

# NHMRC CLINICAL TRIALS CENTRE RESEARCH SEMINAR

<b>When:</b>	<b>Monday 9 March 2009</b> <b>12.30-1.30pm</b>
<b>Where:</b>	<b>Medical Foundation Auditorium</b> <b>92-94 Parramatta Road, Camperdown</b> Map ref: 1. campus map <a href="http://db.auth.usyd.edu.au/directories/map/building.stm?location=01B">http://db.auth.usyd.edu.au/directories/map/building.stm?location=01B</a> 2. local street map <a href="http://www.whereis.com/index.htm?ref=homeMap#session=MjE=">http://www.whereis.com/index.htm?ref=homeMap#session=MjE=</a>
<p>The NHMRC CTC is co-ordinating the ASPIRE study, an international randomised clinical trial looking at the effect of Aspirin of recurrent venous thromboembolism (VTE) in patients with unprovoked VTE. This study is currently recruiting patients in Australia, New Zealand, Singapore and India. The Division of Clinical Trials at St. John's Research Institute (SJRI), Bangalore, India, is the National Co-ordinating Centre for ASPIRE in India.</p>	
<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Welcome:</b> Professor John Simes
12.35pm	<p><b>Ms Nandini Mathur</b> Co-ordination and recruitment into the ASPIRE study in India – the St John's experience</p> <p><b>The presenter:</b> Ms Mathur is study co-ordinator at St John's Medical College, India, with responsibility for the following studies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ASPIRE</li> <li>2. The NHMRC sponsored VITATOPS study, India has recruited 1421 patients in approximately 2.5 years</li> <li>3. INTERSTROKE – India pilot study – case control study to understand the risk factors in stroke, ongoing with approximately 880 subjects</li> <li>4. Stroke registry – pilot study to document practice patterns in India in the management of strokes.</li> </ol>
12.55pm	<p><b>Professor Denis Xavier</b> Challenges and opportunities in conducting clinical trials in developing countries</p> <p><b>The presenter:</b> Dennis Xavier MD is a Professor of Clinical Pharmacology at St. John's Medical College (SJMC), India, and Coordinator of the Division of Clinical Trials. He is the Program Director for the Ovations-NHLBI initiative proposed by the Indian Cardiovascular Research and Advocacy Group (ICRAG) as well as the Indian Principal Investigator for the INSPIRE study, and a member of the ASPIRE and INSPIRE Trial Management Committees. He is a recent recipient of the Canada-HOPE award.</p> <p>Professor Xavier is responsible for setting up a large clinical research network in CVD in India within which several important studies have been and are being conducted. Most of these are investigator-initiated studies that answer important questions that are applicable to developing countries. He is also responsible for the development and completion of a large Registry for patients with acute coronary syndromes (ACS) that included over 20,000 subjects from 89 centres in India. This is the largest database of ACS patients from any developing country and the manuscript has been accepted for publication in the Lancet (Feb 2008).</p>