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Melbourne, AUSTRALIA 27 January 2011 AARNet, Australia's Academic and Research Network and The Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne are joining forces to host a one-day national conference for the Australian medical community, exploring children's eating disorders. The live event, which will be facilitated on AARNet's videoconferencing network, will be conducted on Friday, 28th January 2011 from 9am to 5pm AEDT.

Designed to explore severe eating disorders in infants and young children and discuss approaches to assessing and treating feeding difficulties, the conference aims to share the latest research, findings and insights with the broader medical community. With presentations from The Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne and Mater Children's Hospital, Brisbane, keynote speakers include Professor Marguerite Dunitz-Scheer and Professor Peter Scheer, from the University of Graz, Austria.

Chris Hancock, CEO of AARNet, said, Part of AARNet's role as enabler to the Australian science and research communities is to drive leading-edge initiatives including the study of e-health, ensuring doctors and medical associates from around Australia have the ability to share knowledge and collaborate on important medical topics.

Associate Professor Campbell Paul, Principal Consultant Infant Psychiatrist, The Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne, said, Eating disorders in infants and young children are a serious concern for parents and medical professionals alike. Live videoconferencing has opened up a new era of collaboration for the medical community tackling these issues. It makes it simple for our team to link with interstate and overseas colleagues to explore the latest approaches to treatments and discuss issues around children's eating disorders. The Education Resource Centre at The Royal Children's Hospital has developed networks for videoconferencing in the area of child health. With the support of videoconferencing technology, we are able to share our findings with a wide range of medical professionals, dietitians and paediatricians, ultimately providing our patients with superior healthcare. Major hospitals attending the videoconferencing event include the Women's and Children's Hospital Adelaide, Princess Margaret Hospital for Children Perth and the Alice Springs Hospital.

To register for the event, contact Dr Megan Chapman at The Royal Children's Hospital on [megan.chapman@rch.org.au](mailto:megan.chapman@rch.org.au)

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