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PERKINS Seminar Series

in conjunction with the **National Centre for Asbestos Related Diseases**

TUESDAY 31 MAY



Professor Neil Watkins

Clinician-Scientist

Garvan Institute of Medical Research, Sydney

"Lung Cancer: All Roads Lead to Platinum"

Professor Neil Watkins is a clinician-scientist who holds the Petre Chair in Cancer Biology at the Garvan Institute of Medical Research in Sydney. He also heads the Garvan's

laboratory in Cancer Developmental Biology.

Professor Watkins completed Medicine and a PhD at UWA, before moving to the Kimmel Cancer Centre Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore to pursue postdoctoral work, supported by an NHMRC CJ Martin Fellowship. In his 11 years at Johns Hopkins, Professor Watkins successfully obtained large scale funding as a principal investigator, including several NIH grants. His work was recognised by several highly prestigious awards, including the National Cancer Institute Career Development Award, the General Motors Award for Cancer Research, and the Children's Brain Tumour Foundation House of Hope Award.

On returning to Australia in 2009, Professor Watkins played a key leadership role at Monash University in Melbourne in the strategic plan for cancer research, and in the formation of the Monash Comprehensive Cancer Consortium. His research at Monash focussed on lung cancer and paediatric brain tumours, in particular medulloblastoma brain tumour and small-cell lung cancer, noting that these cancer types share vital biological characteristics.

Professor Watkins is interested in pathways that regulate the formation of organs from stem cells, and how these relate to cancer. He is also interested in how aberrant developmental pathways in cancer might be pharmacologically exploited therapeutically.

Current research interests are tumour heterogeneity; the use of EBUS to biopsy and sample lung cancer; innate immunity; and drug resistance, especially that of cisplatin.

12 noon to 1.00pm

followed by a light lunch

For more information please contact Tracy Hayward E: tracy.hayward@uwa.edu.au

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Gairdner Dr

Campsie St

Kingston St

Verdun St

Caladente Cres

Caladente Cres

Hampden Rd

Hospital Ave

Winthrop Ave

Kings Park

Child Care

Under Construction

Under Construction

Lions Eye Inst

HARRY PERKINS INSTITUTE

PathWest

Hollywood Private Hospital



Visitor Car Park 3A

Western Power Sub Station

Staff Car Park 3

Staff Car Park 7A

Visitor Car Park 7 8.00am - 4.00pm

Staff Car Park 7B

Staff Car Park 6

Under Construction (New Children's Hospital)

To Stirling Hwy

Monash Ave

Main Entrance

Main Entrance & Admissions

EMERGENCY

Waiting Walk

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