

Keynote Speaker Bio

Dr Christine Jenkins AM, MD, FRACP

Christine Jenkins is a thoracic physician at Concord Hospital and in private practice in North Sydney. Her clinical activity is in all areas of respiratory medicine. Her main area of interest is in airways disease, especially asthma and COPD. This began with clinical research, which formed the basis of her MD thesis on factors affecting airway hyperresponsiveness. Since then she has continued to have a strong clinical research interest in the treatment of airways disease, and runs the clinical trials unit at the Woolcock Institute of Medical Research, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney. Christine was Chairman of the National Asthma Campaign (now the National Asthma Council) from 1996-2000 and contributed to its successful lobbying for asthma as a National Health Priority in Australia. She is a project leader in the Co-operative Research Centre for Asthma, which is funded by a joint Industry and Federal Government grant. Christine currently chairs the National Asthma Reference Group, which advises government on asthma issues. She has an active interest in guideline formulation and implementation, and in the evidence base that underpins best practice.



She is an active clinician, teaches undergraduate and postgraduate students and contributes regularly to GP educational initiatives in Australia. With Professor Ron Walls she has recently co-edited a textbook for students and GPs, Understanding Asthma. Christine was recently awarded an AM in the Order of Australia, for services to respiratory medicine, especially as a physician, administrator and educator, particularly in the field of asthma education.

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