

**Bladder**

**Exstrophy**

**Epispadias**

**Cloacal Exstrophy**

**Hypospadias**

**Australian**

**Community**

To register for the **Training Day** use the Training Day Registration Form on the BEECHAC website at [www.beechac.org](http://www.beechac.org) click on conferences.

For information about the conference agenda, registration, accommodation and other arrangements go to our website or contact BEECHAC email [info@beechnac.org](mailto:info@beechnac.org) phone (02) 9516 3395 or (02) 444 83050

*As part of the training, Dr Reiner will demonstrate how to conduct a group support session with several adolescents with a BEECH condition. Leading questions will be asked that allow the adolescents to express their anxieties, fears, hopes, needs and positive stories.*

*Participants will be given a certificate at the end of the day outlining the information covered in the training.*

*BEECHAC Inc is bringing together people living with Bladder Exstrophy, Epispadias, Cloacal Exstrophy & Hypospadias and working with health professionals towards a more caring, holistic and life long health care approach.*

BEECHAC Inc  
Inaugural Conference  
***Towards the Future***

**Training Day for Health Professionals**  
*Psycho/sexual/social issues for people with a BEECH condition*  
9am – 4.30pm  
Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2010

**Coogee Bay Hotel**

Arden Street, Coogee, Sydney



## About the trainers & the training day

The **Training Day** will be facilitated by two world experts from the USA in the area of psycho/sexual/social issues for people with a BEECH condition and/or a Disorder of Sexual Development (DSD).

**Professor William G Reiner** is the director of the Psychosexual Development Clinic at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Centre in Oklahoma City. He is known for his longitudinal studies of development in children born with major congenital birth defects of the genito-urinary system, including Bladder Exstrophy – Epispadias, anomalous genitalia and similar disorders. Dr Reiner's clinical and research focuses on the psychosocial and psychosexual growth and development of children at all ages and stages of their development into adulthood and the long term effects on parents and siblings.

**G. William Deegan**, LMSW, CASAC, a psychotherapist practicing in New York, is the executive director of the Hypospadias and Epispadias Association (HEA) in the USA. Billy provides training around DSDs to health professionals and families living with genital differences. His goal is to see all DSD advocacy groups together under one large umbrella, to ensure DSDs are treated by multidisciplinary teams in centres of excellence.

### **Training will address:**

- disorders of sexual development, the causes and treatment options
- an overview of the psycho/sexual/social needs in each period of the patient's life cycle, common psychological issues and treatments
- barriers health professionals face in the provision of quality care.

For agenda details, go to the BEECHAC website: <http://beechac.org>

## Training Day Aims

- To provide an opportunity for health professionals to gain an understanding of the complex medical and psychological issues of people with a BEECH condition and their families and friends.
- To encourage a more holistic approach to the treatment of people with a BEECH condition that includes the psychological needs of the patients and their family and friends.
- To provide health professionals with an understanding of their own emotional response to people with a BEECH and/or DSD condition
- To provide an opportunity for health professionals from throughout Australia to meet each other and strengthen their support networks and opportunities to learn from each other about DSD's.
- To stimulate collaboration and encourage dialogue about important issues related to people with BEECH conditions and their families, such as policies related to medical transitions from child to adult patient.
- To encourage a whole of life, holistic approach to the treatment and care of people with BEECH conditions and their families

## Who should attend?

- **Medical specialists** including paediatricians, paediatric & adult urologists, plastic surgeons, gynaecologists and orthopaedic surgeons
- **General practitioners** and other professionals from community general practices or clinics
- **Psychiatrists, psychologists, and psychotherapists** working in hospitals, community centres or in private practice
- **University medical lecturers/educators** those teaching student doctors, nurses, psychologists and counsellors
- **Counsellors** from hospitals, schools, tertiary education, employment & community venues
- **Nurse specialists** in the areas of urology, continence, stomatherapy, and plastic surgery
- **Physiotherapists and alternative health professionals** such as osteopaths and naturopaths
- **Policy advisors** from Commonwealth and state government health and disability policy areas
- **Disability support agency representatives** from Continence Australia, Ostomy Australia, Siblings Australia, Carers Australia, Rare Diseases Associations, and others
- **Research project staff** studying BEECH conditions and rare diseases in research institutions, universities and hospitals
- **Community advocates/representatives** who support people with disabilities as well as school teachers and school support staff