

**MEDIA RELEASE – Monday June 5th 2006**

**ASMR NSW Scientific Meeting**

**MONDAY JUNE 5 2006**

**Kerry Packer Education Centre, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital**

**PLENARY SPEAKER**

**Professor Ian Frazer, 2006 Australian of the Year**

**"Harnessing the immune system to control cervical cancer"**

A vaccine based on his research has shown in worldwide trials to prevent papilloma virus infection and reduce Pap smear abnormalities by 90%. It has the potential to eradicate cervical cancer within a generation. Biographical information from: [http://www.acrf.com.au/page/bio\\_prof\\_ian\\_frazer.html](http://www.acrf.com.au/page/bio_prof_ian_frazer.html)

**Chromosome 15Q – the culprit in bipolar disorder?** Identifying a specific gene which leads to bipolar susceptibility. Erica McAuley, Garvan Institute of Medical Research.

**To never run out of blood!** Aiming to expand the use of umbilical cord blood to benefit thousands of adult patients worldwide who lack a bone marrow donor. T. Holmes, Sydney Cord and Marrow Transplant Laboratories, Centre for Children's Cancer & Blood Disorders, Sydney Children's Hospital.

**Breathing easy – better ways to inhale for asthma sufferers.** A simple, feasible intervention in community pharmacies to improve patients lives. I Basheti, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Sydney.

Sleepless in Sydney or Snoring in NSW

- **Chronic sleepiness, short sleep durations and sleep dissatisfaction are common in NSW.** Nat Marshall, Sleep and Circadian Research Group, Woolcock Institute of Medical Research.
- **Looking at the prevalence and predictors of primary care consultation for insomnia and snoring/sleep disordered breathing (SSDB).** Are sufferers getting the care they need? Delwyn Bartlett, Woolcock Institute of Medical Research.

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