Dear Colleagues and Alumni,

You are warmly invited to an exciting evening with two highly regarded keynote speakers: Dr Daniel Ehrlich, presently Head of Optometry and Moorfields Eye Hospital, UK, and Dr Michael Hennessy, renowned for his work on glaucoma pathways. They will be presenting on optometry's role in chronic disease management in the health systems of the UK and Australia respectively, and providing a picture of likely future developments in this area.

We hope you will join us as we seek to understand how optometry can best contribute to the management of chronic disease. As always, there is no cost for you and there will be opportunities for you to catch up with your friends, colleagues and staff at the School over light refreshments. The schedule for the event is below.

**Title:** UNSW School of Optometry and Vision Science Alumni Continuing Education Evening – Optometry’s role in chronic disease management in the health system

**When:** Wednesday 2nd November, 2016

**Where:** Rupert Myers Theatre, School of Optometry and Vision Science, University of New South Wales, Kensington Campus (enter Gate 14, Barker Street)

**Schedule:**
- 5:15 - 5.50 pm: Registration / Light Refreshments - UNSW Optometry Clinic
- 5:50 – 6:00 pm: Official Welcome and Address – Professor Fiona Stapleton
- 6.00 – 6.30 pm: **Keynote 1: Dr Daniel Ehrlich:**
  
  *Extending the role of hospital optometry in the UK*

- 6.30 – 7.00 pm: **Keynote 2: Dr Michael Hennessy**
  
  *Patient centric pathways of glaucoma care*

- 7.00 – 7.15 pm: **Panel Discussion: Speakers**
  - What are the factors that have influenced the role of optometrists in providing ophthalmic care in the past 5 years in Australia and the UK?
  - What factors are likely to influence these roles in the future?

- 7.15 – 7.20 pm: Closing comments – Professor Fiona Stapleton

**RSVP Essential:** [https://www.science.unsw.edu.au/events/optometry-and-vision-science-alumni-evening-1](https://www.science.unsw.edu.au/events/optometry-and-vision-science-alumni-evening-1)

Enquiries may be directed to (02) 9385 5287.

**CPD points applied for:** 2.5 points
MORE ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS – 2nd November 2016

Dr. Daniel P. Ehrlich

Dan Ehrlich has been Head of Optometry at Moorfields Eye Hospital since 2003 where he was previously Deputy Head of Optometry, Head of the Contact Lens Clinic and Optometric Training & Development. He lectures widely on medical contact lenses and his main clinical interests are the applications of contact lenses for keratoconus, post corneal surgery and therapeutic contact lenses, and developing specialist RGP lens designs.

Over the past 10 years he has overseen the department expansion to over 100 optometrists and helped to expand optometrists’ clinical role across the ophthalmic sub-specialities (with increasing numbers of roles utilising Independent Prescribing) developing the clinical protocols and education programmes. He serves on numerous hospital committees, is an Examiner for the College of Optometrists, a College of Optometrists pre-registration supervisor, a member of the College Optometrists Hospital Optometrists Reference Group. Previous roles include Chairman of the Hospital Optometry Committee, Member of the Optometry Today Editorial Advisory Panel and member of the College Education Committee.

Abstract of presentation, “Extending the role of hospital optometry in the UK’

The shared care or extended role of optometrists in the UK has evolved over the past 10 years with the introduction of independent prescribing and college higher qualifications now being adopted increasingly in protocols used in hospital. This presentation will explore the different roles that hospital based optometrists have when working independently in optometry led clinics as well when working in ophthalmologist led clinics in hospital settings.

Dr. Michael Hennessy, BMedSc, MBBS, MBiomedE, FRANZCO

Dr Hennessy has provided Public and Private sector eye health care for 22 years in various settings. In addition to practice at Bondi Junction, he is a part time staff specialist ophthalmologist at the Eye Clinic at Prince of Wales Hospital (POWH). At POWH, he was the Director of Ophthalmology registrar training and part of the management team for the eye clinic and the Outback Eye Service – an eye care initiative provided by POWH. Current public sector ophthalmology work includes Lightning Ridge Health Service, and Bourke Hospital. Previous work includes as an ophthalmologist at Griffith Base Hospital.
Dr Hennessy is on the National Qualification and Education committee at RANZCO, on the RANZCO Council, as well as on the NSW State Branch Committee of RANZCO. He has also devoted his efforts to the Ophthalmology Network of the Agency for Clinical Innovation (ACI-ON), a statutory authority of the NSW Ministry of Health. Recently the ACI-ON has examined public sector eye care pathways for the preventable blindness from cataract, glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy. Dr Hennessy led the development of an improved pathway for the referral of patients with cataract to NSW public hospitals including a role for optometrists in the pathway. He helped develop the relationship between POWH Ophthalmology and the Centre for Eye Health which has recently been expanded with the Shared Glaucoma Care clinic. Dr Hennessy has supported the development of expanded public ophthalmology service at other Sydney public hospitals.

Dr Hennessy has recently commenced enrolment part time towards a PhD in the UNSW Faculty of Medicine and the Centre for Big Data Research in Health, using Linked Health data to examine the relationship of cataract surgery to overall health status and longevity. Dr Hennessy has had an educator role at the School of Optometry and Vision Science at UNSW, particularly the ‘Optometry, Medicine & Patient Management’ course. Dr Hennessy has co-authored 14 peer reviewed publications, and is the co-author of a textbook chapter “Medical Ophthalmology” in Essentials of Internal Medicine by Nicholas J Talley, B. F. & Currow, D. (Eds.). Elsevier, 2015, pages 727-742.

Abstract of presentation, “Patient centric pathways of glaucoma care”

The role for optometrists in glaucoma care in NSW has evolved over a considerable time period: from the recognition of ocular therapeutic (OT) qualifications to the current OBA’s Optometry guidelines for use of scheduled medicines and the challenge of outlining safe patient care pathways. The glaucoma diagnosis and treatment framework needs to not only capture the principles for optometrist review, early disease detection and timely referral for treatment but also needs to set a template for optometrists dealing with other treatable, potentially blinding eye conditions. The current status of glaucoma care in NSW will be reviewed with an emphasis on the patient journey in various circumstances, and the skills optometrists need to practice effectively and safely.