

Briz Brain & Spine Conference Program
The Sofitel, Brisbane
Saturday 9th May 2026
“Symptoms to Surgery – The GP Guide to Brain & Spine”

Saturday, 9 May		
8:00 – 8:30	Coffee & Registration	
8:30 – 8:45	Welcome	Dr Richard Kahler, Neurosurgeon & Managing Director, Briz Brain & Spine
8:45 – 9:30	Keynote Address	Prof Michael Milford, Director, QUT Centre for Robotics
9:30 – 10:15	Session 1: The Spine in Primary Care – Low Back Pain, Sciatica & Degenerative Conditions	Dr Mathew Davis, Spinal Orthopaedic Surgeon, Briz Brain & Spine
10:15 – 10:45	Morning Tea	
10:45 – 11:30	Session 2: Neck Pain & Cervical Myelopathy – Subtle Signs of Cord Compression	Dr Richard Kahler, Neurosurgeon, Briz Brain & Spine
11:30 – 12:15	Session 3: Headaches, Seizures & Brain Lesions – When to Image & When to Refer	Dr Hamish Alexander, Neurosurgeon, Briz Brain & Spine Dr Sarah Mills, Neurosurgeon, Briz Brain & Spine
12:15 – 13:00	Lunch	
13:00 – 13:45	Session 4: Emergencies & Post-Op Red Flags for GPs	Dr Patrick Pearce, Neurosurgeon, Briz Brain & Spine
13:45 – 14:30	Session 5: Unusual Neurosurgical Presentations: Peripheral Nerves, Chiari Malformation & Movement Disorders	Dr Terry Coyne, Neurosurgeon, Briz Brain & Spine Dr Norman Ma, Neurosurgeon, Briz Brain & Spine
14:30 – 15:00	Afternoon Tea	
15:00 – 17:00	Case Study Breakout Session	Chaired by Dr David Walker, Neurosurgeon, Briz Brain & Spine All specialists to be involved in breakout group discussions
17:00 – 17:30	Ask the Experts – Q&A Panel	
17:30 – 20:00	Networking Cocktail Dinner	