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WHEN THINGS GET INTERESTING

In my role as CEO of Cystic Fibrosis Australia I often feel like I've got a foot in two worlds at the same time. On the one hand I have to stay abreast of constant changing and updating medical information and track the fundamentals of a disease that can be traced to the very depths of the human genome.

On the other hand, I strive to stay in touch with the lived experience of Cystic Fibrosis as a personal, daily battle that sometimes claims lives. The gulf has made my head spin on a number of occasions and I tell you that I'm not the only one.

But the two worlds of Lay and Medical are linked in deep ways, the one tends to inform the other.

Every two years the Australasian CF communities get the chance to come together and really take stock of what is happening.

- *What emerging technologies will play the most vital role in symptom relief for the next generation of Australians with CF?*
- *What are the current health risks and infections?*
- *How are people with CF affected by co-morbidities?*
- *What are the key considerations pre and post transplant?*
- *What are the ramifications of viruses like COVID-19 on infection control and social hygiene?*
- *Should individuals with CF be more concerned about Climate and Air Pollution?*
- *How can Mental Health be managed more effectively?*

Right now the world - both worlds, Lay and Medical - are getting extremely interesting.

I know you have big questions of your own and I can tell you how to get them answered: Follow our link and put forward your topic for the Australasian Cystic Fibrosis Lay Conference in 2021.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021LayConference>

We look forward to hearing your ideas and then seeing you in Hobart in August 2021.

Kind regards



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