

THURSDAY 18TH MAY:

6.00-8.30pm Registration & Meet & Greet, Spinnaker Room, Adina Apartment Hotel (finger food provided)

FRIDAY 19TH MAY: Mariner Rooms A & B, Adina Apartment Hotel

Time	Session	Presenter/Facilitator
9.00 – 10.00	Welcome and family introductions	Kathy Payne, President Hemispherectomy Foundation Australia
10-10.15	Morning tea/kids club commences	
10.15-11.15	Vision after hemispherectomy	Louise Brennan Orthoptist Children's Hospital, Westmead
11.15-12.15	National Disability Insurance Scheme – NDIS tip sharing	Jenny McIntosh, NDIS support coordinator, Ablelink and Hemi mum
12.15-1.30	Lunch	Conference group photo
1.30-2.30	Concurrent sessions: Caring for us carers – self-care for hemispherectomy mums and dads	Kelly Wilton (mums) Source Mama magazine, Content Coordinator and Hemi mum and Matt Elder (dads), Education and development Officer, Carers NSW
2.30-3.30	Assistive Technology for Hemi children and young people Gadgets and more sharing session. What works, what's a waste (bring your favourite helper gadget)	Anthony Fleming (Hemi dad, IT professional and gadget man) and other dad assistants
3.30-3.45	Afternoon tea	Sibling surprise (until 4.45pm)
3.45-4.45	Concurrent sessions: Endocrine issues for hemi children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Precious puberty • Weight management Supporting independence	Dr Joel Vanderneit, Paediatric endocrinologist, Sydney Children's Hospital Dr Lyndal Hickey, Research Fellow Department of Social Work, Melbourne University and Research Associate, Neurodisability and Rehabilitation. Murdoch Children's Research Institute
Close Day One		
6.00pm onwards	Hemicon 2023 Family Dinner	Fratelli Fresh Darling Harbour

SATURDAY 20TH MAY: Mariner Rooms A & B, Adina Apartment Hotel

Time	Session	Presenter/Facilitator
9.30-10.30	Neurophysiotherapy for hemispherectomy children – short and sharp vs longer term	Denny Giguere, Physiotherapist Educator and Neuro Physiotherapist University of Queensland
10.30-10.45	Morning tea	
10.45-11.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post operative brain care • Q&A • Hydrocephalus from a parent’s perspective 	Dr Mark Dexter, Neurosurgeon Westmead Children’s Hospital Ms Kathryn Singleton (TBC)
11.30-12.30	Concurrent sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independence or transitioning to independence – Hemi adult and young person’s group (age 16 years+) • Supervised Darling Harbour excursions (16 and under) • All things Hemi/HFA past & future – what I need moving forward? Informed decision making. 	Dr Lyndal Hickey, Research Fellow Department of Social Work, Melbourne University and Research Associate, Neurodisability and Rehabilitation. Murdoch Children’s Research Institute Kids club carers Facilitated by Kathy Payne & Carolyn Pinto (Hemi mums and HFA executive)
12.30 – 1.30	Lunch	
1.30-2.00	Hemi hero acknowledgment	Presenter TBA
2.00-3.00	HFA Annual General Meeting	HFA Executive
4.00pm	Conference close	