



Childhood Hearing Australasian Medical Professionals Network: Terms of Reference

1. Preamble

The Childhood Hearing Australasian Medical Professionals (CHAMP) Network is a group of Australian and New Zealand doctors who have a special interest in childhood hearing loss. Doctors include paediatricians, otolaryngologists (ENT specialists) and geneticists.

2. Mission

The vision of CHAMP is to optimise care and outcomes for deaf and hard of hearing (DHH) children and their families.

3. Aims

CHAMP aims to

- 3.1 Share information, experience and expertise amongst health professionals;
- 3.2 Improve health professional knowledge of medical management of DHH children by
 - 3.2.1 Establishing national guidelines on medical management,
 - 3.2.2 Disseminating knowledge through presentations and education platforms, and
 - 3.2.3 Developing resources for health professionals and families;
- 3.3 Advocate for DHH children and their families;
- 3.4 Facilitate quality improvement in the care of DHH children and their families; and
- 3.5 Share and establish research ideas and collaborations.

4. Accountabilities

- 4.1 The CHAMP network is an independent entity that does not receive any funding, effective 15th July 2016.
- 4.2 The CHAMP network acknowledges the support of the Australasian Newborn Hearing Screening Committee (ANHSC) for facilitating its inauguration, and for housing and maintaining the CHAMP webpage under the ANHSC website.
- 4.3 All CHAMP members agree to and respect the Mission and Aims of CHAMP.
- 4.4 All CHAMP members must treat all information discussed within CHAMP correspondences and meetings as confidential, unless otherwise specified.



- 4.5 The CHAMP Network must use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that members of the CHAMP Network agree that, when acting in their status as a member of the CHAMP Network, they
- a) will not represent their personal opinions as those of the CHAMP Network
 - b) will not disclose any confidential information obtained by virtue of their position in regard to CHAMP activities or processes
 - c) will not release or share confidential information of the CHAMP Network (neither while serving as a Network member nor after the conclusion of their term as CHAMP member).

5. Membership

All CHAMP members must demonstrate their commitment to the aims of the CHAMP Network, through online communications and/or meetings with other CHAMP members.

To be a current member of CHAMP, each CHAMP member will acknowledge the Terms of Reference on an annual basis, and update member details in Appendix A. This information will be updated on the CHAMP website on an annual basis.

Membership of the CHAMP Network may comprise of any number of members, from any state of Australia and New Zealand, as long as members demonstrate their commitment to the aims of the CHAMP Network.

The CHAMP Network had one Chairperson who led the network from 2016 to 2022. From 2023, the CHAMP Network has had two Co-Chairs who rotate responsibilities for chairing and taking minutes at each CHAMP meeting.

6. Meetings

Meetings occur online approximately every 6-8 weeks, with no set quorum required for the meetings to occur.

7. Reporting

The CHAMP Network does not officially report to any organisation.

Endorsement by CHAMP members represented by the Chairs of the CHAMP Network, Valerie Sung and Karen Liddle, September 2023



Appendix A: CHAMP Membership (as of September 2023)

*Working group member for consensus guidelines paper
ENT = Ear, nose, throat surgeon (otolaryngologist)

Victoria

1. David Amor (Royal Children's Hospital, Clinical Geneticist)*
2. Robert Briggs (Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital, ENT)
3. Kai Chua (Royal Children's Hospital, Paediatrician)
4. Karen Davies (Royal Children's Hospital, ENT)
5. Lilian Downie (Victorian Clinical Genetics Service, Clinical Geneticist)*
6. Marguerite Fulton (Barwon Health, Paediatrician)
7. Duaa Gaafar (Royal Children's Hospital, Paediatrician)
8. Lawrence Gray (Barwon Health, Paediatrician)
9. Matthew Hunter (Monash Health, clinical geneticist)*
10. Claire Iseli (Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital, ENT)
11. Saniya Kazi (Monash Children's Hospital, Paediatrician)
12. Talia Maayan (Monash Children's Hospital, Paediatrician)
13. Brendan McCann (Western Health, Paediatrician)
14. Stephen O'Leary (University of Melbourne/Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital, ENT)
15. Georgia Paxton (Royal Children's Hospital, Paediatrician)*
16. Elizabeth Rose (Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital, ENT)*
17. Kerry Saunders (Monash Children's Hospital, Paediatrician)*
18. Valerie Sung (Royal Children's Hospital, Paediatrician)*

Queensland

19. Wei Wei Chan (Gold Coast University Hospital, Paediatrician)*
20. Alison Harris (Queensland Children's Hospital, Paediatrician)*
21. Majula Kannangara (Queensland Children's Hospital, Paediatrician)
22. Karen Liddle (Queensland Children's Hospital, Paediatrician)*
23. Donna Taylor (Queensland Children's Hospital, Paediatrician)
24. Andrew White (Townsville Hospital, Paediatrician)

New South Wales

25. Catherine Birman (Sydney Cochlear Implant Centre, ENT)*
26. Beverley Bennett (The Children's Hospital at Westmead, Paediatrician)
27. Carolyn Cottier (Sydney Children's Hospital, Paediatrician)*
28. Joanne McIntosh (John Hunter Children's Hospital, Neonatologist)
29. Ken Peacock (The Children's Hospital at Westmead, Paediatrician)*



- 30. Elizabeth Peadon (The Children's Hospital at Westmead, Paediatrician)*
- 31. Joanna Walton (The Children's Hospital at Westmead, ENT)

South Australia

- 32. Deepa Jeyaseelan (Women's and Children's Hospital, Paediatrician)
- 33. Sonja Latzel (Women's and Children's Hospital, ENT)

Western Australia

- 34. Jafri Kuthubutheen (Perth Children's Hospital, ENT)
- 35. Allison Reid (Perth Children's Hospital, ENT)

Tasmania

- 36. Victoria Carter (Royal Hobart Hospital, Paediatrician)
- 37. Natasha Hamilton (Launceston General Hospital, Paediatrician)
- 38. Sarah Middleton (North West Regional Hospital, Burnie, Paediatrician)
- 39. Marie Rauter (Royal Hobart Hospital, Paediatrician)

New Zealand

- 40. Janet Geddes (Te Whatu Ora, Waitaha Canterbury, Paediatrician)
- 41. Melanie Souter (Christchurch Hospital, Southern Cochlear Implant Program, ENT)



Appendix B: Past / inactive CHAMP members

*Working group member for consensus guidelines paper

1. Laurence Roddick (John Hunter Children's Hospital Newcastle, paediatrician)*
2. Sharon Greenwood (Queensland Children's Hospital, paediatrician)
3. Nicola Spurrier (Flinders Medical Centre, paediatrician)
4. Freya Summons (Melbourne, paediatrician)
5. Deirdre White (Women's and Children's Hospital Adelaide, paediatrician)
6. Eunice Chan (Royal Children's Hospital, neurologist)
7. Kristy Fraser-Kirk (Sunshine Coast University, ENT)
8. Anagha Jayakar (Royal Hobart Hospital, paediatrician)
9. David Newman (Waikato Hospital, New Zealand, paediatrician)