital, Hong Kong</i> Gross Negligence Manslaughter: Is it an appropriate mechanism to address death caused by medical mishap?
10:35	<i>Morning tea</i>
10:55	GUEST SPEAKER: DR GEORGE SKOWRONSKI — <i>Clinical Ethics Lead at St George Public Hospital</i> Posthumous Reproduction
11:35	DR CECILIA YONG — <i>Dentist; Medical Assessor, Personal Injury Commission NSW; Medico-Legal Dental Consultant</i> — Bruxism in Medico-Legal Claims: Clinical Findings, Causation
12:00	PROFESSOR HONGJIE MAN — <i>Ph D; Professor and the Director of the Institution for Health Law and Policy Studies, East China University of Political Science and Law, Shanghai</i> Digital Technology Empowers the Realization of the Right to Health – A Chinese Perspective
12:25	ACLM MODERATOR — ASM Closing Comments
12:30	<i>ASM Ends (with lunch provided)</i>

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