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JUNE 10
FREE PUBLIC LECTURE

Too Young to Live?

JUST HOW FAR SHOULD DOCTORS GO TO SAVE PREMATURE BABIES?

Advances in medicine and technology are sustaining life for many infants born well before full term. But such 'miracles' often turn to nightmares when extremely premature babies are saved. Blindness, brain damage and cerebral palsy can be immediate costs borne by child and parent. Social exclusion, extreme disability and risk of abuse can follow as lifelong realities for child, parents and community alike.

Based on leading research and first-hand experience, this thought-provoking public lecture explores the emotion charged and highly political issue of saving infant lives at any cost. It traces the forces that raise the hopes of the broader community and parents, leading them to call on doctors to save lives that in any other circumstances would never survive.

DR JANET GREEN

A neonatal nurse for more than twenty years, Janet Green is an expert on the ethics and care of extreme prematurity, and has research interests in the ethical issues confronting nurses and society. She has worked in the UTS Faculty of Nursing, Midwifery and Health for fifteen years and is the Coordinator for graduate programs in neonatal and paediatric nursing. Janet is a frequent speaker on medical and nursing issues associated with extreme prematurity in the international stage and is a trusted commentator on the topic in the media.

INTRODUCED BY

Leigh Dayton, Science Writer, *The Australian*

When

Wednesday 10th June 2009
6.00pm drinks for 6.30pm start
Concludes 7.45pm

Where

University Hall
UTS Science Building 4,
745 Harris Street Ultimo

Transport

UTS is only ten minutes walk from Central Station, Eddy Avenue and Railway Square bus stops. Parking is available for those with a disability or special need to drive: Peter Johnson Building, Basement Car Park, 702-730 Harris St. Ultimo.

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Tuesday 9th June 2009
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