

Message from the Chairs

Welcome to the 2012 Annual Research Update. We are delighted to share this opportunity to communicate the latest developments in Australian cancer research with our supporters and people affected by this terrible disease.

In its fourth year of running this exciting event, Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA) has partnered with Ovarian Cancer Australia. PCFA and Ovarian Cancer Australia are the key national bodies funding and advocating prostate and ovarian cancer research.

Research is a step-by-step process. A string of small studies is needed to put together the bigger picture. At PCFA, more than 136 such studies into prostate cancer research since 2004 would not have been possible without Movember funding.

Movember's success has provided career support to numerous young researchers, has ensured continuation of ongoing groundbreaking research and enabled prostate cancer researchers to remain competitive in the international research arena. With Movember's support PCFA aims to continue to fund the best prostate cancer research and is committed to increasing understanding and appreciation of research progress by the community at large.

This event is also of particular significance to Ovarian Cancer Australia who will be announcing the first grants of a new national research program for ovarian cancer, which will be awarded to the best and brightest early career researchers. Through the first ever national peer-reviewed research program Ovarian Cancer Australia is determined to improve survival rates for women diagnosed with ovarian cancer, now and in the future.

The theme we have chosen for today is "Our Research, Your Future". This choice reflects our strong mutual belief that investing in research today will secure a world free of cancer tomorrow.

We hope that the research highlighted here provides a public testament to the excellence of Australian researchers and the high quality of research in both prostate and ovarian cancer.

To the brave men and women and their families who are currently living with cancer - thank you for being our inspiration! We hope that the information provided here today will be valuable to you.

To Movember and all of the other supporters of PCFA's research program and to the supporters of ovarian cancer research - thank you. We cannot fund cancer research without your continued support and generosity, and we look forward to an enduring relationship.

Kind regards,

David Sandoe OAM
National Chairman, PCFA

Paula Benson
Chair, Ovarian Cancer Australia

PCFA acknowledges Movember's ongoing funding of PCFA's Research Program and values its partnership with Cancer Australia.

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ANNUAL RESEARCH UPDATE 2012

OUR RESEARCH, YOUR FUTURE

Fri 25 May 2012

9.30am-3.00pm

Michael Chamberlin Lecture Theatre
St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne

The latest advances in prostate and ovarian cancer research in everyday language presented by Australia's leading scientists. *Hosted by Ms Julie McCrossin*

9.30am	Registration
9.45am	Welcome and Introduction
9.50am	<i>Our Stories with Julie</i>
9.55am	Presentation: Different types of ovarian cancer and genetic risk Professor David Bowtell, <i>Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre</i>
10.15am	Question Time Facilitated by Julie McCrossin
10.25am	Presentation: The population-based prostate cancer registry: monitoring patterns and quality of care Associate Professor Mark Frydenberg, <i>Monash University</i>
10.45am	Question Time Facilitated by Julie McCrossin
10.55am	Morning Tea
11.15am	<i>Door prize draw & Our Stories with Julie</i>
11.20am	Presentation: Development of an anti-cancer drug: getting to the tissues that help prostate cancer and other tumours grow Associate Professor Martin Lackmann, <i>Monash University</i>
11.40am	Question Time Facilitated by Julie McCrossin
11.50am	Presentation: Early detection of ovarian cancer and targeted therapies Dr Deborah Neesham, <i>Royal Women's Hospital</i>
12.10pm	Question Time Facilitated by Julie McCrossin
12.20pm	Opening: Ovarian Cancer Australia Research Program Funding Round
12.30pm	Lunch
1.30pm	<i>Door prize draw & Our Stories with Julie</i>
1.35pm	Panel & Audience Discussion: Living with advanced cancer Dr Deborah Neesham – Gynaecological Oncologist Ms Jane Fletcher – Psycho-Oncologist (Gynaecological) Associate Professor Brian Le – Palliative Care Physician & Medical Oncologist Dr Addie Wootten – Clinical Psychologist (Urological) Ms Mary Leahy – Uro-Oncology Nurse Dr David Pook – Urologist/Uro-Oncologist
2.45pm	Awards of Appreciation Presentation
2.55pm	Closing Summary
3.00pm	Close

Presenters



Ms Julie McCrossin has a wealth of experience interviewing high profile professionals with more than 20 years as a broadcaster with ABC Radio National, ABC TV and Network Ten. She was also a team leader on the media quiz show "Good News Week" for five years on Network Ten and ABC TV. Julie is now a freelance journalist, facilitator, trainer and speaker. She is renowned across Australia for her warmth, humour, intelligence and commitment to social justice.



Professor David Bowtell is head of Cancer Genomics and Genetics at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre and was Director of Research there from 2000-10. Professor Bowtell leads the ovarian cancer arm of the National Health and Medical Research Council's involvement in the International Cancer Genomics Consortium, a world-wide effort aimed at mapping all significant mutations in common cancers. He also heads the Australian Ovarian Cancer Study, a nationally collaborative project involving over 2000 women with ovarian cancer.



Associate Professor Mark Frydenberg is Chairman, Department of Urology, Monash Medical Centre and is also a clinical associate professor in the Department of Surgery at Monash University. He is currently the clinical chairman of the Prostate cancer research program, Department of Anatomy, Monash University, chairman of the Uro-oncology special advisory group of the Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand, inaugural chairman of Institute of Specialty Surgery, Epworth Health and a board member of Andrology Australia.



Associate Professor Martin Lackmann is head of the Protein Interaction & Cancer Research Laboratory at Monash University. Research in his lab focuses on molecular & cellular mechanisms that are active during tumour growth and metastasis, as a basis for discovery and development of new therapies. One of the lead drugs, a therapeutic antibody designed to target solid tumours and to destroy cancer cells in blood cancers has recently entered Phase-I trials in the US and Australia, where the first leukemia patients have been treated at the Alfred Hospital since January 2012.



Dr Deborah Neesham is a subspecialist Gynaecological Oncologist who has worked as a consultant in the Oncology and Dysplasia Unit at the Royal Women's Hospital since 1998. She is actively involved in local, national and international research and is currently Chairman of the Gynaecological Oncology subspecialty committee at the Royal Australian College of Obstetricians. Dr Neesham has recently joined the board of The Women's Cancer Foundation and is looking forward to continuing her work in helping women to fight gynaecological cancers.

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Ms Jane Fletcher runs a specialist psycho-oncology private practice at Cabrini Health and is Deputy Head of the Cabrini Monash Psycho-oncology Research Unit and holds an adjunct appointment with Monash University. She is the chair of the Victorian Cooperative Oncology Psycho-Oncology Committee and is a member of the Palliative Care and Gynaecological Cancer committees. Jane has extensive experience dealing with issues such as anxiety, depression and grief associated with a cancer diagnosis. She is a member of local and national working parties in relation to psycho-oncology.



Associate Professor Brian Le is a Palliative Care Physician and Medical Oncologist. He is Department Head of Palliative Care at The Royal Melbourne Hospital, and works with Melbourne Citymission Palliative Care Service. Associate Professor Le teaches undergraduate and postgraduate students in palliative care and research. He is a member of several state and national advisory committees and was appointed chairperson of Palliative Care Victoria in 2010. Associate Professor Le is particularly interested in equity of access to palliative care and symptom management.



Dr Addie Wootten is a clinical psychologist who specialises in the area of urology. She holds a doctorate in clinical psychology and works at The Royal Melbourne Hospital in a clinical and research capacity. In her clinical role Addie commonly works with patients living with prostate cancer. Her work often focuses on issues such as erectile dysfunction, masculine identity, relationship difficulty and issues of anxiety and depression. Her research focus is on the health and wellbeing of a range of people living with cancer with particular focus on men with prostate cancer.



Ms Mary Leahy has worked in uro oncology nursing for the past 10 years as Nurse Coordinator for the Uro Oncology Service. The Uro Oncology Service cares for a complexity of patients, from those with low care needs to patients who are highly complex and require a great deal of coordination to maximise safe on-going care. Many of the patients that Mary cares for are in the palliative phase of their disease or in fact end of life. One aspect of her role is to coordinate a pathway of care which will provide optimal care for the patient and family.



Dr David Pook obtained his medical degree from the University of Tasmania. He completed his Medical Oncology training at St Vincent's Hospital and the Austin before completing two years of research into colon cancer at the Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research and being awarded a Doctor of Medicine from the University of Melbourne. Dr Pook now works as a Medical Oncologist at Monash Cancer Centre where he runs a number of clinical trials in Uro-Oncology. Dr Pook also works in the Prostate and Breast Cancer Research Group at Monash University where he is involved in basic research into prostate cancer.