



# THE INAUGURAL AUSTRALIAN CARDIO-ONCOLOGY RESEARCH & EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM

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

## FEATURED FACULTY & SPEAKERS

### **Dr Michael Holland MP**

Parliamentary Secretary for  
Health and Regional Health

### **Prof Susan Dent**

Medical Oncologist,  
University of Rochester, NY

### **Dr Monica Tang**

Medical Oncologist,  
Prince of Wales Hospital

### **Prof Trish Davidson**

Board Chair,  
Her Heart

### **A/Prof Erin Howden**

Clinical Exercise Physiologist,  
School of Health Sciences  
UNSW Sydney

### **Prof Gail Garvey (AM)**

Aboriginal Health Research,  
The University of Queensland

### **Dr Lavinia Spain**

Medical Oncologist,  
Peter MacCallum Cancer  
Centre

### **Prof Aaron Sverdlov**

Cardiologist & Research Lead,  
University of Newcastle / HMRI

### **Prof Len Kritharides**

Clinical Director of Cardiac  
services Stream, SLHD

### **Dr Mark Nolan**

Consultant Cardiologist,  
Nepean Specialist Group

### **A/Prof Shiang (Max) Lim**

Principal Investigator,  
St Vincent's Institute of Medical  
Research

### **A/Prof Jennifer Yu**

Staff Specialist Cardiologist,  
Prince of Wales Hospital /  
UNSW Medicine & Health

### **A/Prof James Lynam**

Medical Oncologist,  
Cancer Institute NSW

### **A/Prof Sanjeev Chunilal**

Director of Laboratory  
Haematology,  
Monash Health

### **Dr Daniel Chen**

Consultant Cardiologist,  
Prince of Wales Hospital &  
St Georges Hospital

### **Prof Jarad Martin**

Radiation Oncologist,  
University of Newcastle

### **Dr Sanjeev Kumar**

Medical Oncologist,  
Chris O'Brien Lifehouse

### **Prof Julie McMullen**

Deputy Director of HRI & Head  
of Heart Muscle Laboratory; HRI  
and The University of Sydney

### **Murray McLachlan**

Deputy Chair,  
Cancer Voices NSW

### **Dr Michael Krasovitsky**

Medical Oncologist,  
St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney

### **Karen Johnston**

Nurse Practitioner,  
Sydney Children's Hospital

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# PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Registration opens: 9.00am

## DAY 1 SESSION : Survivorship MDT

Topic	Speaker	Time
Opening Address & Acknowledgement of Country	...	10.30–10.40am
Ministerial Address	<b>Dr Michael Holland MP</b> Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Regional Health	10.40–10.50am
Adult cancer survivorship: specialised medicine, or is it just part of good cancer care?	<b>Dr Monica Tang</b> Medical Oncologist & Staff Specialist in Cancer Survivorship, Nelune Comprehensive Cancer Centre, <b>Prince of Wales Hospital</b>	11.00–11.20am
Indigenous Health: Pathways to healthy hearts for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples after cancer	<b>Prof Gail Garvey (AM)</b> Aboriginal Health Research, <b>The University of Queensland</b>	11.20 – 11.40am
<b>Morning Break</b>		<b>11.40 – 12.00pm</b>
Coming of age: long term cancer survivorship and late effects in paediatric, teen, and young adult populations	<b>Karen Johnston</b> Nurse Practitioner, Mindaroo Children's Comprehensive Cancer Centre, <b>Sydney Children's Hospital</b>	12.00 – 12.20pm
Exercising care in cancer patients: the who, when, and how, of exercise in cancer patients	<b>A/Prof Erin Howden</b> Clinical Exercise Physiologist, School of Health Sciences <b>UNSW Sydney</b>	12.20 – 12.40pm
Special considerations for women during the cardio-oncology journey	<b>Prof Trish Davidson</b> Board Chair, <b>Her Heart</b>	12.40 – 1.00pm
Panel Session – Survivorship & Integrated Care	Speakers and Panellists	1.00 – 1.20pm
<b>Lunch</b>		<b>1.20 – 2.20pm</b>

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

Topic	Speaker	Time
Cardiac assessment and primary prevention in contemporary radiation therapy – Acute, subacute, and late radiation induced cardiotoxicity	<b>Prof Jarad Martin</b> Radiation Oncologist, <b>Calvary Mater Newcastle, Genesis Care &amp; University of Newcastle</b>	2.20 – 2.40pm
Cardiovascular risk calculators: Focus on ASCVD	<b>Prof Len Kritharides</b> Clinical Director of Cardiac services Stream, <b>SLHD</b>	2.40 – 3.00pm
Current State of Play in Cardiac Protection & Imaging Surveillance +/- SUCCOUR-MRI	<b>Dr Mark Nolan</b> Consultant Cardiologist, <b>Nepean Specialist Group</b>	3.00 – 3.20pm
Panel Discussion / Case #2	Speakers and Panellists	3.20 – 3.40pm
<b>Afternoon Break</b>		<b>3.40 – 4.00pm</b>

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

Topic	Speaker	Time
Managing cancer treatment and cardiotoxicities in older patients	<b>Dr Daniel Chen</b> Consultant Cardiologist, <b>Prince of Wales Hospital &amp; St Georges Hospital;</b>	4.00 – 4.20pm
	<b>Dr Michael Krasovitsky</b> Medical Oncologist, <b>St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney</b>	
Prostate cancer and ADT	<b>A/Prof James Lynam</b> Medical Oncologist, Senior Clinical Advisor, <b>Cancer Institute NSW</b>	4.20 – 4.40pm
Panel Discussion/Case #3	Speakers and Panellists	4.40 – 5.00pm
Networking : Cocktails & Canapes		5.00 – 7.00pm

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

Topic	Speaker	Time
Plenary lecture – Cardio-oncology for oncologists (virtual)	<b>Prof Susan Dent</b> Medical Oncologist, Professor of Medicine, Director of Judy DiMarzo Survivorship Program, Director of the University of Rochester Cardio-Oncology Program, <b>University of Rochester, New York</b>	9.00 – 9.20am
Latest trials in cardio-oncology	<b>Prof Aaron Sverdlov</b> Cardiologist & Research Lead, <b>University of Newcastle / HMRI</b>	9.20 – 9.40am
Emerging cancer therapies – Quo Vadis	<b>Dr Sanjeev Kumar</b> Medical Oncologist and Clinician Scientist, <b>Chris O'Brien Lifecare</b>	9.40 – 10.00am
Translational Research	<b>Prof Julie McMullen</b> Deputy Director of HRI & Head of Heart Muscle Laboratory; <b>HRI and The University of Sydney</b>	10.00 – 10.20am
<b>Morning Break</b>		<b>10.20 – 10.50am</b>
Cardiotoxicity Models	<b>A/Prof Shiang (Max) Lim</b> Principal Investigator, Head of Cardiac Regeneration Laboratory, <b>O'Brien Institute, St Vincent's Institute of Medical Research</b>	10.50 – 11.10am

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

Topic	Speaker	Time
Marantic endocarditis and examining venous/arterial thromboembolism	<b>A/Prof Sanjeev Chunilal</b> Director of Laboratory Haematology, <b>Monash Health</b>	11.10 – 11.30am
New Frontiers and Dangers in Immunotherapy	<b>Dr Lavinia Spain</b> Medical Oncologist, <b>Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Melbourne</b>	11.30 – 11.50pm

### DAY 2 SESSION

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

Topic	Speaker	Time
Consumer engagement: Successful consumer–researcher collaboration	<b>Murray McLachlan</b> Deputy Chair, <b>Cancer Voices NSW</b>	11.50 – 12.10pm
Digital health/AI in cardio-oncology	<b>A/Prof Jennifer Yu</b> Staff Specialist Cardiologist, <b>Prince of Wales Hospital / UNSW Medicine &amp; Health</b>	12.10 – 12.30pm
Panel Discussion: How to set up a CO service	Speakers and Panellists	12.30 – 12.55pm
Closing remarks		
<i>Light lunch &amp; event concludes</i>		1.30pm

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