

UQ expert available for World Asthma Day

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A leading authority on asthma is available to speak to media in the lead-up to World Asthma Day on 6 May 2014.



Professor Peter Sly, from the Queensland Children's Medical Research Institute (QCMRI) at The University of Queensland, is recognised internationally in the area of children's environmental health. He directs QCMRI's Children's Health and Environment Program.

<u>Expertise:</u> Professor Sly is on the Advisory Board for a long-standing WHO – National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Collaborative Agreement; is the chair of the board of directors of the Pacific Basin Consortium for Environment and Health; and is an advisor to the WHO, Public Health and Environment Section. He is a NH&MRC Senior Principal Research Fellow and a paediatric respiratory physician with extensive research experience in respiratory physiology.

Faced with the global challenge of the escalating incidence of childhood lung diseases, Professor Sly seeks to identify and develop preventative strategies for children at greatest risk. There is an increasing recognition that most chronic adult diseases have their origin in childhood, especially respiratory and cardiovascular diseases. Professor Sly's research aims to understand the mechanisms underlying chronic childhood lung diseases in order to improve clinical management and to delay or prevent their onset, with consequent reductions in adult lung diseases. A combination of basic science, longitudinal cohort studies and translation of research findings into clinical practice, including clinical trials, are included in three main areas: asthma., cystic fibrosis and children's environmental health.

Professor Sly is a frequent speaker at international conferences and widely published in leading journals in his field.

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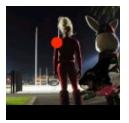
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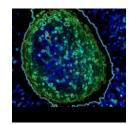
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