



Editor's note

Tēnā koutou katoa. Happy new year and welcome to the first edition of Cancernet for 2024.

We sincerely apologise for the delay in the publication of Cancernet, attributed to a transition within the Cancer Nurses College, resulting in a change in editors.

We take this opportunity to introduce ourselves:

Jani Witchall, with a wealth of experience across various roles in the cancer domain in Canterbury and Southern regions, currently serves as the Associate Charge Nurse of the Inpatient Oncology/Hematology Ward at Te Whatu Ora Southern.

Edith Paulsen, having previously worked in Te Whatu Ora Southern, in both inpatient and outpatient oncology, presently holds the position of Clinical Coordinator for Mercy Cancer Care in Dunedin.

The ever-evolving landscape of cancer necessitates continuous adaptation by nurses, and this edition of Cancernet is dedicated to exploring avenues for such professional growth. We highlight upcoming conferences and present opportunities for further education in the realm of cancer. The unique Cancer Nurse Training Programme by Te Whatu Ora Southern Blood and Cancer Service takes centre stage, providing a detailed insight into its approach to fostering clinical competence in inpatient and outpatient oncology, haematology, and radiation services. Testimonials from participants who have successfully completed the program shed light on the tangible career benefits derived from this initiative.

Libby Brownlee contributes her valuable insights into the proceedings of the Gastrointestinal Trials Group 2023 meeting.

We extend an invitation for articles and contributions for future editions of Cancernet, which can be submitted via email to cancernursesnz@gmail.com.

We trust that you will find this edition of Cancernet both informative and enriching.

Jani Witchall and Edith Paulsen, Cancernet Co-Editors



Report from the chair

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Since the last CNC committee meeting, there has been many changes and milestones within the college and the wider health sector.

The CNC committee held a successful conference in Auckland in March focussing on lung and ovarian cancers and the related research, best practice and inequities. The inequitable morbidity and mortality rates, although sobering, lit a fire in many of those present and created an impetus to make a commitment in advocating towards a better health system.

The Cancer Nurses College needs to commit to, support and unify with Te Aka Whai Ora, Te Aho o Te Kahu, Manatu Hauora, the Nursing Council of NZ and the wider Cancer Network to effect change as outlined in the Cancer Action Plan and Te Pae Tata.

The CNC committee are committed to patient-centred, best-practice care and this is supported through many college initiatives:

- Cancer nursing education opportunities
- Workforce development
- Strategic involvement in health system reforms
- Advocacy against inequities.

This work has been impeded by committee turnover, the COVID 19 pandemic and peaking health system pressures. However, I believe now is the time to strengthen our commitment with the introduction of new committee members joining the four existing members.

I would like to welcome Jani, Edith and Heather on board and to thank our exiting members.

Thanks to:

- **Robyn Segedin**, for her contributions to the committee spanning across a decade and most recently focussed on coordinating the education grants
- **Katherine King**, who contributed hugely to the success of the CNC 2023 conference and secretary role
- **Kelsey Tay**, who did a stellar job of producing quality content for the Cancernet publication and maintaining the college's social media presence.

Although I acknowledge it is a tough environment to provide nursing leadership in this current climate of change, with increasing health system pressures, and in a political year no less, it is essential we lean in.

As a committee we need to make sure cancer nurses are at the table to ensure decision makers are aware of the meaningful contributions cancer nurses can make against reducing the burden of cancer when adequately considered and resourced.

Hei konā mai

Shelley Shea, CNC Chair



ANZGOG | **2024 ASM**
WELLINGTON, NZ, 22-24 APRIL

Breaking Down Barriers in
Gynaecological Cancer Care

Kia ōrite te ratonga hauora mō tātou katoa
'Let the provision of health be the same for everyone'

#ANZGOG2024ASM

The first ANZGOG ASM is to be held in Aotearoa New Zealand.

This year the meeting will focus on “breaking down the barriers” that exist in gynaecological cancer, with a plan to shine a light on the cultural, socioeconomic and regional diversity of patients and how through research into treatments and health practice, we can overcome the increasing cancer burden, inequities of access to care and outcomes for patients.

ANZGOG’s Annual Scientific Meeting brings together national and international experts in gynaecological medicine, radiation and surgical oncology, pathology, basic scientists, translational and quality of life researchers, study coordinators and nurses, as well as our partners in the pharmaceutical industry.

The meeting enables attendees to learn about the latest developments in gynaecological cancer and provides education and capacity-building opportunities amongst members and industry personnel.

 [Find our more information and register here.](#)

The Cancer Society is driving a campaign to ensure that the National Travel Assistance (NTA) scheme **works better for patients and their whanau.**

“We are calling on the new Government to make much-needed changes to the NTA scheme by December 2024.

28c a kilometre for petrol and up to \$100 per night for accommodation for those needing to travel for vital medical treatment simply does not cut it in 2023. Neither does a paper-based system and reimbursement model.”

Do you agree? Unite with us to drive change to the NTA.

 [Read, sign and share our open letter to the new Minister of Health at: www.letsdrivechange.org.nz](http://www.letsdrivechange.org.nz)




BREASTSCREEN AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE 2024

TOWARDS TOMORROW
INCLUSION • EVIDENCE • SHOWCASE • CHANGE
National Convention Centre Canberra • 13 - 15 March 2024

After five years The BreastScreen Australia Conference is being relaunched

The 2024 Conference is anticipated to attract 500 national and international delegates. This conference will showcase Breast Cancer Screening including up to date research and project work related to all aspects of it including;

- Engagement of target populations and what is working well nationally
- Diagnosis of breast cancer and what is changing
- Latest research and looking forward at changes in approaches to screening
- Data analysis and how it paves the way moving forward in programs such as screening and prevention
- The most recent outcomes and benefits of early diagnosis of breast cancer

Delegates will comprise of professionals including Radiologists, Radiographers; Nurses, Surgeons, Breast Physicians, Pathologists, Health Promotion, Engagement, Marketing and Quality Officers, Data Managers and Analysts and Health Policy professionals.

 [Find our more information and register here.](#)

Australasian Gastro-intestinal Trials Group Annual Scientific Meeting

Christchurch's Te Pae was a fitting venue for the November 2023 Australasian Gastro-intestinal Trials Group Annual Scientific Meeting where themes of equity and sustainability featured prominently throughout the week.

The programme commenced with Professor Suzanne Pitama's excellent hands-on Meihana Model workshop with the audience being challenged to demonstrate its translation into practice through pictorial interpretation.

Further presentations were delivered by the Combined Co-ordinator and Community Workshop team who described how decentralised clinical trial models in the form of teletrials in Australia are providing solutions to access for those living in rural and remote locations. It is also encouraging that this model is being locally implemented by Cancer Trials New Zealand to improve access to clinical trials for cancer patients across Aotearoa.

Other innovative measures presented addressed how the fate of historic genomic samples have been culturally perceived by Aboriginal people. Acknowledging the cultural beliefs of others, and the importance of sharing, collaborating, and listening deeply were takeaways.

Opening plenaries delivered by hepatobiliary surgeon, Mr Johnathon Koea and Aboriginal epidemiologist and University of Sydney's Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Professor of Indigenous Strategy, Professor Lisa Jackson Pulver were both deeply moving and a powerful reminder of an urgent need for change to improve outcomes for indigenous and

other vulnerable populations. Simple, pragmatic solutions were offered throughout the week such as allowing time for karakia, writing protocols that include diversity and embedding practices that "bring in more humanity" rather than relying on existing biomedical models that drive further inequity.



Professor Parry Guilford's impressive research on identifying germline CDH1 variants to prevent hereditary diffuse gastric cancer in affected Māori was retold by a whānau member whose key role has been developing support services for carriers of this phenotype.

Founded on Kaupapa principles, the framework developed "by Māori, for Māori" has now saved dozens of lives over the past 25 years since the project's inception. Providing patient advocacy, education, screening, and ongoing care of affected individuals in this whānau, and even influencing guidelines to ensure they represent the population they have been designed for, is arguably the best example of how alternative models of care can, and should be delivered, to improve Māori outcomes.

"No research about us, without us" summarises principles of manaakitanga and respect for data sovereignty for which this project was exemplary.

An excellent opportunity to hear from esteemed international clinicians such as Professor Diane Simeone, hepatobiliary and pancreatic surgeon (New York University) and A/Professor Katherine Garman, gastro-enterologist (Duke University, North Carolina) who presented on pancreatic cancer and translational gastric cancer, respectively.

Further stand-out presentations were from medical oncologists:

A/Professor Bishal Gyawali (Queen's University, Kingston, Canada) and Professor Leonard Saltz (Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Centre, New York), on equity in clinical trials and access to care.

Social events arranged throughout the week provided further opportunity to connect with oncology clinicians and nurse practitioners from Aotearoa and beyond.

A decision made by the AGITG Board to mandate reporting of Māori, indigenous Australian and Torres Strait Islanders in all future clinical trials is commendable and will ensure future research outcomes are representative of the communities we serve.

Further progress through engagement with community, and implementing culturally appropriate, evidence-based strategies and models that respond to whānau Māori will improve outcomes at every step of the cancer continuum, and work to "cease the tide of wrongdoing".

Attending the Annual Scientific Meeting 2023 has inspired me to incorporate the Meihana Model into my own research and oncology nursing practice. I wish to extend my grateful thanks to the AGITG Committee who generously provided an education grant that enabled my attendance.

Nga mihi nui,

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The Cancer Nurse Training Programme

The Cancer Nurse Training Programme (CNTP), unique to Southern Blood and Cancer Service (SBCS) aims to facilitate personal, professional, and clinical growth in high acuity clinical areas within oncology and haematology. The programme is conducted in a supportive environment provided by the training support team, within the SBCS of the Te Whatu Ora Southern.

The 52-week programme provides a flexible range of supports and opportunities to experience and consolidate knowledge and to gain clinical competence in nursing practice in a regional cancer centre of excellence.

The overarching aim of the SBCS CNTP is to build upon the undergraduate education and facilitate the development of the registered nurse from the level of novice to an advanced beginner – practicing nurse in oncology. This programme lends itself very nicely to ongoing learning and development such as into the SBCS specific career pathways either clinical or management.

The SBCS CNTP has utilised the Maturanga Building of Knowledge and Skills Framework for Cancer Nursing for registered nurses with the aim of assisting registered nurses in meeting professional, organisational, personal and clinical objectives as outlined in the Framework.

The specific programme objectives are to:

- Consolidate practical skills, theoretical knowledge and professional behaviour
- Develop skills in time management and decision making in the delivery of quality care
- Develop effective and concise documentation of nursing care in accordance with current legal and ethical standards

The registered nurse will be able to:

- Practice within the legal, moral and ethical parameters

of the nursing profession and in adherence to the SBCS policy and procedure guidelines

- Effectively assess, plan, implement, evaluate and document the quality of nursing care provided towards the complex needs of the patient with cancer
- Collaborate with the multidisciplinary health care team to achieve the primary needs of the patient from admission to discharge
- Maintain a collegial working environment and work well as a part of the multi-disciplinary team

The CNTP consists of three four-month rotations for three registered nurses over a year where they rotate between the inpatient acute medical and radiation oncology/haematology ward, the oncology/haematology outpatient treatment and assessment units and the radiation oncology treatment unit.

At the beginning of each rotation the registered nurse is allocated 10 supernumerary days to identify learning objectives and priorities for the rotation, orientate themselves to the area and complete a structured ward/outpatient unit orientation programme.

The Associate Charge Nurse Managers of individual areas discuss priority competency assessments with each nurse. It is the responsibility of the registered nurse to be pro-active in completing the required self-directed learning packages and competency assessments, for example:

- The eviQ anti-neoplastic drug administration (ADAC) learning package via the Healthlearn platform
- An ADAC workshop, a practical sign off upon completion of the on-line training modules
- Complete all required readings and ADAC quizzes prior to the workshop
- The eviQ radiotherapy learning packages via the eviQ website

The clinical skill development is comprehensive over the year, including:



The meaning of the Koru shape: In New Zealand the unfurling of the native silver fern symbolises a new beginning, growth and, through its balanced shape also harmony. Likewise, the path for personal growth and development includes the courage to open up, ask for help and try a fresh start.

- Comprehensive patient assessment in all settings
- Symptom management in all settings
- Advanced IV competency
- CVAD/Venepuncture
- Chemotherapy administration
- Oncological emergencies

As well as the self-directed learning and competency assessments there are specifically selected study days throughout the year which the registered nurses are preferentially released to attend. These are a mixture of study days, 7 in total for example: Haematology Study Day, Oncology Study Day, Blood SPOT, and adolescent young adult cancer.

We commenced this programme in 2017 and have had 10 registered nurses who have completed the programme with another 4 currently in progress, which we are extremely proud of.

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The Cancer Nurse Training Programme - CONTINUED

Cancer Nurses Training Programme participant:

My name is Anneke Offen, and I had the privilege to be a part of Southern Blood and Cancer Service's Cancer Nurse Training Programme in 2017. I was a part of the first training programme, which was a yearlong programme where we rotated 3 different areas. An acute ward setting of our Oncology and Haematology ward, our Oncology Day Unit delivering chemotherapy, immunotherapy and supportive treatments, and our Radiation Department. Each rotation was 4 months long, where we got to specialise in different skills depending on the current area we were in. Examples being - neutropenic sepsis or haematology disorders on the ward placement, chemotherapy administration, CVAD management, and cannulation in Oncology Day Unit, and side effects and management of radiotherapy in radiation outpatients.

As a relatively new nurse out from training who never did any placements in Oncology/Haematology this opportunity was incredibly exciting, but I won't lie, it was also a bit nerve wracking. My nerves were quickly put at ease very early on in the training programme, where I felt a wraparound of support by senior colleagues.

Having monthly meetings, were a great way to voice any concerns, get feedback from senior staff, debrief on situations, and reflect on learning and practice. The programme had an excellent support system, and encouragement which I believe helped develop my confidence and skills within cancer nursing. It was a great way to learn and understand different pathways a person who has cancer can go through.

The more I learnt in each area the more I could help support patients and educate/support other staff on different areas within the service and what to expect.

I realised quite quickly that I had found my passion in nursing, and having been given the opportunity to be a part of this amazing programme was an incredible way to get an overall perspective of our service and different patient journeys.

The career pathways described earlier create an environment of ongoing learning, development and stability for the cancer nursing workforce. It has proved to be an effective retention strategy.

There are two distinct career pathways for SBCS nurses in cancer care - a management pathway or clinical pathway.

The management pathway begins at the level of the CNTP with opportunities through a recognised development programme to achieve roles such as clinical nurse coordinator, associate charge nurse manager, charge nurse manager to nurse manager.

The clinical pathway also commences at the level of the CNTP with opportunities through a recognised development programme to achieve roles such as clinical nurse specialist.

The registered nurse specialist training programme is a two-year academic and clinical programme conducted within the SBCS which ultimately supports the nurse to achieve clinical nurse specialist status.

In some cases, the programme has been truncated to a yearlong one with consideration of previous skills, experience and academic achievement. Guided by a professional learning portfolio it sets out goals, objectives, plans and reflections across the two years of training.

A clinical mentor is in place over this time who is familiar with the context of practice in each clinical setting. The relationship between the nurse and mentor supports practice development by utilising critical reflection around agreed skill development as outlined in the learning objectives.

The clinical mentor provides regular support and learning opportunities with specific clinical experiences relevant to each clinical setting. The nurse undertakes four clinical modules over the training period designed to focus skill development.

The registered nurse is also required to complete four

post-graduate papers, determined by the area of specialty but those listed below are usually recommended.

To date SBCS has successfully progressed 5 registered nurses to clinical nurse specialists and another 4 are currently in progress, which we are extremely proud of.

RN TO CNS Training Programme participant:

I am Eilidh a new clinical nurse specialist in the Southern Blood & Cancer Service. I have just completed the RN to CNS programme. This programme has provided me with a structured focused pathway, while allowing an environment to learn, develop skills and gain confidence during the transition to clinical nurse specialist.

During my year-long programme, I had four modules where I focused on different key areas of learning and began to develop nuanced and expert care. I was also able to use reflective practice and mentorship when planning and delivering care, with mentorship alongside an experienced colleague providing a safe space for learning and room for autonomy.

And finally to continue to develop in cancer care nursing and to achieve career progression all registered nurses are strongly encouraged to progress through a post graduate pathway, for example: Post Graduate Certificate > Diploma > Masters.

Encouraged papers include:

- Advanced Health Assessment
- Pharmacology
- Research
- Leadership and management
- Nurse prescribing

A high percentage of nursing staff within the SBCS have or are undertaking post-graduate study as this is highly encouraged by the nursing management.

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University courses for cancer nurses

Many nurses are now completing postgraduate studies, obtaining certificates, diplomas, and even Masters and PhDs! Reach out to your local institutions/universities to find out what courses they provide. Here are a few options:

Graduate Courses (Level 7)

- **Cancer Nursing 1 - Understanding Cancer** (5 credits)
To enable nurses to further develop knowledge of solid tumour and haematological malignancies.

 [Ara / Te Pūkenga - course details](#)

- **Cancer Nursing 2 - Management** (5 credits)
To enable nurses to further develop knowledge of managing the person with cancer.

 [Ara / Te Pūkenga - course details](#)

- **Cancer Specialty Nursing** (30 credits)
This course draws on evidence from biomedical and social science research to equip nurses for the care and treatment of patients in oncology specialty areas.

 [The University of Auckland - course details](#)

Online educational resources

There are a range of different organisations that provide online learning. We have listed a few of these that may be of interest to your clinical role to explore further.

EVIQ (Australia, NSW)

EVIQ is a great resource for cancer nurses. Produced in Australia, it contains evidence-based protocols and clinical information supporting safe oncology care.

 education.eviq.org.au

A Rapid Learning series is available, with modules on clinical emergencies such as superior vena cava syndrome, to aspects of care such as survivorship. It also includes quizzes to test your learning.

 [EVIQ Rapid Learning series](#)

European Society for Medical Oncology

ESMO is a professional organization for medical oncology with a membership of over 25,000 people spanning more than 160 countries globally. OncologyPRO is the home of their education resource suite where you'll find webinars, eLearning modules, factsheets, journals and an e-library. Members can also download e-books and attend Congress.

 [OncologyPRO - Educational portal for oncologists](#)

eCALD Courses and Resources

eCALD run a series of online modules to equip learners with the knowledge and skills to work with migrant and refugee patients from Asian, Middle Eastern, Latin American or African backgrounds. All CALD courses are CME/CNE/MOPS accredited with a Certificate of Completion provided after course completion. These courses are designed to complement existing Māori and Pacific cultural competency training programmes.

 [Browse the eCALD courses](#)

ONCOassist

ONCOassist is an app you can download onto your phone. It is completely free. It contains information on CTCAE toxicities, AJCC/TNM staging, drug info and interaction checker, ECOG score, other useful formulas, and lots more. A must-have app! Search for 'onco assist' and download.

 [Visit their website for more info on the app](#)

Cancer Nurses Society of Australia (CNSA)

To achieve and promote excellence in cancer care, CNSA provides a variety of education opportunities to its members. Recordings of every CPD webinar run by CNSA are available online in the Member Hub - watch them back in your own time or share with your staff to increase their knowledge.

 [CNSA online CPD webinars and recordings library](#)

CANO/ACIO Nursing Knowledge and Practice Framework for Cancer Care

Established in 1985, the Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology has a mission to advance oncology nursing excellence through practice, education, research, and leadership and a vision of being an international nursing leader in cancer control.

 [CANO/ACIO webinars](#)

Breast Cancer Foundation NZ

Breast Cancer Foundation have available a range of recorded webinars. These are primarily targeted at patients and are a helpful resource to recommend to breast cancer patients. However, they can also be very informative for nurses to learn more about recommendations around breast cancer issues. There are webinars on many different topics such as 'learn to love Tamoxifen and your aromatase inhibitors', 'complementing cancer treatment' and 'decision-making in advanced breast cancer.' These feature patient insights, and oncologist speakers. These webinars are free.

 [Patient information events](#)

Pinc & Steel

Variety of online courses for cancer rehabilitation

 [Pink & Steel courses](#)

AYA Cancer Network Aotearoa

The AYA Cancer Network aims to support health professionals and other support providers working with young people with cancer. This link provides information on many events and professional development opportunities.

 [AYA Cancer Network - CPD opportunities](#)

Online educational resources (CONTINUED)

Myeloma Nurse Learning Programme

The Myeloma UK Myeloma Nurse Learning Programme (MNLN) is an innovative, online learning course developed specifically for haematology and oncology nurses with a particular interest in myeloma. The aim of the Programme is to provide practical and relevant information about myeloma that will support nurses in delivering optimal care, information and support to myeloma patients and their families. It includes both summative and reflective learning in an interactive environment enhanced through the use of audio-visual tools.

Produced by Myeloma UK, the Programme is updated regularly and reviewed by haematologists and nurse specialists in the field.

It comprises 10 separate learning modules that provide a comprehensive overview of the disease entity including; its pathogenesis; how it is diagnosed and monitored; the symptoms and complications arising from it; treatment and supportive measures, as well as the more holistic aspects of care. It also reflects the continually changing research and policy environment to ensure nurses are always up-to-date.

Access: Free (Requires the creation of membership)



[Myeloma Nurse Learning Programme](#)

EBMT Online Learning Course for Nurses

The EBMT Nurses e-learning program has been transformed from the successful EBMT Nurses Textbook and has been developed by and for nurses with an interest in Haematopoietic Cell Transplantation. It brings together the knowledge of nursing leaders in HCT and nursing care to provide nurses with a comprehensive and informative guide covering all aspects of transplant nursing, from basic principles to advanced concepts.

It takes the learner on a journey through the history of transplant nursing, presenting concepts to help nurses improve their patient's experience. It also explores research and auditing methods. The ultimate goal of this e-learning is to support the EBMT Nurses Group's objective of improving the care of patients receiving HCT.

Access: Free (Requires the creation of membership)



[EBMT Online Learning Course for Nurses](#)

Centre for Cancer Education

Fundamentals of cancer nursing – This online education resource is designed for novice cancer nurses and nurses caring for people affected by cancer in non-specialist cancer settings. It is made up of six evidence-based modules, each of which focuses on a specific aspect of cancer care, providing essential knowledge on each topic.

Aim: To build essential knowledge for practice among novice cancer nurses and nurses caring for people affected by cancer in non-specialist cancer settings.

Modules include:

- Cancer essentials
- Cancer treatments
- Managing cancer symptoms and treatment side-effects
- Communication skills in cancer care
- Supportive care in cancer
- Palliative and end-of-life care for people with cancer

Access: Free (Requires the creation of membership)



[Fundamentals of cancer nursing course](#)

Oncology Nursing in Practice – ONiP

Oncology Nursing in Practice (ONiP) eLearning platform is independent and free-to-access. It is specifically designed for you, as an Oncology Nurse, to access any time to improve your patient's treatment journey. E-learning modules are developed by a specialist nurse faculty and include pre-reading resources and an engaging, interactive interface.

Modules include:

- Tyrosine kinase inhibitors
- Diagnosis and management of thyroid cancer
- Optimising care for patients with AML
- Managing complications of ovarian cancer treatment
- Multiple myeloma and proteasome inhibitors
- More than skin deep (head and neck cancer)
- Palliative care in oncology
- Biomarkers in lung cancer
- Immunotherapy for NSCLC

Access: Free (Requires the creation of membership)



[ONiP courses available](#)

Would you like to contribute an article for publication in Cancernet? If so, we would love to hear from you!

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..

- 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
- Acknowledgement of receipt of your submission will then
- Acknowledgement of receipt of your submission will be sent by email.

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.



Important dates for your diary

Click on the titles below to link to relevant website...

2024 Breast Screening Conference

13 - 15 March 2024 | Canberra, Australia

ANZ Gynaecological Oncology Group 18th Annual Scientific Meeting

22 - 24 April 2024 | Wellington, New Zealand

ONS 49th Congress

24 - 28 April 2024 | Washington DC, USA

2024 Women's Health College Conference

10 - 11 May 2024 | Queenstown, New Zealand

2024 ASCO Annual Meeting

May 31 - June 4, 2024 | Chicago, USA

2024 World Conference on Lung Cancer

7 - 10 September, 2024 | San Diego, USA

ESMO Congress 2024

13 - 17 September, 2024 | Barcelona, Spain

World Cancer Congress 2024

17 - 19 September, 2024 | Geneva, Switzerland

ONS Bridge™ Virtual Conference

10 - 12 September, 2024 | Online

NZSO Conference 2024

17 - 19 October, 2024 | Auckland, New Zealand

Financial assistance for professional development

If you have been a member of CNC for a minimum of 2 years, you can access financial support for education...

 **CNC Education Grant**
(maximum grant of \$750) considered quarterly for cancer nursing-related education and workshops.

• **CNC Roche Scholarship**
(\$2000) for postgraduate study.

The CNC committee invites all members to join us on our Facebook group...

 *Visit the CNC Facebook page...*

Stay informed on upcoming opportunities for professional development + 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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