



# cancernet



## Co-editors note

### Tēnā koutou katoa.

Firstly, we must apologise as we know this edition is a bit late in arriving to you. As new co-editors (with huge support from Nadine Gray) it has been interesting to coordinate putting together a stimulating and relevant edition in these uncertain times with the Delta variant of COVID in our community. Content may not be current by the time you receive this, but felt it was important to continue with the publication regardless.

We have had feedback and are hearing stories from across our communities about the impact COVID-19 is having on our patients, our healthcare teams and services. The pandemic is particularly challenging for those living with cancer, especially those undergoing active cancer therapy, and their whānau. We thank you for the work you are doing, in ever-changing circumstances, to support them. Te Aho o Te Kahu has re-issued advice to DHBs about cancer services, which should be largely continuing at this time. You can find links to these on the CNC website and our Facebook.

We planned to highlight in this edition the upcoming conference that the Cancer Nurses College is co-hosting alongside New Zealand Society for Oncology (NZSO) in Rotorua. Since

writing it has now been postponed and is no longer happening on 28-30 October 2021. The CNC plan to celebrate 25 years alongside holding our BGM!! The new dates are 27-29 January 2022 - please register your interest now.

This edition also introduces the two newest members (and co-editors) of the CNC Committee as well as "One minute with" piece from one of our cancer colleagues. These profiles highlight the diversity of cancer nursing roles in NZ, not only in bringing to light the great work currently being done but also the vast potential cancer nursing has to bring to the table in terms of cancer service provision in New Zealand.

Two final requests to our members, please can you reach out to nurses in your work area and wider networks to encourage them, if they are not already a member of the Cancer Nurses College to join, forward on this edition of Cancernet so they can see all the benefits our members have. By having bigger numbers, we can make a bigger impact!

And finally, please take care out there, be kind to yourselves, whānau and communities.

**Stella and Tracey**  
**Cancernet Co-editors**

## End of Life Choice Act learning

**As part of the implementation of the End of Life Choice Act 2019, the Ministry of Health is hosting a series of webinars for the health professionals.**

### PLEASE SHARE THE INFORMATION BELOW WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES AND PROFESSIONAL NETWORKS.

These webinars and e-learning modules are for health professionals only. They may be of particular interest to health practitioners, including medical and nurse practitioners, who may choose to be involved in providing assisted dying services in NZ.

 [View the full list of MOH End of Life Choice Act implementation resources](#)

 [View the MOH Online learning modules and implementation webinars on LearnOnline](#)

There are five e-learning modules for medical and nurse practitioners who plan to provide assisted dying services. These cover the assessment process, preparations for an assisted death, assisted death and after-care, and practitioner safety and wellbeing, as well as a module to review learning.

Medical and nurse practitioners are required to complete the five e-learning modules to claim funding under the section 88 notice. These modules can be accessed through Learn Online.

The Ministry has been hosting a series of implementation webinars for the health sector on a range of topics related to assisted dying. Recordings of these webinars can be found in LearnOnline.

The webinar series and e-learning module are part of the Ministry of Health's work to provide training, information and guidance for health professionals in preparation for when assisted dying becomes available in New Zealand on 7 November 2021.

Assisted dying will be an entirely new service within the health and disability system. It is not a replacement for palliative care or health care services more generally. It provides another option for people with a terminal illness in specific circumstances.

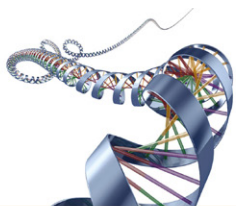
Further information and resources, including information sheets for health professionals and health service providers, are available on the Ministry of Health website.

If you have questions please contact us at: [eolc@moh.govt.nz](mailto:eolc@moh.govt.nz)

**End of Life Choice Act implementation programme team, Ministry of Health**

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**Cancer Nurses College are looking forward to co-hosting alongside New Zealand Society for Oncology, the NZSO Conference 2021, being held at the Distinction Hotel & Conference Centre, Rotorua from the 27-29 January 2022 (originally scheduled for 27-30 October 2021).**

We are also celebrating 25 years of the Cancer Nurses College, and will celebrate with a glass of wine with our medical colleagues at the beginning of the poster viewing session at the end of the first day, Friday 29th. The call for poster abstracts is out.

#### **A brief synopsis of the programme**

Nurses are joining with medical colleagues on Thursday to attend tumour stream Specialist Interest Groups (SIGs), within each group there will be discussions about issues pertinent to the particular tumour stream.

On Friday and Saturday, the joint medical and nursing programme looks very interesting and exciting, covering a range of topics including targeted therapies, a strong trials theme, patient survivorship and burnout in oncology.

The nursing stream have a stand-alone session discussing the implications of the recently passed

end of life bill which is due for implementation in November 2021.

We are really fortunate to have as our keynote speaker, Professor Patsy Yates. Patsy is a registered nurse with extensive experience as a leader in education and research in the health sector – particularly cancer, palliative and aged care. She is the current president of the International Society of Nurses in cancer Care. She will be discussing the Australian experience of assisted death.

We hope this stand-alone nursing session will provoke conversations and dialogue about all aspects of palliative care. As well as practical information about implementation of end of life bill and answers to questions that nurses may have about their role in supporting patients with a terminal diagnosis who are considering assisted death.

You are invited to enjoy lunch with your colleagues at the Cancer Nurses College General Meeting on Friday 29th. Then we hope you will stay and party the evening away at the conference dinner on Saturday 30th.

**Early bird registration extended to 5pm, 30 November.**

We look forward to seeing you there.



**More information, programme details and registration...**



*Celebrating...*



*of professional  
growth*

**July 13, 1996** The New Zealand Cancer Nurses Section (CNS) was established during the 7th National Oncology and Haematology nurses conference

**November 1996** The first issue of the CNS quarterly newsletter *Cancernet* was published

**1999** CNS joined the *International Society of Nurses Nurses in Cancer Care* (ISNCC)

**2007** Initial involvement on the part of the CNS chair with the *Cancer Nursing Competency Framework Working party*

**2009** Establishment of an unrestricted educational grant from ROCHE Products NZ Ltd. for the ongoing publishing of *Cancernet*

**2010** The Ministry commits to conducting a Cancer workforce capacity survey following discussions with NZNO's CNS

**2010** Trish Clark, former CNS founding member and national committee chair, was recognized with a NZNO service award.

**2011** Health Minister Tony Ryall met with the CNS in Wellington for vital and successful lobbying re Cancer Nurse Coordinators

**2011** CNS published two position statements. One on the minimum *education* requirements for nurses involved in the administration of anti-cancer drugs; the other on minimum *safety* requirements for nurses administering these drugs

**2012** CNS continues to contribute to the *Cranleigh Health Report* on new models of oncology care

**2013** Following a three year process the CNS committee gained approval from the board of directors to change status to the *College of Cancer Nurses NZNO*

**2014** *The Knowledge and Skills Framework for Cancer Nurses* (KSFCN) was approved and endorsed by the National Nursing Consortium

**2016** The College finalised the *National Nursing Standards for Antineoplastic Drug Administration* in New Zealand

**2018** *The International Conference on Cancer Nursing* (ICCN) is hosted in New Zealand at the Skycity Convention Centre,

**2020** Nursing representation lobbied for and was nominated into *Te Aho o Te Kahu* (Cancer Control Agency's) clinical Assembly

**2021** Continuing development of the *Safe Handling Monoclonal Antibody Drugs* (MABs) position statement





## Report from the chair

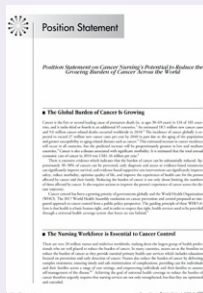
### Happy 25th anniversary Cancer Nurses College!

Welcome to our 3rd and last issue of Cancernet for 2021. While we normally publish four editions a year we are unable to do so this year due to reduced committee capacity. It has been a difficult few months for the health system and it has become apparent over that time to me how much work place stress everyone is under. Industrial action and lack of resources has certainly taken its toll on us all. Being on the committee is a voluntary role and requires some commitment of personal time outside of work life. This has been difficult for our committee due to significant personal issues for some.

We are in the process of major change to our health system and the committee is keen to continue to be involved in this on your behalf with Te Aho o Te Kahu (TAoTK). We have had a zoom hui in July as key stakeholders with advisors to continue communication on nursing issues and to maintain our 'voice at the table'. Since that first meeting I and our vice chair Lynda Dagg have met again with advisors to give them our 'wish list' for cancer nurses if money was no object! While we can dream about what cancer services could look like, it is exciting to think about the potential change occurring and I really feel the CNC

committee is at the table and our voice is being listened to.

If you haven't seen it already please take the time to read the position statement on cancer nurses issued by the International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care (ISNCC).



Read the position statement online

It is certainly applicable to us here in Aotearoa and we have been disseminating it to relevant ears such as

TAoTK. We are also very aware we can only effect positive change for nurses if we have representation at all levels. If you are interested in knowing more then please talk with us about how you can be involved.

We were planning to hold our biennial general meeting (BGM) at the end of this month in Rotorua which has now been postponed until January due to COVID. We hope you will be joining us for the weekend in Rotorua. There are special interest groups meeting Thursday, NZSO conference Friday and Saturday. We are marking the 25th anniversary of the Cancer Nurses College (a little belatedly now). We have a milestone chart in this issue marking some of the significant

achievements of the section/college.

We have also undertaken discussion with Cancer Nurses Society Australia (CNSA) in July. They have offered us a 6 month free trial of their resources - there are good webinars and education resources so please have a look at what is on their site, while we negotiate bringing these to you more fully.



We anticipate further discussion on an organisational membership and hope that moving forward we can work collaboratively on issues relevant to cancer nurses in both Australia and New Zealand.

NZNO AGM/conference/College and sections day was planned for mid-September. Again due to COVID the AGM and conference were held virtually. Unfortunately the college and sections day was cancelled however it is an opportunity to put forward the achievements and challenges for cancer nurses - very briefly in 2 minutes! This year I was planning to concentrate on

the work achieved on monoclonal antibodies for nurses in NZ, our strong link with TAoTK, and putting forward the workplace stress you are all under.

We have also worked with Nurse Practitioners nationally to develop an Oncology Haematology Nurse Practitioner Special Interest Group (SIG). This is the first SIG the CNC has had. We are trialling the format for the next year and ironing out any issues that may arise but hope to be able to extend the invitation to form SIG's once that is done.

I step down from the committee at the end of October (was to be at the BGM) as I have been on the committee for over 4 years and therefore my time is up. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on the committee despite some challenges more recently. It has been fantastic to develop my knowledge on how cancer nurses 'fit' into the health system and to establish relationships at multiple levels. It has been a privilege to represent you and I look forward to continued progress of the college as a national voice for cancer nurses - I view this as the most important priority we have.

I hope you enjoy this issue of Cancernet and that we see many of you at NZSO.

**Sarah Ellery**  
Chairperson - CNC

# Maintaining cancer services during the COVID-19 pandemic: the Aotearoa New Zealand experience.

E. Millar, J. Gurney, S. Beuker et al. *The Lancet Regional Health - Western Pacific 11 (2021) 100172*

## Abstract

COVID-19 caused significant disruption to cancer services around the world. The health system in Aotearoa New Zealand has fared better than many other regions, with the country being successful, so far, in avoiding sustained community transmission. However, there was a significant initial disruption to services across the cancer continuum, resulting in a decrease in the number of new diagnoses of cancer in March and April 2020.

Te Aho o Te Kahu, Aotearoa New Zealand's national Cancer Control Agency, coordinated a nationwide response to minimise the impact of COVID-19 on people with cancer. The response, outlined in this paper, included rapid clinical governance, a strong equity focus, development of national clinical guidance, utilising new ways of delivering care, identifying and addressing systems issues and close monitoring and reporting of the impact on cancer services.

Diagnostic procedures and new cancer registrations increased in the months following the national lockdown, and the cumulative number of cancer registrations in 2020 surpassed the number of registrations in 2019 by the end of September.

Cancer treatment services – surgery, medical oncology, radiation oncology and haematology – continued during the national COVID-19 lockdown in March and April 2020 and continued to be delivered at pre-COVID-19 volumes in the months since.

We are cautiously optimistic that, in general, the COVID-19 pandemic does not appear to

have increased inequities in cancer diagnosis and treatment for Māori in Aotearoa New Zealand.

## Conclusions

Worldwide, COVID-19 has disrupted health services and had far reaching consequences for people with cancer.

In Aotearoa New Zealand, COVID-19 caused a decrease in the number of new diagnoses of cancer in March and April 2020; however, close monitoring meant this was picked up early and a strong response from the cancer sector meant that the number of registrations was back to levels observed in 2019 by September 2020.

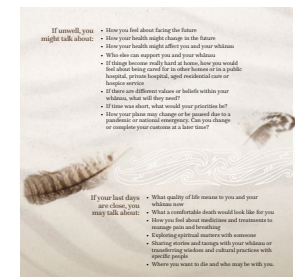
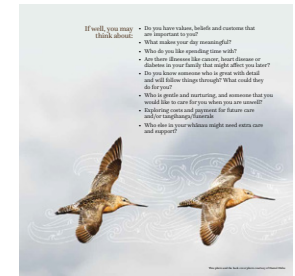
Cancer treatment services – surgery, medical oncology, radiation oncology and haematology – continued during the COVID-19 lockdown and continued to be delivered at pre-COVID-19 volumes in the months since.

Perhaps most positively, Māori appeared to be less impacted by disruptions to the cancer care than non-Māori in Aotearoa New Zealand. One key exception was lung cancer, where more work is needed to address barriers to the diagnosis of lung cancer for Māori in the context of COVID-19.

Aotearoa New Zealand now has a framework for future pandemic planning, which can be rapidly put into place as required.

We hope that the Aotearoa New Zealand experience may be useful for other countries that are still grappling with the consequences of COVID-19 on cancer services.


 [Read the full paper online.](#)



## Whenua ki te whenua – an advance care planning guide for whānau

**The Health Quality and Safety Commission is proud to launch this guide, which was co-designed with a Māori advisory group and is a resource for all Aotearoa New Zealand.**

It is a document designed to help New Zealanders think and talk through their advance care plans. It encourages people to look at what is important to people, their values and beliefs and consider practical decisions should they become unwell or unable to speak for themselves. It also provides resources and examples of others people's approaches to advance care planning.

 [More information on the creation process of Whenua ki te whenua, and order hard copies at no charge \(available in te reo Māori and English\)](#)

# Introducing our new CNC committee members



## Stella Williams

Ko Rangiputa te maunga  
Ko Mamari te waka  
Ko Awaroa te awa  
Whangape te moana

**Ko Te Kotahitanga te marae**  
**Ko Ngati Haua te hapu**  
**Ko Te Rarawa Te Aupouri nga iwi**  
**Ko Terei toku whanau**  
**Ko Stella Williams taku ingoa**

I am a clinical nurse specialist for Maori in cancer care coordination at Waitemata District Health Board. I work both in the hospital and the community coordinating care, supporting and advocating for whanau Maori with a cancer diagnosis. I started with Cancer Services in 2019, previously working in Maori mental health as a RN/case manager. In 2019 I also received the Waitemata DHB Te Kauae Raro Maori Nurse of the Year.

I am fairly new to nursing having graduated with a Bachelor of Nursing from UNITEC in 2017. Previous to my nursing studies and nursing career I worked for Plunket as a Parent Educator in Auckland City. I completed a Post Graduate Certificate in Health Science (Mental health nursing) in 2018, a Post Graduate Diploma (Nursing) in 2019 and have commenced my Masters in Nursing. My thesis will be looking at Enabling the unique contribution of Maori nurses and more specifically, the role of a Maori cancer nurse specialist.

This year I had the opportunity to course coordinate a Cancer Specialty paper NURSPRAC 704 at the University of Auckland. I have been seconded as a committee member with the Cancer Nurses College.



## Tracey King

**Nurse Team Leader**  
**St Georges Cancer Care, Christchurch**

I moved to Christchurch from the UK in 2011 with my husband and two children. I started in the Oncology Department at Christchurch Hospital in December 2011, whilst there I undertook several roles: Nurse Educator, Cancer Nurse Coordinator and Research Nurse Coordinator. I have been in my current role at St Georges Cancer care since October 2019. I manage a team of 12 nurses caring for patients with a wide range of oncological and haematological conditions. My first year in the role focussed on developing and educating the nursing team and reviewing processes in medical oncology to ensure we stay at the forefront of treatments and provide excellence in nursing care. I really enjoy the variety of the role and working with patients, their Whanau and healthcare providers across the South Island.

I started my nursing career in Poole, Dorset in 1990, and quickly realised that my passion was in cancer nursing so moved to The Royal Marsden in London 1995 to undertake a BSc in Cancer Nursing. Following this I returned to Dorset, working as a senior nurse and an Oncology Nurse lecturer Practitioner at the Dorset Cancer Centre, where I stayed for 14 years.

I am passionate about nursing education, undertaking a Postgraduate Certificate in Cancer Studies at the University of Newcastle Upon Tyne, followed by another BSc as an Advanced Nurse Practitioner with The Royal College of Nursing/ Bournemouth University. Since being in NZ I have completed my Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing Studies, with Otago University. I am now in the position to support younger nurses with their education and currently 3 of my nursing team are undertaking their clinical masters.

I look forward to working with the committee during my secondment, connecting with and supporting the wider NZ cancer nurses community.

## UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND RESEARCH STUDY RECRUITMENT Factors influencing care

**A research project that explores the factors influencing care in the special case of advanced care.**

You are invited to participate in an anonymous 30 minute questionnaire that will help advance knowledge on how advanced care environments influence care within Aotearoa.

If you would like to participate, you will be asked to provide demographic and clinical training experience information and complete some standardised measures that relate to your experiences in advanced care. Finally, we will ask you to make some evaluations based on hypothetical patient situations. Because all study data are anonymous, a submitted questionnaire will be taken as evidence of your consent.

After completing the online study, participants can choose to go in the draw to win one of five \$100 Countdown vouchers by providing their email address on a separate survey.



### Eligibility criteria

You can take part if you are a:

- Medical specialist
- Nurse
- Allied worker, such as:
  - Healthcare assistant
  - Nurse aide
  - Nurse auxiliary
  - KaiāwhinaWho is currently working with patients experiencing life-limiting illnesses, conditions or advanced diseases (e.g. Palliative care, Hospice care or aged-care)
- At least 18 years old
- Speak proficient English

If you have any further questions about this study, please contact: Nikita Kirkcaldy, Student researcher

Email: [nkir951@aucklanduni.ac.nz](mailto:nkir951@aucklanduni.ac.nz)





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*Introducing and connecting us with nursing colleagues from across Aotearoa/New Zealand - whānau in action.*

**Jane Goodwin**

Canterbury Initiative  
Advance Care Planning Facilitator  
Christchurch Hospital.

***What does your job involve?***

I wear a couple of hats in the advance care planning space. The first is as a local advance care planning facilitator, implementing advance care planning across Waitaha Canterbury. This includes: engaging and educating consumers and healthcare teams about the what, when and how of advance care planning; establishing the systems and processes that enable a person's advance care plan to be shared across the system (from primary care, to ambulance crews, to the hospital setting) and working alongside patients and whānau to help them write their own advance care plans.

My other advance care planning role involves working for the Health Quality and Safety Commission. Wearing this hat I support DHBs across the country to implement advance care planning and I train health care professionals to deliver the three hour serious illness conversation guide workshop to their colleagues.

***What attracted you to working in this field?***

I'd been involved in several clinical emergencies where we'd later learnt the person did not want to be resuscitated. These experiences led me to

focus on the communication of resuscitation decision for my master's thesis research.

While doing the literature review I came across the concept of advance care planning and it was a bit of a light bulb moment for me - realising there might be a way to better align the care we deliver with the care a person wants.

After completing my thesis, I was invited to join a working party to explore opportunities to improve end of life care in Canterbury. Implementing advance care planning was one of the working group's recommendations and I was lucky enough to be appointed to the advance care planning facilitator role that was established.

***What made you smile at work today?***

We are in the middle of level 4 lockdown so I'm working from my home desk, overlooking the very beautiful Whakaraupō (Lyttelton harbour). It is a view that always makes me smile.

***What's your favourite part of your job?***

When I hear the stories from patients and their whānau about the difference advance care planning has made for them. Advance care

planning is all about putting the person and whānau back at the centre of health care. I love that the mahi I am doing is helping the system hear and understand what is important to that person/whānau and to tailor the care we deliver around their goals and values.

***If you didn't need the money but wanted to work anyway what would you be doing?***

I'd be a farmer or an interior designer.

***What three pieces of nursing equipment would you take to a desert island?***

Scissors, tape and antiemetics - I get horribly sea sick!

***What advice do you have for Nurses considering a career in Oncology/Haematology?***

Find your niche/your area of passion and surround yourself with good people (which isn't difficult in this specialty - some of my most favourite people are oncology/haematology nurses). Doing something you love and working alongside amazing people means that even on the toughest days there will still be moments that make you smile.

# Guidelines for CNC Roche scholarship for post-graduate study applications

**This scholarship is a \$2000 award to be used for postgraduate study for cancer nurses who have been unable to secure funding from Health Workforce NZ.**

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION:

1. The full scholarship is awarded to one nurse to undertake a postgraduate paper that will further their knowledge in the field of nursing.
2. Applicants wishing to apply for the CNC Roche Scholarship must be registered members of the College for at least 2 years. Those who are not members can still apply to be considered for an alternative grant under special funding from Roche. See Guidelines for Education Grants.
3. Scholarship applications must be submitted on the NZNO Cancer Nurses College Grant/Scholarship Application Form.  
*This form is available on our website*  
Email to: [cancernursesnz@gmail.com](mailto:cancernursesnz@gmail.com) once completed.
4. You can only apply for one form of funding. Please indicate clearly on the form which one you are applying for. The scholarship can only be awarded once to an individual nurse.
5. Applications for the scholarship will be considered at the final CNC committee meeting of the year (usually November) in anticipation of study in the following year. All application should be received by the end of October.
6. The scholarship being awarded will be subject to the availability of funds.
7. If the scholarship is not fully utilised

- on postgraduate study, the remaining funds should be returned to the Cancer Nurses College NZNO.
8. Written report – There is an expectation the knowledge gained from study should be shared. A report (approx 500 words) is required within 6 working weeks of completion of the postgraduate study for consideration for publication in CancerNet.
    - a. Your report should include any recommendations for improvements or changes to practice. Supportive images preferable. Please ensure report is sent in word document format to the Cancer Nurses College via the email address below.
  9. The CNC National Committee will take into consideration:
    - Access to other avenues of funding.
    - The length of service of the applicant in cancer-related work.
    - The number and amount of previous applications and grants awarded for other CNC funding options.
  10. The application for scholarship needs to include:
    - a. An invoice with applicant name on it for postgraduate stud.
    - b. And a decline letter for funding from HWNZ and any other source applied to.
- We look forward to receiving applications for this scholarship.

*We encourage members to take the opportunity to apply for this great financial assistance!*

# Guidelines for CNC education grants

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION:

1. Grants may be made to assist nurses to attend or participate in events related to cancer nursing that will further their knowledge base of the field they are working i.e. workshops, conferences, study days, seminars, post graduate study etc.
  2. Grant applications must be submitted on the NZNO Cancer Nurses College Grant Application Form.  
*This form is available on our website*  
Email to: [cancernursesnz@gmail.com](mailto:cancernursesnz@gmail.com) once completed.
  3. Applicants wishing to apply for the CNC education grant must be registered members of the College for at least 2 years. Those who are not members can still apply to be considered for a grant under special funding from Roche. You can only apply for one form of funding. Please indicate clearly on the form which one you are applying for.
  4. Applications will be considered quarterly at the meeting of the CNC committee. All application should be received two weeks prior to this. (CNC meetings are generally held Feb, May, August, November. (Please note these dates may be subject to change so early application is encouraged). If your application is outside of these meetings and the need is urgent please contact the CNC to discuss further.
  5. Grants made will be subject to the availability of funds.
  6. A maximum grant of \$750 may be awarded. In special circumstances a larger amount may be determined by the National Executive.
  7. If a grant is not fully used, the remaining funds should be returned to the NZNO Cancer Nurses College.
  8. Written reports - There is an expectation that the knowledge gained should be shared. A report (approx 500 words) is required within 6 working weeks of completion of the study, conference or learning opportunity for consideration for publication in CancerNet. Your report should include any recommendations for improvements or changes to practice. Supportive images preferable. Please ensure report is emailed in word document format to the CNC.
- In deciding the amount to be granted, the CNC National Executive Committee will take into consideration:
- The total amount of the request.
  - Access to other avenues of fundin.
  - Contributions from the employer or other funders.
  - The length of service of the applicant in cancer-related work.
  - The number and amount of previous applications and grants awarded.
- Individuals may receive a maximum of one funding grant per 2-year calendar period. We look forward to receiving applications for this scholarship.

**Closing date:  
Friday, 12  
November  
2021.**

## eviQ - A free resource of evidence-based, consensus-driven cancer treatment protocols and information.

eviQ is an Australian Government, freely available online resource of cancer treatment protocols developed by multidisciplinary teams of cancer specialists. With a goal to improve patient outcomes and reduce treatment variation, eviQ provides evidence-based information to support health professionals in the delivery of cancer treatments available at the time treatment decisions are being made.

eviQ is increasingly being used by cancer health professionals in New Zealand as a guide to inform best practice through its treatment protocols and educational resources. Here are some of the latest educational resources... available from eviQ...

### Rapid learning

 Malignant Pleural Effusion (MPE)	 Metastatic spinal cord compression (MSCC)	 Pancreatic cancer
 Tumour Lysis Syndrome (TLS)	 Managing cardiac devices in radiation oncology practice	 Hypofractionated radiation therapy
 Hypercalcaemia of malignancy (HCM)	 Syndrome of inappropriate antidiuretic hormone secretion (SIADH)	 COVID-19 and Personal Protective Equipment
 Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation (DIC)	 Superior vena cava obstruction (SVCO)	 Ask me anything: radiation therapy

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- *A record of your learning\**
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- *Leaderboard stats*
- *Change of practice/new eLearning notifications*
- *Spaced education for retention of clinical knowledge.*

\* only available via the app



### Podcasts

You can also find your favourite episodes on Spotify and Google podcasts

 Case studies: Malignant Pleural Effusion (MPE)	 Case study: Metastatic Spinal Cord Compression (MSCC)	 Episode 7: Hypofractionated radiation therapy for early breast cancer
 Episode 6: Shining a light on cancer genetics	 Episode 5: Lessening cancer burden in multicultural communities	 Episode 4: Improving patient experiences with remote video assisted chemotherapy
 Episode 2: Understanding complementary medicines & potential interactions with cancer treatments	 Episode 1: If I knew then what I know now - reflecting on clinical challenges	 Episode 3: Introduction to haematology and blood marrow transplant

The screenshot shows the eviQ Education website interface. At the top, there are navigation menus for Course library, Rapid learning, Podcasts & Videos, Resources & Tools, Facilitators, and Get involved. A large banner area contains a 'Welcome to eviQ Education' message and a 'Find out more' button. Below this, a 'Feature Resources' section displays three featured items: 'Antineoplastic Drug Administration Course' (15.75hrs), 'Best practice management of lung cancer' (2.25hrs), and 'Oncology basics' (4.5hrs). A 'Browse >' button is located to the right of the feature resources.

### Cancer conversations

Cancer Conversations is an after-hours online forum where we bring the latest information and emerging evidence from key cancer conferences to life with expert speakers from across the state. You can also check out our past Cancer Conversations for insights on the latest developments in practice changing cancer research, treatment and care.

- 9 Nov 2021 **Cancer in the pandemic**
- 1 Feb 2022 **Treatment updates from the Annual San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium**
- 1 Mar 2022 **Treatment updates from the American Society of Haematology meeting**

Register for the upcoming conversations and access past conversations



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## AJCN - The Australian Journal of Cancer Nursing

The Australian Journal of Cancer Nursing (AJCN) is now available via an electronic platform allowing for greater international exposure through GoogleScholar, EbscoHost, InfoRMIT and other search engines/indexing services.



The latest issue (August 2021) includes:

- Improving patient preparation for implanted ports: a mixed methods study to establish clinical utility of a novel cancer nursing patient education resource.
- The TransAllo study: factors influencing attendance at and experiences of a long-term follow-up clinic post-allogeneic bone marrow transplant for patients transitioning from paediatric to adult services.
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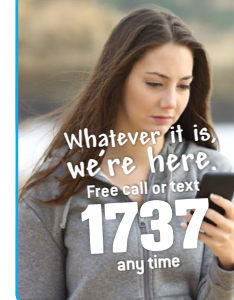
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### Recent webinars

 **Reducing cancer risk: setting nutrition and physical activity priorities in a world of headline hype.**

### Recent podcasts

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-  **What nurses need to know about central lines and ports.**

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## GUIDELINES FOR CONTRIBUTING TO CANCERNET...

### Why contribute? Why publish?

- To share knowledge
- To advance your field of practice
- To disseminate key findings or opinions
- To contribute to policy debates

### Introduction

Cancernet is a newsletter that is published three times a year by the New Zealand Nurses Organisation Cancer Nurses College. Cancernet aims to inform and encourage nurses managing people with cancer to share opinion, resources, clinical practice and continuing professional development.

### Types of articles

All types of articles are welcomed and can include;

- *Opinion*
- *Clinical practice*
- *Case studies*
- *Continuing practice development*
- *Literature review*
- *Advanced study write-ups (e.g. BSc or MSc)*

### Submitting your work

- Articles should be submitted in Microsoft Word via email to [cancernursesnz@gmail.com](mailto:cancernursesnz@gmail.com)
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### Word count

Opinion articles should be between 700-1000 words long. However, clinical-based articles and literature reviews and advanced study articles, these can range from between 1,500 and 3,500 words, including references.

### Illustrative and images

Authors must obtain permission for the use of illustrative material or images and ensure that this material is labelled and captioned.

### Referencing

A recognised referencing system to be used. If the reference list is long, the reference list is available on request from the author.

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Ask questions, share thoughts, ideas, research, innovative practice, or concerns. Click the 'Join Group' button and one of our lovely Admins will add you. Easy as that! Hope to see you there!

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### RECENT POSTS...

Monday 4th Oct (4-5pm NZ time) Lunch Livestream Cancer Nursing Special from VCCC Alliance -Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre  
Cancer nurses - delivering innovations in cancer care and treatment  
Join a stellar panel of nurses working at the cutting-edge of cancer care at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Austin Health and Royal Children's. Hosted by Professor Mei Krishnasamy, Director of Academic Nursing Unit at Peter Mac and VCCC Alliance Research & Education Lead, Cancer Nursing, th... [See more](#)



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## Important dates for your diary

### 17 - 19 NOVEMBER, 2021 VIRTUAL PROGRAM 5th Asian Oncology Nursing Society Conference

During this 3-day conference, prominent nursing experts, scholars and leaders of oncology nursing will share insights and perspectives on patient care experience as well as innovative research from their respective countries, with the ultimate goal of mutual learning and growth to improve the quality of care for cancer patients.



[Click here for more information](#)

### 19 - 20 NOVEMBER, 2021 SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA Australasian Melanoma Conference

Hosted by Melanoma Institute Australia, bringing together clinicians and researchers from across Australia, New Zealand and beyond to discuss exciting advancements in melanoma from ground-breaking discoveries to practice-changing clinical management.



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### 27 - 29 JANUARY, 2022 | ROTORUA NZ Society for Oncology Conference

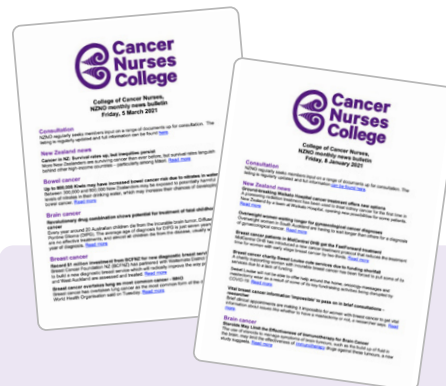
Our conference program includes a range of esteemed international and national speakers with virtual and in-person speakership sessions, clinical and scientific poster and oral presentations, and networking opportunities for collaborative research.



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Te Aho o Te Kahu, the Cancer Control Agency congratulates the Cancer Nurses College on reaching 25 years of commitment to excellence in cancer nursing care in Aotearoa New Zealand.



### Farewell to SNIPS...

Our members who regularly access the CNC webpage may have notice that SNIPS monthly bulletins so no longer available - Lynda Stopforth who was the provider of this service has closed her business - we would like to thank Lynda for her many years of information provision to the cancer care nurses of NZ.



### THE CANCER NURSES COLLEGE 2021 COMMITTEE

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