

This year's World Prostate Cancer Congress starts in Cairns next week

Best in field to visit city

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WORLD leaders in medical research and technology will converge on Cairns next week as the city hosts the 2015 World Prostate Cancer Congress.

About 1000 doctors will be in the tropics for the five-day conference, which begins on Monday at the Cairns Convention Centre.

Cairns urologist Dr Neil

Gordon said the congress would discuss all facets of prostate cancer management, treatment and also scientific advancement.

"As a specialist living in the Far North, we often have to travel for training and conferences to stay updated with the latest developments and advances in the field," he said.

"So for an event of such a high calibre to come to our city, it's very exciting.

"For many medical professionals living in the area, this is an excellent opportunity to learn from and mingle with the best of the best."

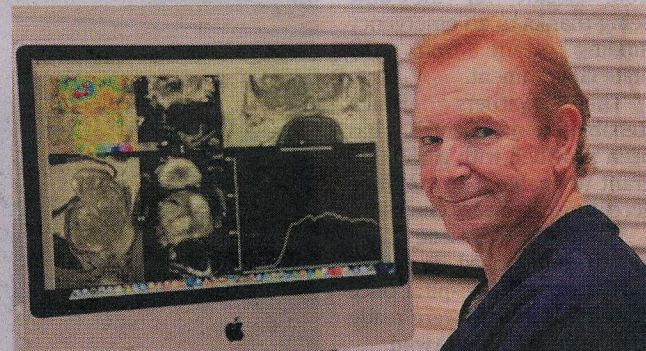
Australia has the highest incidence of prostate cancer in the world, killing more men than women die from breast cancer.

"The need for increased education, improved treatment options and sharing of knowledge has never been

more important," he said.

"With about 20,000 men being diagnosed each year, it is important to focus on new solutions for detecting the cancer, so we can identify it as soon as possible and prevent further complications."

The event will include international specialists and researchers as guest speakers, there will be masterclasses, general practice workshops and networking sessions.



EXCITED: Cairns urologist Dr Neil Gordon will be at the congress.