



THE INAUGURAL AUSTRALIAN CARDIO-ONCOLOGY RESEARCH & EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM

Chris O'Brien Lifehouse, Sydney • 14–15 March 2026

FEATURED FACULTY & SPEAKERS

Prof Susan Dent

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Prof Linda Worrall-Carter

Founder, Director & CEO
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Erin Howden

Associate Professor
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Gail Garvey

Professor
The University of Queensland

Prof Jarad Martin

Radiation Oncologist
University of Newcastle

Dr Lavinia Spain

Medical Oncologist
**Peter MacCallum Cancer
Centre**

Prof Len Kritharides

Head of Department, Cardiology
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Consultant cardiologist
**Prince of Wales Hospital & St
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Deputy Director of HRI & Head,
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Principal Investigator, **St
Vincent's Institute of Medical
Research**

Karen Johnstone

Nurse Practitioner
Sydney Children's Hospital

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Program starts with Welcome Address

DAY 1 SESSION : **Survivorship MDT**

Session Topic	Speaker
Coming of age: long term cancer survivorship and late effects in paediatric, teen, and young adult populations	Karen Johnstone Nurse Practitioner Mindaroo Children's Comprehensive Cancer Centre, Sydney Children's Hospital
Adult cancer survivorship: specialised medicine, or is it just part of good cancer care?	Monica Tang Nelune Comprehensive Cancer Centre, Prince of Wales Hospital
Special considerations for women during the cardio-oncology journey	Prof Linda Worrall-Carter Founder, Director & CEO Her Heart
Exercising care in cancer patient: the who, when, and how; of exercise in cancer patients	Erin Howden Clinical Exercise Physiologist and Associate Professor School of Health Sciences, UNSW Sydney
Indigenous Health: Pathways to healthy hearts for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples after cancer	Gail Garvey Professor in Aboriginal Health Research The University of Queensland
Morning Break	

DAY 1 SESSION : **Mechanisms, Prevention, and Surveillance of Cardiotoxicity**

Session Topic	Speaker
Cardiac assessment primary prevention in contemporary radiation therapy - Acute, subacute, and late radiation induced cardiotoxicity	Prof Jarad Martin Radiation Oncologist Calvary Mater Newcastle; Genesis Care & University of Newcastle
Thrombosis & Haemostasis	
Cardiovascular risk calculators: Focus on ASCVD	Prof Len Kritharides Head of Department, Cardiology Concord Repatriation General Hospital
Current State of Play in Cardiac Protection & Imaging Surveillance +/- SUCCOUR-MRI	Dr Mark Nolan Consultant Cardiologist Prince of Wales Hospital & St Georges Hospital
Panel Discussion/ Case #2	Speakers and Panellists
Lunch	

DAY 1 SESSION : **Beyond Anthracyclines: MDT Approach**

Session Topic	Speaker
Managing cancer treatment and cardiotoxicities in older patients	Dr Daniel Chen Consultant Cardiologist Prince of Wales Hospital & St Georges Hospital Dr Michael Krasovitsky Medical Oncologist St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney
New frontiers and dangers in immunotherapy	Dr Lavinia Spain Medical Oncologist Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre
A cardiologist's guide to stem cell transplantation/CAR-T/TIL	
Afternoon Break	
Prostate cancer and ADT	A/Prof James Lynam Medical Oncologist, Senior Clinical Advisor Cancer Institute NSW
Panel Discussion/Case #3	Speakers and Panellists
Networking : Cocktails & Canapes	

DAY 2 SESSION : **Mechanisms, Research & Trials**

Topic	Speaker
Plenary lecture – Cardio-oncology for oncologists (virtual)	Prof Susan Dent Medical Oncologist Professor of Medicine Director of Judy DiMarzo Survivorship Program Director of the University of Rochester Cardio-Oncology Program University of Rochester, New York
Latest trials in cardio-oncology	Prof Aaron Sverdlov Cardiologist & Research Lead University of Newcastle / HMRI
Emerging cancer therapies – Quo Vadis	Dr Sanjeev Kumar Medical Oncologist and Clinician Scientist Chris O'Brien Lifehouse
Translational Research	Dr Julie McMullen Deputy Director of HRI & Head, Heart Muscle Laboratory Heart Research Institute (HRI) and The University of Sydney

DAY 2 SESSION : Mechanisms, Research & Trials (Cont.)

Topic	Speaker
Cardiotoxicity Models	A/Prof Shiang (Max) Lim Principal Investigator, Head of Cardiac Regeneration Laboratory, O'Brien Institute Department, St Vincent's Institute of Medical Research
Morning Break	

DAY 2 SESSION

Other parts of the CO service: Rhythms, Interventions & Technology

Topic	Speaker
Consumer engagement: Successful consumer-researcher collaboration	Murray McLachlan Deputy Chair Cancer Voices NSW
Digital health/AI in cardio-oncology	A/Prof Jennifer Yu Staff Specialist Cardiologist Prince of Wales Hospital / UNSW Medicine & Health
Panel Discussion: How to set up a CO service	Speakers and Panellists
Closing remarks	
Networking & Light refreshments served	
Event Concludes	

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