



Telethon Kids Research Seminars

INVITED GUEST SPEAKER

Assoc Professor Lenka Munoz

Cancer Institute NSW

Career Development Fellow

School of Medical Sciences

THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY



“MK2 signalling in cancer: Role and targeting”

A/Prof Munoz received her PharmD (Doctor of Pharmacy, 2001) from Comenius University, Slovakia and her PhD in Medicinal Chemistry from the University of Bonn, Germany (2005). She completed her post-doctoral training in molecular pharmacology and preclinical drug development at the Northwestern University, Chicago, USA. After several years of career disruptions, she took up an appointment at the University of Sydney in 2011 as Lecturer in the Faculty of Medicine, and was promoted to Senior Lecturer in 2014 and to Associate Professor in 2017. She currently holds a Career Development Fellowship (2016-18) from the Cancer Institute NSW, and is Head of the Cell Signalling Laboratory at the Charles Perkins Centre.

A/Prof Munoz's research is centred on cell signalling pathways and kinase inhibitors, with a particularly strong focus on kinase inhibitors for the treatment of CNS cancers. Her laboratory uses medicinal chemistry and molecular pharmacology platforms to identify and develop novel CNS therapies. Since her PhD, she has spent 7 years FTE in research, during which time she has been awarded \$3.7M in research funding, and produced 2 international patents and 27 publications in top-tier journals including *Nature Reviews Drug Discovery*, *Journal of Medicinal Chemistry*, *Cancer Cell* and *Oncogene*.



29 September 2017



12pm – 1pm



Telethon Kids Institute Seminar Room

A light lunch will be provided at 11.45am for those attending the seminar

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