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Brain injury focus for UTAS medical symposium

A national expert on the bionic eye will give a public lecture tomorrow (**Thursday 25 October**) as part of the 3rd Australian Neurotrauma Symposium at the University of Tasmania.

Leading neurosurgeon Professor Jeffrey Rosenfeld, head of neurosurgery at Alfred Hospital and head of surgery at Monash University, will outline new approaches to treat trauma to the nervous system.

He will focus on a major new initiative, the 'bionic eye', to restore vision following eye damage or disease through the use of bioengineering and brain-machine technology.

Also at the symposium, Professor Michael Coleman from the Babraham Institute and Cambridge University will speak on Friday morning on the consequences to nerve cells related to head trauma and spinal cord injuries caused by falls and car accidents. Prof Coleman is an authority on nerve cell regeneration.

The symposium will be held at the UTAS Medical Sciences 1 building at 17 Liverpool St., Hobart.

The public lecture is at MS1 from 6pm-7pm.

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