Clinical trials and impact on practice: Are they good value for the money?

Prof. John Simes

When: Friday 15th February 2012
3:00pm – 4:00pm

Where: Medical Foundation Building Auditorium
92-94 Parramatta Road, Camperdown

Biography
Professor John Simes trained for his doctoral degree at University of Sydney, qualifying for a Master of Science in Biostatistics at Harvard University (and subsequently received a Harvard Biostatistics Alum award in 2009). As Senior Principal Research Fellow and Founding Director of the National Health and Medical Research Council, Clinical Trials Centre at the University of Sydney, Professor Simes has led a research program aimed at improving health practice and health outcomes through better use of clinical trials research. He serves on many clinical trials research committees and advisory boards, including cancer co-operative groups (AGITG, ANZ BCTG, COGNO, CTDU) and in cardiovascular studies (LIPID, FIELD, VIGOUR, INSPIRE).

Professor Simes was appointed director of the Sydney Catalyst translational cancer research centre, a virtual centre of cancer researchers in central Sydney and regional NSW in 2011.

Additionally, Professor Simes practices as a medical oncologist at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. He is a Professor of Clinical Epidemiology at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Sydney, teaching decision analysis and its use in cost-effectiveness analysis in the Master of Public Health and Clinical Epidemiology courses. He has participated in a wide range of scientific committees including the Medical Services Advisory Committee from (1996 to 2004, and has chaired the Large-scale Trials Committee for NHMRC (2000-2007) and Cancer Institute NSW Board (2004–2010).

Professor Simes’ research interests include clinical trials methodology, quality of life assessment and integrating trial evidence with the goal of improving clinical practice and health outcomes.

Refreshments to be served afterward.