



The Second Victorian Psycho-Oncology Research Conference

Psycho-oncology Across the Lifespan

Friday 5th September 2014
8:30am – 5:00pm

Walter and Eliza Hall
Institute of Medical Research
Level 7 Lecture Theatre
1G Royal Parade, Parkville
VIC 3052 Australia.

Refreshments and lunch provided.
Networking drinks after the event.

Registration

Early bird rate – closes 31st July:
full - \$60
student - \$30

Standard rate – closes 3rd Sept:
full - \$90
student - \$50

Registrations forms are available at:

<http://www.victorianccc.org.au/VCCCVictorianPsychoOncologyResearchConference>

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Note: Program may vary due to speaker availability

International Speakers

James Coyne

James C. Coyne is Professor of Health Psychology, at The University of Groningen Medical Center and Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry, University of Pennsylvania, where he was also Director of Behavioural Oncology Research, Abramson Cancer Center. His critical commentaries have challenged whether psychosocial intervention extends the survival of cancer patients, whether distress and depression screening programs improve patient outcomes, and whether meta analyses of behavioural medicine commissioned by professional organizations are valid and credible.

Chris Nelson

Chris is a clinical psychologist who is the psychiatry liaison to Memorial Sloan Kettering's 65+ Program. He provides psychological support to older cancer patients, while conducting research exploring effective ways to identify depression in older cancer patients and developing psychotherapy strategies specifically focused on the unique needs of these patients. Chris also works closely with the Centre's genitourinary and sexual medicine services.

Tom Hack

Tom is a clinical psychologist and Professor in the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Manitoba. He holds a Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation Chair in Psychosocial and Supportive Care Oncology Research. He has conducted the largest consultation recording studies to date. Professor Hack is a Visiting Professor at the University of Central Lancashire, Preston, UK. He received the Queen's Golden Jubilee medal in recognition of his research.

Christopher Recklitis

Christopher is Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Harvard Medical School and Director of Research, Perini Family Survivors' Center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. His interests include quality-of-life and psychiatric morbidity in adolescents and young adults, and assessing mental health outcomes and promoting health behaviors in oncology patients. Among his many current projects, Christopher is developing interventions to treat insomnia and promote sun protection in childhood cancer survivors and investigating the validity of self-report measures of anxiety and depression in adolescent and young adult cancer survivors.

National and Local Speakers:

Bettina Meiser, University of New South Wales.

Bianca Devitt, St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne.

Chris Steer, Border Medical Oncology, Albury Wodonga.

Ingrid Winship, Melbourne Health.

Maria McCarthy, Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne.

Phyllis Butow, University of Sydney and PoCoG.

Sarah Drew, Centre for Adolescent Health, Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne.

This year, the VCCC is proud to support the Psycho-oncology Co-operative Research Group (PoCoG) Concept Development Workshop in Melbourne on the 4th September 2014 in conjunction with the Psycho-oncology Research Conference. For further information on the workshop and how to apply to attend, please click here <http://www.pocog.org.au/content.aspx?page=cdw>

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