

Media Release

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***On the cusp of a cure for cancer***  
**Professor Ashok Saluja - ASMR Medallist 2015**  
**In Sydney today!**

**WHO:** Professor Ashok Saluja, ASMR Medalist 2015

**WHAT:** ASMR Medical Research Week® Dinner

**WHERE:** Dockside Cockle Bay Wharf

**WHEN:** June 2, 2015, 7:30pm

Professor Ashok Saluja from the University of Minnesota is a man on a mission – **to cure pancreatic cancer!**

***This disease kills five Australians each day, and has recently claimed the lives of high-profile personalities such as Apple founder Steve Jobs and respected Australian journalist Peter Harvey***

After a 10 year quest to find a cure, Professor Saluja has developed a drug called "Minnelide" which has recently commenced clinical trials. Given the remarkable effectiveness of this drug in animal and patient-derived models of the pancreatic cancer, as well as various other cancers, Prof. Saluja is hopeful that this devastating disease will soon be conquered.

The journey from lab discovery to potential treatment for patients is not always an easy one. Saluja has learned many valuable lessons about the obstacles which slow down the translation of knowledge gained at the bench to a patient's bedside.

Editor's Note: Interview and photo opportunities

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