



Telethon Kids Research Seminars

INVITED GUEST SPEAKER

Dr Paul Beavis
Senior Research Fellow
Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre
Melbourne



"Targeting tumour-mediated immunosuppression to enhance conventional and CAR T cell based immunotherapy"

Dr. Paul Beavis is a senior research fellow at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre (Melbourne, Australia) in the Cancer Immunotherapy group led by Assoc. Prof. Darcy. He completed his PhD in 2010 studying the role of regulatory T cells in inflammatory diseases in the laboratory of Prof. Fionula Brennan and Sir Marc Feldmann (Imperial College London). His work at the Peter Mac is focused upon using novel strategies to overcome tumour-induced immunosuppression. Dr. Beavis' work has highlighted the potential of targeting adenosine mediated immunosuppression to enhance anti-tumour immune responses. This has led to important publications in journals such as JCI, PNAS (x2), Trends in Immunology and Cancer Research (x2). His current work is focused upon the therapeutic targeting of adenosine, particularly the A_{2A} receptor in combination with other immunotherapies such as anti-PD-1 and CAR T cells to treat solid cancers. These combinations are now in phase I clinical trials, highlighting the translational potential of these approaches. Paul is currently supported by an NBCF career development fellowship and NHMRC funding.



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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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