



Mind The Gap: #NavigatingHealth

Community of Practice: Monday 3 October 12:00 – 1:00pm

Please [register](#) in advance for this meeting series through [Kaylene Ryan](#), Manager, ADMA .



Dr Linny Kimly Phuong
“A thousand meaningful conversations”



Nicole Cooper & Dr Phil Smart
Patient Data for Patient Outcomes

Dr Linny Kimly Phuong is paediatric infectious diseases physician & Founder/ Director of The Water Well Project. The Water Well Project is an award-winning health promotion organisation which has facilitated over 1000 health education sessions in Victoria, New South Wales and Tasmania. Healthcare professionals volunteer their time to facilitate interactive and culturally sensitive health education discussions in the community - outside of hospitals and clinic rooms. The model builds knowledge in communities, as well as empathy and improved communication and cultural competence for healthcare professionals. Outside of this dynamic and growing organisation, Linny is a Paediatric Infectious Diseases Physician working across three tertiary hospitals (Royal Children's Hospital, Royal Women's Hospital and Austin Health). She also works at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute in vaccine safety. Linny is also a budding researcher contributing to the paediatric literature. She has research interests in streptococcal disease, Kawasaki disease and vaccine safety. She is a PhD candidate studying invasive pneumococcal disease in children.

Nicole Cooper is a patient advocate, speaker and management consultant and has been a full time bowel cancer patient for over five years. Since diagnosis, Nicole has completed an enormous body of high-impact patient advocacy and charitable work, spanning volunteering, board memberships, fundraising, media and operational roles. She has passionately and energetically lobbied for patient access and health system improvement at the national, state and community level, always with an emphasis on tracking and delivering better patient outcomes. Nicole runs Convalis Consulting, is a director of the Bowel Cancer Outcomes Registry (BCOR) and host of *The Impatient Podcast*.

Dr Phil Smart General and Colorectal Surgeon, completed a Doctor of Medical Science degree (D Med Sci) at the University of Melbourne under the supervision of Professor A Heriot and A/Prof J Mackay. In addition, he holds a degree in Clinical Research Methods through Monash University. He completed Robotic Surgery Training at the Cleveland Clinic, Ohio, and Methodist Hospital, Texas. He is currently the Chair of the Operations Committee for the Bowel Cancer Outcomes Registry (BCOR). He holds public hospital appointments at both Austin and Eastern Health and is a Senior Lecturer in the Surgery at the University of Melbourne.