

Briz Brain & Spine Conference Program
The Emporium, South Brisbane, 31 May & 1 June 2025
“Spinal & Neurosurgical Essentials for GPs – Treatment Algorithms”

Saturday, 31 May		
11:00 – 11:50	Registration & Lunch	
11:50 – 12:00	Welcome	Dr Richard Kahler, Neurosurgeon & Managing Director, Briz Brain & Spine
12:00 – 12:30	Keynote Address: A Dream Needs a Team	Mr Matthew Ames, Director, Ames Developments Pty Ltd
12:30 – 13:15	Education Session 1: Algorithm for Managing Stroke and Bleeds	Dr Jon Reimers, Neurologist, Briz Brain & Spine
13:15 – 14:00	Education Session 2: Algorithm for High-Grade Brain Malignancies	Dr Hamish Alexander, Neurosurgeon, Briz Brain & Spine Prof David Walker, Neurosurgeon, Briz Brain & Spine Assoc Prof Mark Pinkham, Radiation Oncologist, Icon Cancer Centre
14:00 – 14:30	Case Study Learning	Dr Jon Reimers, Neurologist, Briz Brain & Spine
14:30 – 15:00	Afternoon Tea	
15:00 – 15:45	Education Session 3: Cervical Pain Algorithm	Dr Richard Kahler, Neurosurgeon, Briz Brain & Spine
15:45 – 16:30	Education Session 4: Lower Back Pain Algorithm	Dr Steven Yang, Spinal Orthopaedic Surgeon, Briz Brain & Spine Dr Gunjeet Minhas, Specialist Pain Medicine Physician, Brisbane Pain Medicine
16:30 – 17:00	Case Study Learning	Prof David Walker, Neurosurgeon, Briz Brain & Spine
17:00 – 20:00	Delegate & Industry Networking Cocktail Party	BBS Specialists, Speakers, Sponsors, Delegates
Sunday, 1 June		
08:25 – 08:30	Morning Welcome + Program Overview	Prof Terry Coyne OAM, Neurosurgeon, Briz Brain & Spine
08:30 – 09:15	Education Session 5: Finding the Ghost in the Machine	Prof Terry Coyne OAM, Neurosurgeon, Briz Brain & Spine
09:15 – 10:00	Education Session 6: Facial Pain Algorithm	Dr Norman Ma, Neurosurgeon, Briz Brain & Spine Dr Robert Adam, Neurologist, Adam Neurology
10:00 – 10:30	Case Study Learning	Dr Patrick Pearce, Neurosurgeon, Briz Brain & Spine Dr Tuan Ha, Radiation Oncologist, GenesisCare
10:30 – 11:00	Morning Tea	
11:00 – 11:45	Education Session 7: Scoliosis Treatment Flowchart – Adult v Paediatric	Dr Steven Yang, Spinal Orthopaedic Surgeon, Briz Brain & Spine Dr Geoff Askin, Spinal Orthopaedic Surgeon, Briz Brain & Spine
11:45 – 12:30	Education Session 8: Medico-legal Concerns – Implications of stepping outside the guidelines to personalise treatment	Dr Frank Tomlinson, Neurosurgeon, Briz Brain & Spine Dr David Pakchung, Head of Practice Claims (Civil), Avant Mutual
12:30 – 13:00	Case Study Learning	Dr Mathew Davis, Spinal Orthopaedic Surgeon, Briz Brain & Spine
13:00 – 14:00	Close and Lunch	