

PROGRAM SPEAKERS



Christine Carrington

The University of Queensland & Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane

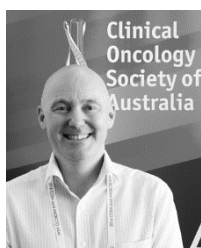
Dr Christine Carrington is currently working at the Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane as a Senior Consultant Pharmacist for Cancer Services and Assistant Director of Pharmacy. She has over 30 years' experience working as a pharmacist in the area of cancer at a clinical, service and research level. She is an elected member of the Clinical Oncology Society of Australia (COSA) board and lectures at the University of Queensland on topics related to cancer. She frequently presents at conferences and seminars on matters relating to cancer therapy. Christine was awarded the Australian Clinical Pharmacist award in 2015 by the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA). Christine has a keen interest in safe medication practices in cancer therapy across the multidisciplinary setting and in developing competency and educational programs for pharmacists. She has recently led the working group for the review and development of the COSA National guidelines for the 'Safe Prescribing, Dispensing and Administration of Cancer Chemotherapy' which was published in 2017. Her research includes investigating the impact of the clinical pharmacist in the medication management of cancer patients having day therapy, the influence of the pharmacist on cancer patients understanding and beliefs around their medication and the management of chemotherapy induced nausea and vomiting. Christine's published work includes the 'Development of a competency framework for cancer pharmacists' and articles on oral chemotherapy and targeted therapy.



Dan McKavanagh

Princess Alexandra Hospital (Metro South), Queensland Health, Brisbane

Dan is the Senior Consultant pharmacist - digital solutions, based at Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane, and is an Adjunct Fellow in the UQ School of Pharmacy. Dan has worked for the past 14 years in cancer services and health informatics, providing plenty of opportunity to explore and gain experience in effective use of clinical systems and how to use the data stored in such systems. Dan also provides education to undergraduate and post-graduate pharmacists and doctors in the areas of cancer medicine and palliative care. Dan is currently the deputy-chair of the COSA Cancer Pharmacists Group.



Michael Powell

Gold Coast University Hospital, Gold Coast

Michael has been a cancer pharmacist since 1995, with the majority of his experience being in the UK NHS as a senior hospital pharmacist in London. He is currently Pharmacist Advanced, Cancer and Blood Disorders at the Gold Coast University Hospital. His interests include management of breast and colorectal cancers, immuno-oncology and the safe provision of oral and intrathecal chemotherapy. Michael is currently Chair of the COSA Cancer Pharmacists Group, a member of the SHPA Oncology/Haematology Leadership Committee and is heavily involved in education and training of multidisciplinary staff both locally and nationally, including the CPG Foundation and Advanced Cancer Pharmacy Courses. He is currently an Invited Lecturer on oncology for the BPharm/MPharm Undergraduate Degree at Griffith University on the Gold Coast.



Gail Rowan

Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Melbourne

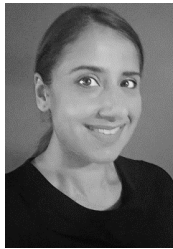
Her interests include the treatment of haematological malignancies, minimisation of chemotherapy related adverse effects and education on chemotherapy and safety. Successfully qualified as a Board Certified Oncology Pharmacist (BCOP) through the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialities in the United States.



Marissa Ryan

Mater Pharmacy - Mater Group, Brisbane

Marissa has experience as a cancer pharmacist in both Australia and the United Kingdom. She completed her Master of Health Management in 2013. Her interests include the safe and effective use of oral chemotherapy, management of chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting, and developing the role of the cancer pharmacist in the chemotherapy day unit setting. Marissa has been a guest tutor and lecturer at local universities. She will shortly be commencing her new role at Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane, as Team Leader of Cancer Services.



Geeta Sandhu

Medications Services Queensland, Department of Health, Brisbane

Geeta graduated with a Bachelor of Pharmacy degree with First Class Honours in 2003. She went on to complete her Post-graduate Diploma in Clinical Pharmacy in 2007. She completed her Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Queensland in 2017, analysing the impact of increasing patient weight on the dosing of chemotherapy in lymphoma patients. Geeta has over 12 years of experience working in cancer care in various clinical roles in adult and paediatric care, medication safety and managing electronic prescribing systems for cancer. She is currently working as a Senior Medication Safety Pharmacist, for Medicines Services Queensland in the Department of Health. Geeta has presented at multiple interdisciplinary cancer conferences and educational seminars in addition to involvement in university teaching for cancer care and pharmacometrics. She is currently a member of the COSA CPG Committee.



Jim Siderov

Olivia Newton-John Cancer & Wellness Centre at Austin Health, Heidelberg

Jim commenced work in the area of cancer pharmacy practice in 1989 soon after completing his BPharm degree. In 1998 he successfully completed the inaugural US Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties Certification in Oncology Pharmacy (BCOP), re-certifying in 2006 and 2013. In 2004 he was awarded Fellowship to the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA), and in 2005 completed his Masters in Clinical Pharmacy. In 2015 he was credentialed as an Advanced Practice Pharmacist by the Australian Pharmacy Council. Jim is currently the Senior Pharmacist for Cancer Services at the Olivia Newton-John Cancer & Wellness Centre at Austin Health, Heidelberg, Australia. Jim has been an active member of many professional organisations. He served on the SHPA Committee of Specialty Practice in Oncology and the Cancer Pharmacists Group of the Clinical Oncology Society of Australia, which he chaired for 2 years from 2010. Jim was also the ISOPP Chair of the Standards Committee for 4 years from 2012. Jim has published widely in peer-reviewed journals, and presented at local, national and international conferences. He has lectured to a number of undergraduate and postgraduate programs at both Melbourne and Monash Universities. Jim's major interests are solid tumours, with a particular interest in colorectal cancer. He also has an interest in occupational health and safety issues in the handling of cytotoxic drugs.