ACE INFECTIVE ENDOCARDITIS AND RHEUMATIC HEART DISEASE SYMPOSIUM

October 24th 2026 8am-5pm
October 25th 2026 8am-12:30pm
UQ Medical School, Herston, Brisbane, Australia
Meeting Type: Hybrid (in-person and virtual)

The 2026 hybrid symposium brings together cutting-edge presentations from leading multidisciplinary experts in Infective Endocarditis and Rheumatic Heart disease across the globe.

All registrations include 30 days access to recorded talks.

Ideal for those who can't attend on the day.

For virtual attendees from low and middle income countries, as a special offer, registration is free – email for instructions.

Key Topics

- Current concepts and research in Infective Endocarditis and Rheumatic Heart Diseases
- Endocarditis in hospitals that don't have cardio-thoracic units
- A new international endocarditis registry

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Invited Speakers

USA
Prof. David Durack
Prof. Vance Fowler
Dr. Abdallah El Sabbagh
Brazil
Dr. Cristiane Lamas
France
Prof. Pierre Tattevin
Prof. Adrien Lemaignen
Spain
Prof. Jose Miro
Denmark
Dr. Amna Alhakak
South Africa
Prof. Carlos Mestres
Côte d'Ivoire
Dr. Inès Angoran
Timor Leste
Dr. Anna Modol
Dr. Claudia Magno

New Zealand
Simon Briggs
Australia
Prof. Greg Scalia
Prof. David McGiffin
Dr. Timea Jurth
Dr. Kylie Burns
Dr. William Naughton
Dr. Angus Baumann
Dr. Hilary Hardefeldt
Dr. Angus Lane
Dr. Laurens Manning

Early bird and Abstracts close 31st of August

Register via Humanitix website using the QR Code or see the ACE website endocarditis.au for details.

Conveners
Dr. Mbakise Matebele, Dr. Kanthi Vemuri, Dr. Robert Horvath
ieq@health.qld.gov.au

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Brisbane 2026 Draft Programme

Saturday — 24th of October

Session 1

08.15 — Welcome. Opening Comments
08.35 — Patrons Message
- David Durack, USA

08.50 — Staph aureus and endocarditis
- Vance Fowler, USA

09.20 — Percutaneous mechanical aspiration
- Abdallah El Sabbagh, USA

09.40 — IE in congenital heart diseases
- Cristiane Lamas, Brazil

10.00 — Cefazolin/Ertapenem as salvage therapy for refractory MSSA bacteraemias
- Angus Lane, Australia

10.20 — Morning Tea

Session 2

10.40 — 50 years of Q fever IE- a surgical perspective
- Timea Jurth, Australia

11.00 — IE in Timor Leste
- Anna Modol, Timor Leste

11.20 — IE in Pregnancy
- Kylie Burns, Australia

11.40 — Patient Experience
11.55 — MDT Case Discussion
12.25 — Lunch

Session 3

13.10 — Echo in IE
- Greg Scalia, Australia

13.30 — Surgery for recurrent IE- a surgeon's perspective
- David McGiffin, Australia

13.50 — IE in Alice Springs
- William Naughton, Australia

14.10 — Long-term risk of IE following mitral valve repair or replacement
- Amna Alhakak, Denmark

14.20 — TBA
15.00 — IE in Côte d'Ivoire
- Inès Angoran, Côte d'Ivoire

15.15 — Afternoon Tea

Session 4

15.35 — Spanish international MDTs
- Jose Miro, Spain

15.55 — Transplantation for IE
- Pierre Tattevin, France

16.15 — Challenges and rewards of CTS in low and middle income regions
- Carlos Mestres, South Africa

16.35 — The RODEO trial (oral step down therapy for IE)
- Adrien Lemaignen, France

16.55 — Session Closed
17.00 — Networking

Sunday — 25th of October

Session 1

08.05 — Welcome/Housekeeping
08.10 — Proffered papers
09.20 — IE Registry
Robert Horvath
09.40 — RHD Symposium First Speaker
10.00 — Morning Tea

Session 2

10.20 — Main Session RHD
Simon Briggs, New Zealand
Angus Baumann, Australia
Hilary Hardefeldt, Australia
Claudia Magno, Timor Leste
Laurens Manning, Australia
12.00 — Open Panel RHD
12.30 — Closing Remarks

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