Children, adolescents and adults with Autism experience life-long challenges to good healthcare provision. Their families, as their primary advocates, struggle to find adequate and appropriate services to maintain a good standard of healthcare and long-term relationships with health practitioners. The focus of this conference is practice-based, and would benefit medical practitioners, educators, allied health professionals and clinicians in their striving to provide better physical and mental healthcare to people with Autism across their lifespan.

The conference will be held from 8:00am to 5:00pm in the Des O’Callaghan Auditorium, Kelly Building, Mater Hospital, South Brisbane.

Conference themes focus on Autism Across the Lifespan
1. Medical assessment and care and psychological intervention in the first 6 years
2. Health, educational and psychological management in the school years
3. Integration into work
4. Adulthood and complex health needs
5. Healthcare and growing older

Keynote Address by Dr James Morton
A father’s vision into the future of health care of his son

When James and Louise’s second child Andrew was diagnosed with autism, they wanted, as all parents do, to find a way for their son to be part of mainstream education and to reach his full potential. Unable to find an appropriate service anywhere in Queensland, James and Louise decided to start their own. The Autism Early Intervention Outcomes Unit (AEIOU) was thus born in 2005. AEIOU is now Australia’s largest provider of early intervention support for children with autism and their families. James is passionate about improving specialist services for children with autism. James has many identities - a father, a doctor, a national advocate, a leader in social enterprise and much more.

In his keynote presentation to the 2014 National Conference, Health and Autism across the Lifespan, for the Australasian Association of Developmental Disability Medicine and the Queensland Centre for Intellectual and Developmental Disability, Dr Morton will treat us with a rare insight into a father visioning the future of healthcare for his son.

The KEYNOTE ADDRESS will be followed by lead clinicians discussing approaches to key physical and mental health issues through the life span.

For details see - http://aaddmqciddconference2014.wordpress.com/conference-programme/
Pre-Conference Workshop:

The workshop will take a practice-focused approach and present information, evidence and resources for practitioners working with children with ASD and their families. The basis of the workshop is presentation and evaluation of interventions and programs that are currently available to parents and practitioners. The workshop will start with an overview and evaluation of interventions considered as ‘early intervention’ and will then move to a discussion of the Stepping Stones Triple P parenting program that is currently available to families free of charge in Queensland as part of an NHMRC funded trial. Anxiety is a significant concern for many children with ASD and is often related to other problems such as school attendance and peer relationships. A program that is specifically developed for children with high-functioning ASD will be described. A similar program that addresses anger management will also be outlined and the evidence base examined. The final program, designed for higher functioning children with ASD that will be discussed is the Secret Agent Society (SAS) social-emotional skills program.

Pre-Conference Workshop Presenter: Dr Kate Sofronoff

The conference will be preceded by a workshop to be presented by Dr Kate Sofronoff on Evidence-Based Interventions for Autism Spectrum Disorders in the School Years.

Associate Professor Kate Sofronoff is a clinical psychologist in the School of Psychology and Head of Disability Research in the Parenting and Family Support Centre at the University of Queensland. Kate’s main area of research is in evaluating programs aimed to assist children with developmental disorders and their families; especially in the area of autism and Asperger syndrome. Ultimately the aim of all her research is improve outcomes for children with ASD and their families. Her research has and/or continues to include: several trials with the Stepping Stones Triple P Program; the first evaluation of a cognitive behavioural intervention for anxiety with children with high-functioning ASD; the use of technology with children and adolescents with ASD and several trials of the Secret Agent Society social-emotional skills program designed for children and adolescents with ASD.

Welcome Function:

The Welcome Function is open to all conference and pre-conference workshop delegates. This is an opportunity to network with colleagues and speakers. To avoid the early morning rush, the Registration Desk will be open for early registrations during the function.

For any further information please contact Jenny Curtis on aaddm@outlook.com

Please see the webpage for more up to date details
http://aaddmqciddconference2014.wordpress.com/
Recommended Accommodation:
Special conference rates are available for conference participants at the hotels listed below. Please make sure you mention that you are a delegate of this conference to receive the discounted rate.

Hillcrest Apartments is located only 10 minutes walking distance from the conference location, and Hotel Diana is within 3 minutes walking distance.

Central Hillcrest Apartments
311 Vulture Street, South Brisbane, Qld, 4101
P: 07 3846 3000  hillcrest@centralapartmenthotels.com.au
HOTEL: 1 King OR 2 Singles
HOTEL DELUXE: 1 King and 1 Single OR 3 Singles
1 BEDROOM APARTMENT: 1 King OR 2 Singles
1 BEDROOM VIEW APARTMENT: 1 King OR 2 Singles
2 BEDROOM APARTMENT: 1 King and 2 Singles OR 4 singles.
ALL the 1 & 2 Bedrooms are self-contained Apartments.
Breakfast can be included for an extra $18 per person, per night

Hotel Diana
12 Annerley Rd, Woolloongabba QLD 4102
Deluxe Queen (queen bed) - $149.00 per night - room only
Deluxe Twin (2 x single beds) - $149.00 per night - room only
1 Bedroom Spa Suite (queen bed and fold out sofa bed) - $179.00 - room only. A rollaway bed can be added to the room for an additional $25.00 per night. Breakfast can be included for an extra $12 per person, per night.

Brisbane is a vibrant city and perfect at this time of year. The conference is being held at the Mater Hospital which is just a short walk from to SouthBank  http://www.visitsouthbank.com.au/  , a public space along the river where you can wander through gardens, swim in the pools, take a coffee, eat out, visit designer shops and the museums and galleries, or even go to the theatre. It is also close to the city. This website gives you information on what’s on and where to go in and around Brisbane:  http://www.visitbrisbane.com.au  

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