

Sydney Panellists

Professor Steven Boyages

Professor Steven Boyages has recently been appointed as Chief Executive of the newly formed Clinical Education and Training Institute (CETI). Prior to this Professor Boyages was the Chief Executive initially for Western Sydney Area Health Service and in the last 5 ½ years as Chief Executive for Sydney West Area Health Service. He has professorial appointments to the University of Sydney and the University of Western Sydney.

Steven is a hybrid clinician CEO who is an endocrinologist. Steven is a recognised thought leader in the development of health information systems that facilitate patient centred care. He chaired the State's Electronic Health Record Program and was instrumental in the design and rollout of innovative Health Business Intelligence systems.

Steven previously was the foundation director of the Centre for Research and Clinical Policy in NSW Health in 1999. During that time he established the Priority Health Programs funded to the tune of \$15 million per annum; doubled the Research Infrastructure Grants Program; established the Quality Branch of NSW Health and was appointed as Clinical Advisor to the Director General to implement the Government Action Plan for Health Reform. He was previously the Director of Diabetes and Endocrinology at Westmead Hospital from 1990 to 1999.

Sonya Hilberts

Sonya Hilberts manages NEHTA's (National E-Health Transition Authority) strategic direction for education, training and research. Her responsibilities include:

- Strategic plan development and implementation for e-health education, training and research
- Management of current investment in e-health education and training across NEHTA;
- Work with the health informatics sector to build the capacity of the organisations that represent and support health informaticians;
- Facilitate the development and implementation of education and training materials through health professional representative organisations.

Prior to NEHTA, Sonya's previous health and education roles included, National Executive Manager, National Learning and Development Manager, Senior Policy Analyst, Senior Project Officer, University and TAFE facilitator, Education Manager, Hospital Educator, International Trauma Educator, Critical Care Educator, and Learning and Development and Organisational Development Consultant.

She has specialised in designing and delivering non accredited and accredited curriculum and professional development programs in medium to large corporate government and non-government organisations.

Professor Siaw-Teng Liaw

Teng Liaw is Professor of General Practice and Director, SW Sydney LHD General Practice Unit. His research revolves around primary and integrated care informatics, information quality, patient decision aids and clinical decision support, with a focus on chronic disease prevention, management and quality use of medicines in mainstream and multicultural communities.

Professor Liaw is nationally and internationally acknowledged as a leading general practice and health informatics researcher. He sits on the editorial boards of a number of family/general practice and health informatics journals, a number of peer-review panels for national and international competitive grants and scientific conferences, the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) International Affairs Committee and the International Medical Informatics Association (IMIA) Academy Task Group. He is a Foundation Fellow of the Australian College of Health Informatics and was President from 2005-2007. He is the current chair of the RACGP National Research, Evaluation and Ethics Committee.

Professor Liaw is a member of the NSW Health Acute Care Taskforce and is active in the standardization of activities on clinical handover between general practice, community-based and hospital-based facilities.