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Email Address (to receive E-News bulletins from BTAA about developments in the brain tumour community):

Category:

- patient or survivor
- caregiver, former caregiver or family
- health professional
- Yes, I live in the Sydney Northern area and wish to be notified of any upcoming meetings organised by the Sydney Neuro Oncology Group

THERE IS NO REGISTRATION FEE BUT BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

You can register on-line at www.btaa.org.au OR fill in this form and post to: Secretary, BTAA, PO Box 76, Dickson, ACT, 2602 OR save the completed form as a PDF document and email to: enquiries@btaa.org.au Sorry, there are no fax facilities.

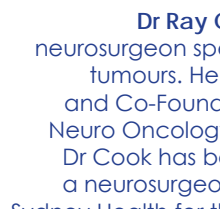
Enquiries: BTAA Freecall number (free to you from landlines): 1800 857 221

Professor van den Bent's visit to Australia has been kindly supported by Roche.



MR MATT PITT

Mr Matt Pitt is Chair of Brain Tumour Alliance Australia (BTAA) and was diagnosed with an astrocytoma over ten years ago. He engages in sport, has been in the Australian Public Service for the past four years and has a Master of Public Health degree. Matt will talk about his experiences as a brain tumour survivor.



DR RAY COOK

Dr Ray Cook is a leading neurosurgeon specialising in brain tumours. He is also Chairman and Co-Founder of The Sydney Neuro Oncology Group (SNOG). Dr Cook has been practising as a neurosurgeon in the Northern Sydney Health for the past eighteen years and is currently the Head of the Department of Neurosurgery at Royal North Shore Hospital.



MS ALANAH BAILEY

Ms Alanah Bailey is a brain tumour care coordinator at the Prince of Wales Hospital, Randwick, where she helps brain tumour patients cope with their treatments. She will talk about supportive care issues.



MR CLINT BEATTIE

Sydney resident Mr Clint Beattie will also be present at the meeting to autograph copies of his new book "Into the Light" which includes a chapter by his mother Bronwyn on her perspective. Diagnosed in 1994 as a young boy Clint has had 14 brain operations and had two and a half years on the chemotherapy drug Temodal. He has helped other young cancer patients through the Canteen organisation and now works for Nova, assisting people with disabilities to find employment. Married last year Clint is preparing for his and his wife's first baby due in April.

SYDNEY BRAIN TUMOUR FORUM

*For Patients, Families
and Carers*

Thursday 8th March 2012

4 pm - 8.10 pm

Kolling Institute Auditorium, North Shore
Hospital Campus, St Leonards



*The **only opportunity** during his Australian visit for brain tumour patients and their carers to meet and hear one of the world's leading authorities on brain tumours - **Professor Martin van den Bent** from the Netherlands.*

Sponsored by Brain Tumour Alliance Australia (BTAA) and The Sydney Neuro Oncology Group. Catering generously supplied by North Shore Private Hospital.





See enlarged extract above which shows the Kolling Institute above the sign for "Main Entry & Admissions". There are some disabled parking spots, as indicated, and lower rates for concessional card holders on validation at the ticket office.

Thursday 8th March 2012 A meeting you should not miss!

This Forum has been organised with input by patients and carers and is designed to give you an opportunity to be inspired and to be informed.

There is no registration cost but bookings are essential for organising purposes (see form).

The Forum will commence at 4pm with small-group meetings of patients and their carers facilitated by experienced brain tumour care coordinators from NSW and interstate. These meetings will be held in the Kolling Institute.

We will break at 5pm for refreshments (hot and cold canapes, hot and cold drinks) provided by North Shore Private Hospital.

The main program will commence at 6pm in the auditorium of the Kolling Institute which is near the main entrance to the Hospital (see map).

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



PROFESSOR VAN DEN BENT

Professor Martin van den Bent

is one of the world's leading neuro oncologists. He has authored over 200 publications and book chapters in the field of neuro oncology and has extensive clinical trials experience, in particular in his role as Chairman of the EORTC Brain Tumour Study Group (2003-9) which initiates and supervises brain tumour trials throughout the world.

Ms MaryAnn Rosier is a qualified community counsellor, trained Lifeline counsellor and hospice volunteer who had the unfortunate experience of losing both a brother and a sister to malignant primary brain tumours. MaryAnn knows the heartbreak and challenges these tumours can cause.



MS MARYANNE ROSIER



DR HELEN WHEELER

Dr Helen Wheeler is a leading Australian oncologist specialising in brain tumours. Dr Wheeler currently practices in Northern Sydney Health, however she cares for patients throughout NSW and beyond. She is heavily involved in clinical trials and ongoing brain tumour research. Dr Wheeler is a Director of The Sydney Neuro Oncology Group (SNOG). She will moderate Professor van den Bent's session and link his information to the Australian treatment possibilities.

4 - 5pm Small-group sharing meetings facilitated by experienced brain tumour care coordinators from NSW and interstate. Patients and families will meet separately so that they can speak frankly in a confidential environment. You are welcome to share or just listen. (Please complete both sides of this form.)

Yes, I/we _____ (number) will attend the sharing session, the meal, and the talks. For the sharing session I wish to be allocated to:

- Patient and survivors group
- Family, friends and carers group

5 - 6pm Refreshments supplied by North Shore Private Hospital.

There will be _____ (number) of us for this meal. Please advise any special dietary requirements.

I/we _____ (number) will not attend the sharing session or meal but will attend the presentations only.

PRESENTATIONS

6- 6.10 pm Welcome and introduction by Allison O'Dea (Clinical Research Coordinator at SNOG)

6.10 - 6.20pm "The Sydney Neuro Oncology Group" - Dr Ray Cook.

6.20 - 6.30pm "The challenges of coping with a brain tumour in the family" - MaryAnn Rosier

6.30 - 6.50pm Featured presentation. "An overview of current and promising new therapies for brain tumours, particularly for primary malignant brain tumours in adults" - Professor Martin van den Bent

6.50 - 7.10pm Question and answer period moderated by Dr Helen Wheeler

Presentation to Professor van den Bent by Denis Strangman (Chair, International Brain Tumour Alliance)

7.10 - 7.30pm Break and minor refreshments

7.30 - 7.40pm "Living with a brain tumour" - Mr Matt Pitt (Chair, BTAA)

7.40 - 7.50pm "Supportive Care" - Ms Alanah Bailey (Prince of Wales Hospital, Randwick)

7.50 - 8.10pm Wind up and Q & A panel session with previous speakers