

OARSI World Congress 2025

When: Thursday, April 24th

Time: 12:30-1:30pm

Where: Room 204 | [Zoom](#)

Time	Speaker	Presentation
12:30-12:40pm	A/Prof Michelle Hall	Welcome to Workshop and update
12:40-1:00pm	Prof Manuela Ferreira	Use of placebo control in non-pharmacological trials’?
1:00-1:20pm	Dr David Klyne	Role of sleep and chronic pain
1:20pm-1:30pm	A/Prof Michelle Hall	Future directions



Prof Manuela Ferreira
Musculoskeletal Program Lead
The George Institute for Global Health
University of New South Wales

Expertise: Professor Ferreira is NHMRC Investigator Fellow, Professor of Musculoskeletal Health and Program Head, Musculoskeletal Health, at The George Institute for Global Health, where she conducts research on the mechanisms, prognosis and management of musculoskeletal disorders with a focus on low back pain. With +400 scientific publications, and +AUD30M in research funding, she is the 2nd highest ranked researcher in the world for ‘low back pain’ (of a total of 33,000 authors worldwide – Expertscape). She currently leads multiple randomised controlled trials of musculoskeletal interventions, including the first placebo randomised controlled trial of spinal surgery, an NHMRC-funded study that will establish the efficacy of decompressive surgery for lumbar spinal stenosis.



Dr David Klyne
University of Queensland

Expertise: David M. Klyne PhD, MSc (MolBiol), DPhty, BAppSc) is a NHMRC Emerging Leadership Fellow and Fulbright Scholar. There he leads an international team that probe the bio-psycho-social mechanisms that underlie physiological and pathological pain. His niche is in understanding the neuro-immune pathways involved and how they can be targeted with interventions using a blend of basic and clinical sciences. David has received numerous national and international research awards that span basic and clinical sciences. These include the premier international award for spine research (ISSLS Prize) on two occasions – in Basic Science (2019) and Clinical Science (2018). In 2019, he was awarded a postdoctoral Fulbright Fellowship to continue his work elucidating the role of sleep in chronic pain at the Lewis Katz School of Medicine (Temple University), in the USA. He has received more than \$100K in research prize money and \$17.5M in research funding.

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