



Victorian Cytology Service

VCS Medical Staff



VCS MEDICAL STAFF



From left to right: Associate Professor Marion Saville, Associate Professor Dorota Gertig, Dr Julia Brotherton

Assoc. Prof. Marion Saville

MB ChB, Am Bd (Anat Path & Cytopath), FIAC, Grad Dip Med (Clin Epi)

Executive Director – Victorian Cytology Service

A/Prof Saville was appointed Director of VCS in July 2000. She is a New Zealand medical graduate who trained in cytopathology and histopathology in the United States. She is a Fellow of the International Academy of Cytology and serves on the Membership Committee of the Academy.

A/Prof Saville's major interest is in cervical screening policy and planning and she has completed a Graduate Diploma in Clinical Epidemiology at the University of Sydney in 1998.

A/Prof Saville has served on a number of advisory committees most recently the Advisory Panels for the Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC); Reference 39 "Human papillomavirus triage test for women with possible or definite low-grade squamous intra-epithelial abnormalities of the cervix", and MSAC application 1122 "The ThinPrep® System for Cervical Cancer Screening".

A/Prof Saville has also been involved in the HPV Working Party to the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI); The Policy and New Technologies subcommittee of the Australian Screening Advisory Committee (ASAC) and she was a member of the National Health and Medical Research Committee (NHMRC) reviewing the Guidelines for the Management of Asymptomatic Women with Screen Detected Abnormalities, chairing the terminology working group.

She is currently the President of the Australian Society of Cytology.

Assoc. Prof. Dorota Gertig

MBBS (Hons), MHSc, ScD, FAFPHM

Medical Director VCCR/Epidemiologist VCS Inc

Dr Gertig is a medical graduate from Monash University who completed her Masters in Clinical Epidemiology at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver and a Doctorate in Epidemiology at the Harvard School of Public Health. During her postdoctoral training she worked on the Harvard Nurses Health Study and was an Instructor at Harvard Medical School before returning to Australia in 2000. She has extensive research experience in cancer epidemiology and special interests in the molecular epidemiology of cancer and cancer screening.

Dr Gertig has published widely in medical literature and has held several large grants from NHMRC and the NIH (USA). She is a member of several National and State committees related to cervical screening including: The National Safety Monitoring Committee for the NHMRC Guidelines, NPAAC Cytology Drafting Committee and the Colposcopy QA Steering Committee.

Dr Julia Brotherton

B Med (Hons), MPH (Hons), Grad Dip App Epi, FAFPHM

Director – National HPV Program Vaccination Register/ Epidemiologist VCS Inc

Julia Brotherton is a public health physician and Medical Director of Australia's National HPV Vaccination Program Register. She is a medical graduate from the University of Newcastle, NSW, and has a Masters degree in Public Health from the University of Sydney. She completed her speciality training in Public Health Medicine through the NSW Public Health Officers Training Program, and obtained her Fellowship in Public Health Medicine in 2003. For the past six years Julia has been involved in research and policy development informing the implementation and evaluation of HPV vaccination programs in Australia.



From left to right: Dr Siew Chin Lian, Dr Stella Heley, Dr Siobhan Bourke, Dr Lara Roeske

Whilst working as a senior research fellow at the National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance of Vaccine Preventable Diseases (NCIRS), Julia served as a member of, and technical writer for, the HPV Working Party of the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation. She is a member of the HPV Surveillance Working Party of the Communicable Diseases Network Australia and of the WHO HPV Monitoring and Surveillance working group. Julia is currently undertaking a PhD on HPV vaccination in Australia.

Dr Siew Chin Lian

MBBS, FRCPA

Managing Pathologist

Dr Siew Chin Lian is a medical graduate from the National University of Singapore. She trained in anatomical pathology at the Singapore General Hospital and obtained the FRCPA in 1998. She subsequently worked as a Histopathologist at the Singapore General Hospital, before specialising in Gynaecological histopathology at the KKH Women's and Children's Hospital Singapore.

Dr Lian relocated to Melbourne and joined VCS in May 2005.

Dr Stella Heley

BA (Hons), MB BS, Dip Ven (Lond), FACHSHM

Senior Liaison Physician

Dr Stella Heley is a Sexual Health Physician and the Senior Liaison Physician at VCS. Since joining VCS in 1989 Stella has spoken to hundreds of doctors and Pap test providers about the cervical screening program and other areas of sexual health. She has given innumerable lectures and offers regular on-going support to our users. Her expertise in sexual health medicine, particularly in sexually transmittable infections, often leads to extensive discussion of these issues.

Stella has written regularly on these topics for a number of medical journals. She was a member of the HPV Vaccine Working Party of ATAGI (Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunization) and is a current member of the Victorian Cervical Cytology Registry Advisory Committee.

Dr Siobhan Bourke

FACHSHM, MPH, MBBS (hon), Grad Cert PH (Sexual Health)

Liaison Physician

Dr Siobhan Bourke, a Sexual Health Physician, joined VCS in 2006 as a Liaison Physician to support VCS's commitment to providing educational services to Pap screen providers across Victoria.

Siobhan's strong interest in medical education led her to work in Medical and Humanitarian Aid in a number of countries including India as part of an HIV prevention program. Having worked with Family Planning Victoria for several years, Siobhan also has particular expertise in the area of contraception.

Dr Lara Roeske

MBBS Hons, FRACGP Dip Venereology

Liaison Physician

Dr Lara Roeske is a General Practitioner who joined VCS as a Liaison Physician in 2009. Her interests include preventative health, women's health and sexual health. She is also actively involved in medical education at all levels.

As a GP, Lara is committed to providing high-quality medical care to her patients with a focus on the health of women and their families. She is dedicated to improving the knowledge of the importance of screening to prevent cervical cancer to women with disabilities and their general practitioners.



From left to right: Dr Kristy Dundas, Dr Trishe Leong, Dr Daryl Johnson, Dr Shaw Ping Tong, Dr Henry Yeung

Dr Kristy Dundas

MB BS, FRCPA

Pathologist

Dr Kristy Dundas graduated in medicine from Melbourne University and subsequently trained in anatomical pathology at the Austin, Alfred and Royal Women's Hospitals. She then pursued her interest in cytology as a Fellow at the British Columbia Cancer Agency in Vancouver, Canada before returning to Melbourne as a consultant pathologist at Cytopath, a practice specialising in gynaecological cytology and histology. Having worked in the private sector for several years she then visited the Karolinska Hospital in Stockholm, Sweden. Here she gained further experience in gynaecological and non-gynaecological cytology before joining VCS in early 2002.

Dr Trishe Leong

MB BS, (Hons), FRCPA, MBA (Exec)

Deputy Managing Pathologist

Dr Trishe Leong graduated in medicine with honours from the University of Adelaide and subsequently trained in Anatomical Pathology at the Royal Women's, Austin and St Vincents Hospitals, completing her fellowship in 2005.

After working as a histopathologist at Monash Medical Centre, Dr Leong joined the VCS in late 2006. She has special interests in gynaecological pathology and immunohistochemistry.

Dr Daryl Johnson

MB BS, FRCPA

Pathologist

Dr Johnson completed his medical training at Monash University in 1999. He commenced his anatomical pathology training in 2002 in Albury NSW and completed his training at St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne and the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre. He was awarded fellowship of the College of Pathologists of Australasia in 2007.

Dr Johnson commenced sessional work at the VCS in 2008, and also reports a broad range of histopathology and cytopathology at St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne and St John of God Hospital, Ballarat.

Dr Shaw Ping Tong

MB ChB, FRCPA

Pathologist

Dr Tong obtained his undergraduate medical degree from The University of Glasgow in Scotland and trained in Histo/cytology in Adelaide before joining Monash Medical Centre as a pathologist. Dr Tong joined VCS on a part-time basis in September 2008. His special interest is in skin pathology and gynaecological cytology.

Dr Henry Yeung

MB BS, FRCPA

Pathologist

Dr Henry Yeung is a Hong Kong medical graduate completing his training in anatomical pathology at the Queen Mary Hospital, Hong Kong. Dr Yeung also trained in cytopathology in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide. At the University of Hong Kong Dr Yeung assisted in the development of the cytopathology service, which was the only laboratory in Hong Kong specialising in cytopathology services particularly fine needle aspiration biopsy.

Dr Yeung later relocated to Melbourne and joined staff of VCS at the beginning of 1998.