

# Doherty Seminar Series

## Thunderstorm Asthma

**Thursday, 13 August 12.00pm – 1.00pm**

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Outline: The November 2016 epidemic of thunderstorm asthma in Melbourne was unprecedented. The combination of severe weather, high pollen counts and an at risk population saw emergency services overwhelmed and resulted in the deaths of 10 people. Identifying the risk factors for such severe outcomes provides evidence to keep the population safe in the face of a likely recurrence.



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