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# Paws Under Pressure: *An Emergency Medicine Conference*

21 - 23 October 2024 | State Library, Victoria



# UNDER PRESSURE

**An emergency presentation comes through the door – how do you feel? Vaguely panicked? Completely terrified? Quietly confident?**

Navigating the shift from routine veterinary consults to emergency cases demands a unique skill set. The upcoming conference, led by experienced expatriate Australian vets Kate Hopper and Dominic Barfield, promises to equip attendees with the ability to seamlessly transition between these modes.

Focused on developing an instinctive approach, the event will provide practical rules of thumb to avoid cognitive overload in high-pressure situations. Topics include collapsed patient management, CPR updates, respiratory distress strategies, handling intoxications, and pain relief within the ER. Hopper and Barfield, drawing from personal experiences, aim to guide participants in steering clear of common pitfalls in critical care.

**Register now and take advantage of our CVE Member Early Bird rates until Friday 23 August 2024.**

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# Conference Program

## Day 1: Monday 21 October Initial Assessment and Stabilisation

08.00	Registration
08.30	Welcome – Simone Maher
08.35	Lecture: The collapsed patient – Dom Barfield
09.20	Q&A
09.30	Lecture: CPR – update on approach and getting the team involved – Kate Hopper
10.20	Q&A
10.30	Morning Tea/Coffee
10.50	Lecture: Clinical decision-making using POCUS – Dom Barfield
11.40	Q&A
11.50	Lecture: Evaluation of oxygenation in the critical Patient – Kate Hopper
12.40	Q&A
12.50	Lunch
1.35	Lecture: Venous blood gas interpretation – integration with pulse ox readings and physical examination – Kate Hopper
2.15	Q&A
2.25	Lecture: Pain relief and sedation in the ER – Merrin Hicks
3.05	Q&A
3.15	Afternoon Tea
3.30	Lecture: What test is best, and when to do them? – Dom Barfield
4.20	Q&A
4.30	Day 1 – Close

## Day 2: Tuesday 22 October – Respiratory Distress

08.00	Lecture: Common errors made in the ER/ICU (and how to avoid them) – Dom Barfield
08.50	Q&A
09.00	Lecture: Respiratory distress localisation I – Kate Hopper
09.50	Q&A
10.00	Morning Tea/Coffee
10.20	Lecture: Respiratory distress localisation II – Kate Hopper
11.05	Q&A
11.15	Lecture: Stabilising the septic patient – Dom Barfield
12.05	Q&A
12.15	Lunch
1.00	Lecture: Antibiotic use in sick patients – Dom Barfield
1.45	Q&A
1.55	Lecture: Mechanical ventilation 101 – what you can achieve in your own practice – Kate Hopper
2.40	Q&A
2.50	Afternoon Tea
3.05	Lecture: The dogma of blocked cats – Dom Barfield
3.50	Q&A
4.00	Day 2 – Close

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## Day 3: Wednesday 23 October

### Toxins, Venoms and Poisons

08.00 Lecture: Ingested toxin/overdose management  
– Kate Hopper

08.50 Q&A

09.00 Lecture: Status epilepticus (including toxicants  
that cause seizures)  
– Sam Long

09.50 Q&A

10.00 Morning Tea/Coffee

10.20 Lecture: Interpreting coagulation tests and case  
studies of patients with coagulopathies  
– Dom Barfield

11.05 Q&A

11.15 Lecture: Practicalities of blood transfusions in  
cats and dogs – Kate Hopper

12.05 Q&A

12.15 Lunch

1.00 Lecture: Australian nasties: snakes, ticks and  
spiders – Merrin Hicks

1.45 Q&A

1.55 Lecture: Firey topics: are there any approaches  
you disagree on? Let's have it out on stage  
– Kate Hopper, Dom Barfield, Merrin Hicks  
(moderated by Simone Maher)

2.40 Q&A

2.50 Afternoon Tea

3.05 Lecture: Hot seat – questions for the experts  
– Kate Hopper, Dom Barfield & Merrin Hicks

3.50 Q&A

4.00 Conference Close

# Speakers



**Dominic Barfield**  
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**Kate Hopper**  
BVSc, MVS, PhD, DACVECC



**Sam Long**  
BVSc PhD DipECVN



**Merrin Hicks**  
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# Pricing

Take advantage of our CVE Member Early Bird rates until midnight **Friday 23 August 2024**.

Member Type	Early Bird Conference Rate	Full Conference Rate
Member*	\$1,710	\$1,800
Recent Graduate Member Part-Time Professional Member	\$1,070	\$1,125
Student Member	N/A	\$900
Non-member eMember	N/A	\$2,250

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