

# 'Ask the Experts' Forum

Motor Neurone Disease Association of NSW

**Monday 12 August, 2019**

**10am to 2.30pm**

**Ryde/Eastwood Leagues Club**



Come and quiz these experts and have your questions answered! Learn more about what's new in MND research and maintaining control of your health choices as well as, hear what's emerging in stem cell therapies world wide.



## Program

10am	Tea and coffee on arrival
10.30	Welcome - and overview of day
10.35	What are the risk factors for MND? Results from an international online survey <i>Associate Professor Roger Pamphlett</i>
11.15	Question time
11.40	Advance Care Planning: returning control to people with MND and their carers <i>Professor Colleen Cartwright</i>
12.15	Question time
12.30pm	Lunch
1.15	A fine balance: Navigating hope in stem cell science <i>Associate Professor Megan Munsie</i>
2.00	Question time
2.20	Closing address

## Registration

There is no charge for you to attend this program but you will need to reserve your place.

**RSVP by 7 August** to [reg@mndnsw.asn.au](mailto:reg@mndnsw.asn.au) or ph. 8877 0999 / 1800 777 175.

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## Presenter Biographies

**Associate Professor Roger Pamphlett** of the Brain and Mind Centre at University of Sydney is a neurologist and neuropathologist. Roger has a longstanding interest in finding the causes of MND. His current research projects include the “ALS Quest”, an online international questionnaire looking for environmental risk factors for MND, as well as seeking to understand potential environmental risk factors that may precipitate the disease. His work also involves analysing toxins within the nervous system of people with MND, examining the link between exercise and MND and using advanced genetic techniques to look for gene variants that could predispose people to developing MND.

**Professor Colleen Cartwright** is Emeritus Professor and Chair of the Human Research Ethics Committee of Southern Cross University and Principal Director of Cartwright Consulting Australia. She has extensive teaching and research experience in ageing, ethics and medical decisions at the end of life, at national and international levels, with publications in major journals and several book chapters. Professor Cartwright designed the Advance Health Directive and Enduring Power of Attorney documents that are part of the Queensland legislation and amended the Queensland Advance Directive to meet NSW legislative provisions. She regularly runs information and training sessions for community and health professional groups on ethical and legal issues relating to care at the end of life, including advance care planning, what is/is not euthanasia, informed consent and capacity, with particular focus on the special needs of people with dementia and their carers.

**Associate Professor Megan Munsie** is Deputy Director of the University of Melbourne’s Centre for Stem Cell Systems where she leads a research program in the ethical, legal and social implications of stem cell research. She also heads the Engagement, Ethics and Policy Unit of the Australian Government funded Stem Cells Australia initiative. As a trained developmental biologist, she combines her scientific expertise with a deep understanding of the ethical and regulatory considerations required to facilitate responsible research in stem cell science and its clinical translation. She has co-authored numerous educational resources for the public, health and educational professionals; contributed to the development of policy at a domestic and international level; is a member of several international multidisciplinary research teams exploring impact of stem cell research and regularly provides information to Australian patient advocacy groups and community members about stem cell science. In 2018 she was awarded the Public Service Award from the International Society for Stem Cell Research in recognition of her

## Quiz the experts at the Ask the Experts Forum!

This forum is an opportunity for people living with MND, their family, carers and friends, to bring their questions and to have them answered. Those who are shy about talking in public or have speech difficulties, may pass their questions onto MND NSW staff on the day to speak on their behalf. If you are unable to attend, you will be able to view the presentations after the event on our website. Questions may be emailed in advance to [infoline@mndnsw.asn.au](mailto:infoline@mndnsw.asn.au)

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