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Keynote Speaker

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The promise and potential of adolescent and youth health

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Dr. George Patton is Professor of Adolescent Health Research at the University of Melbourne and a Senior Principal Research Fellow with the National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia. Dr. Patton's research has elucidated numerous key issues in adolescent health such as the effects of puberty on health and social adjustment, adolescent onset mental disorder and its consequences for life chances, as well as eating disorders and obesity, self-harm and substance abuse in young people. He chairs Australia's Institute of Health and Welfare advisory groups on "A picture of Australia's children" and "Young Australians, their health and well-being" and, for the past decade, he has advised the World Health Organization on adolescent health and development. At the forefront of international comparative research on adolescent health, Dr. Patton has led recent global studies covering causes of death and burden of disease among adolescents and young adults as well as a first systematic overview of the health of the world's adolescents to appear in the Lancet in April 2012.
