Qskeptics

From the cradle to the grave: Early life origins of chronic disease



Professor Peter Sly

AO, MBBS, MD, DSc, FThorSoc, FERS, FAPSR, FAHMS

Director, Department of Children's Health and Environment Director WHO Collaborating Centre for Children's Health and Environment NHMRC Senior Principal Research Fellow Paediatric Respiratory Physician, Children's Health Queensland, Brisbane

The most significant thing to happen to us in life is our childhood. From the moment of conception things can go wrong. Mind you, most things go quite well or we wouldn't survive at all - but given the delicate balance of probabilities that is gestation, and the construction of a workable immune system soon after birth, to the consistent insults to our person throughout life, and the vagaries of our lifestyle it's a wonder we survive as long as we do. We owe it to medical science however, that simple (but not obvious) factors like folates, fluoride and iodine along with a handful of basic vitamins and now a range of vaccines determine *how well* we survive throughout life - a lot longer and more profitable than the *'solitary, poor, nasty, brutish, and short' lives of the 16th century.

Add modern nutrition to this and the awareness of the subtleties of our dangerous environment - sunlight and pollution and the like - and it's a wonder we die at all anymore. They're working on that.

Monday October 31st 2016 The Morrison Hotel

640 Stanley St, Woolloongabba QLD (07-3391 1413)

https://www.morrisonhotel.com.au/dining

6pm Dinner 7:30pm meeting (Piano Room)