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FROM WHERE I SIT...A REPORT FROM THE CNSA CHAIR

Welcome to another round up of news and events. As ever, CNSA members across Australia have been incredibly busy generating interest in the work of CNSA and organising varied educational opportunities, engaging in local and national practice development initiatives and contributing to the activities of other leading national, multidisciplinary organisations. As a Society, we should be incredibly proud of the contribution we make, recognising our position as the leading nursing body for Australian Cancer Nurses.

As nurses working with people affected by cancer, our skills and capabilities extend far beyond the boundaries of a specialist discipline. The problems and needs faced by the people we care for are common to many people. As such, members of CNSA have a significant contribution to make to the development of the profession of nursing in all its diversity. In my capacity as Chair of CNSA, I recently attended a meeting of the Coalition of National Nursing Organisations (CoNNO) in Sydney, where Professor Mary Chiarella, Board Member of Health Workforce Australia and the Nursing & Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA), Anne Morrison, Executive Officer of the NMBA spoke about the new structure of the NMBA and Health Workforce Australia. They powerfully described the importance of a strong and informed nursing voice at policy level across Australia and urged each of the nursing organisations represented by

CoNNO (approximately 40 in total), to encourage their members to engage with opportunities created by the new regulatory structures.

Did you know that there are approximately 350-400 approved nursing courses running in Australia? **The NMBA needs expert nurses to join their Accreditation Committee and Accreditation Assessor teams.** This is a fantastic opportunity to contribute to the future of the nursing workforce in Australia, while developing new skills that will have career enhancement opportunities. If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities, please contact Mr Gordon Poulton, Director of Accreditation at the Australian Midwifery and Nursing Council: gpoulton@amnc.

And speaking of career enhancing opportunities.....I would like to draw your attention to page 5 of the Newsletter and opportunities available through CNSA. Have you or a colleague considered nominating for the position of **Chair or Victorian State Representative?** These positions bring with them many and varied, rewarding opportunities. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Donna Milne as current Victorian State Representative if you would like any further information.

November sees COSA hold its ASM in Melbourne. The ASM runs from the 9th-11th of November and I'll look forward to seeing many CNSA members at the meeting. The exciting, multidisciplinary program has much to offer us as COSA/CNSA members and compliments many of the issues we considered at the Winter Congress in July. : www.cosa2010.org.



And finally, in the last email I noted that the CNSA Members' Survey would be distributed at the end of September. My apologies for the delay in getting this out to you all. The revised date for distribution of the survey is now mid November.

With best regards

Mei Krishnasamy
 Chair, Cancer Nurses Society of Australia
 A Shared Voice ... A Shared Vision

WHAT'S OCCURRING? – THE ROUNDUP

Winter Congress 2011

But first to wrap up Winter Congress 2010; For those of us fortunate to attend the 13th Annual Winter Congress in Perth this year, we are all aware of how exciting and successful it was. Very special thanks to Lucy Patton and her Local Organising Committee and team, especially Sandy McKiernan and Sam Gibson. There is no doubt in my mind that our international Keynote speaker Dr Julia Downing contributed much to the success of Winter Congress, not only through her presentations but her contribution and networking with delegates at breaks and the dinner. Julia's stories gave us insight into the needs and struggles of the communities she and her colleagues serve in Uganda, the enormity of their challenges but also the successes they have achieved – truly inspirational and humbling.

This year we attracted over 360 delegates and 32 new members. Industry sponsorship levels also improved by approximately \$50,000 on the previous year with Hospira and Pfizer as our Gold Sponsors, Novartis, Roche and Cancer Australia our Silver Sponsors and Sanofi Aventis our Bronze sponsors.

The Professional Conference Organisers for 2011 will be DC Conferences – we are looking forward to an exciting and productive year ahead.

Maryanne Hargraves



In 2011, the Cancer Nurses Society of Australia 14th Winter Congress will be held in Sydney. **The Congress will be held at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, from the 21st to the 23rd of July.** The congress theme "Navigating the Complexities of Cancer", will provide an interesting and varied program for cancer nurses, highlighting the often diverse and complex nature of cancer care.

The Local Organising Committee comprises of: Ellen Barlow (Chair); Natalie Byrne; Sally Carveth; Laraine Cobbing; Tracy Cosgrove; Keith Cox; Polly Crowden; Meredith Cummins; Beth Ivimey; Anne Mellon (NSW Representative on the NEC) and Gabrielle Prest.

As a group we are excited and honoured to have been given the opportunity to plan this important event in conjunction with the National Executive Winter Congress Planning and Development Committee. We will work

enthusiastically to provide a stimulating scientific program, and an enjoyable social program. All of this will be set against the back drop of beautiful Sydney Harbour.

We look forward to welcoming you all to Sydney in 2011.

Ellen Barlow-Chair, Local Organising Committee

Cancer Nurses Society of Australia, 14th Winter Congress.

Regional Groups

Sydney Regional Group

Hello from the SCNSA regional group The 2010 AGM and education session was held on 7th October when we were very fortunate to have Dr Charlie Teo present on "Curing the incurable". The 2010 education sessions have been very well attended this year with over 50 people registering for each session. The 2011 education calendar will be available in early 2011. We were delighted to receive a number of expressions of interest for the SCNSA committee for next year, and the successful nominations were announced at the AGM on the 7th of October. Congratulations to: .

- Peta Samios RNS
- Louisa Robinson: POW
- Lisa King: POW
- Sandra Turley: Broken Hill Base Hospital
- Josephine Beven: Broken Hill Hospital

A big thank you for all of our member's patience as we fix the glitches that have plagued our email lists and mail out. In the next few months we will be double checking member details and you may receive a call to confirm your contact details. You can assist us by ensuring if you change your details please let us know ASAP so that you don't miss out on all that CNSA has to offer! Also if you find that you or your colleagues are not receiving any information from us, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Please remember if you have an idea for the SCNSA regional group or topics for the education sessions don't hesitate to contact any member of the SCNSA group.

Remember "**Bowser Busters**" are still on, so if you would like some "petrol support" and live in outer Sydney and wish to attend a SCNSA education session, give us a call.

And finally, the Local Organising Committee for the 2011 Winter Congress has hit the ground running, planning what is sure to be a great conference!

Kerrie Murphy – Sydney Regional Group

Melbourne Regional Group

The 2010 winter congress in Perth was well attended by members of the Melbourne regional group. We were also well represented amongst the podium presentations.

Topics such as supportive care, management of delirium, the role of the internet in supporting lay people, and advances in symptom assessment were some of the issues our members reported on.

Our next education session catered for our regional members. An educational day was held in Horsham on the 17th October. The day covered developments in cancer services in the region; advanced practice nursing roles in oncology; neutropenia in the cancer patient; the implications of familial cancer and genetic testing in cancer management and patient self care strategies for cancer symptom management. The committee and all participants enjoyed a wonderful day, and helped CNSA, better serve our rural colleagues.

Catherine Johnston – Chair, Melbourne Regional Group

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THE WIDER CNSA COMMUNITY – WHAT'S THE LATEST?

CNSA Education Committee

The CNSA Education Committee and the EdCaN team have collaborated to finalise the CNSA/ EdCaN survey. Recently the survey received ethics approval from the Queensland University of Technology. It will be forwarded

to members via COSA within the next week. The results will be made available to members following analysis.

As the Chair of the Education Committee, I will represent CNSA at the EdCaN Professional Development Workshop on Wednesday 20th October at the University of Sydney. A report will of proceedings will be made available to the Education

Lucy Patton will also attend a similar workshop on the 27th October in WA.

Nicole King – Chair, Education Committee

EdCaN Committee

On June 8th 2010, Patsy Yates, Kylie Ash and Nicole King got together to discuss the ongoing relationship between CNSA and EdCaN.

Nicole King proposed to survey members of CNSA regarding their use of EdCaN framework (FW) and resources. Questions to be explored include:

- What members are using
- Who is using
- How the FW and resources are being used
- How often they are using the FW and resources
- What else would be useful
- How the competency standards are being applied in practice

EdCaN is supportive of this survey and will assist with its development. QUT has access to the 'key survey' application which is easy to set up, looks good and has good data evaluation capability.

From an EdCaN perspective some other questions were suggested and include:

- How can the website be improved?
- What other resources or exemplars would enable members to get the most out of the FW and resources?
- What role do they perceive CNSA has in the maintenance and sustainability of the EdCaN FW and resources?
- What role do they perceive the EdCaN project staff / nurse educators have in the future?

The direction of the CNSA Education Committee was discussed. It was highlighted that the Education committee has a key role in advocating on behalf of CNSA members in relation to EdCaN. Recommendations include:

- Review the CNSA/EdCaN survey and recommend release of survey to NEC
- To develop a stronger relationship between the CNSA Education Committee and EdCaN, it was suggested that a workshop could be held later in the year to provide an update on the EdCaN project and explore further avenues of collaboration.
- Members of the CNSA Education Committee could be invited as guests to attend the state-based

workshops or professional development activities organised by EdCaN

- The CNSA Education Committee should have a role in reviewing key documents developed by EdCaN
 - Outcomes from the primary care workshop
 - Document control policy
- EdCaN requested the possibility of being a regular guest to the CNSA Education Committee teleconferences
- Hold discussions regarding the marketing of new resources such as the portfolios – support from CNSA would assist in their uptake.

Kylie Ash – EdCaN

CNSA Grants Committee

I would like to thank Sandie McCarthy for her dedication and contribution to this committee. Sandie has stood down to take up a position on the CNSA NEC.

Pam Renouf Memorial Awards

Two applications were received for one of the three categories for this award. The successful recipients are listed below:

Category A:

Elaine Carey (NSW Port Macquarie Base Hospital nurse): awarded funding to complete the Chemotherapy and systemic treatments in cancer care course at the NSW Cancer Institute).

Moiria Christie (NSW Greater Southern Area Health Service nurse) awarded funding to complete the unit in the Master of Cancer and Haematology Course at the University of Sydney).

Leanne Monterosso – Chair, Grants and Awards Committee

CNSA Research Committee

The inaugural Research Committee meeting was held at the CNSA Winter Congress in Perth. I would like to welcome Sandie McCarthy (QLD), Rosemary Brown (VIC) and Pammie Ellem (QLD) to the committee. We look forward to an exciting future.

CNSA Research Grants

One application was received for this award. The successful recipient details are listed below:

Nicole Gavin (QLD Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital) awarded partial funding for a study to compare the impact of venous access devices administration set replacement at 4 days versus 7 days on infective, clinical and cost outcomes

Leanne Monterosso – Chair, Grants and Awards Committee

Men's Cancer's – the bits below the belt

CNSA Perth and Environs invite all WA members to our final education seminar for 2010.

Join us at the Parmelia Hilton on Saturday November 20th for a half day multidisciplinary review of Men's Cancers. This half day seminar will cover issues and treatment related to Prostate, Testicular and Penile cancers, specifically urological surgery, radiation therapy approaches, current chemotherapy treatments, men's sexual health as well as nurse lead discussion and case studies.

Members attend at no cost, non members \$50. Morning tea and lunch included.

Preceding the meeting at 8 am we will be hosting our Annual General Meeting – we highly encourage members to attend to hear about our achievements as well as our plans for the coming year.

More details will be available direct to members in coming days, however please feel free to contact Marie Condon (Treasurer CNSA Perth and Environs) to register your interest - Marie.Condon@sjog.org.au

Sam Gibson Chair CNSA Perth & Environs

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News articles and items of interest are welcome. Submission deadline for the next newsletter is **Friday 7th January 2011**. Forward in MS Word format, (photos as JPEG) to liesa.bruhn@outofsite.com.au

ELECTRONIC MAILOUT – A reminder...

Please ensure your e-mail address remains up to date. If you wish to update your details, please email us at: info@cnsa.org.au

WATCH THIS SPACE!

Have you considered Nominating for the CNSA National Executive Committee

CNSA is governed by a National Executive Committee that comprises one elected representative from each state and territory, and a nationally elected Chairperson. Elected members usually serve a two year term on the committee with the exception of the Chair position which is currently a one year term (ending December 2010).

CHAIR

The NEC is calling for Expressions of Interest for the position of **Chair** for a two year period to commence in January 2011.

Key expectations of the position of the National Chairperson of the CNSA include but are not limited to:

- Inspiring commitment toward the shared vision, mission and objectives of the CNSA
- Facilitating the development of a cohesive, goal oriented executive committee
- Establish a strong collaborative relationship with other individuals/groups within the organisation
- Maintaining responsibility for financial matters of the organisation through development of budget, review and evaluation of expenditures, revenue and investments
- Acting as an effective voice for the CNSA
- Develop strategic collaborative relationships with key external organisations and represents CNSA with various national and international nursing, cancer and health care related organizations.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

An opportunity has arisen to represent the state of **Victoria** on the CNSA National Executive Committee. The position is for a one year period in this instance (2011-2012) in order to realign terms of office with the remainder of the current NEC.

National Executive Committee Members are expected to:

- Know the mission statement, objectives, and structure of the CNSA
- Understand the relationship between the CNSA national executive and its standing groups, committees and membership
- Act as a link between regional groups within their state and the executive committee
- Understand the relationship between the CNSA and other organisations/societies
- Perform other duties as designated by the Chairperson of the CNSA
- Implement policies and procedures established by the CNSA

Why become a member of CNSA NEC?

There are many personal and professional benefits of participating in the CNSA National Executive Committee. A few of these include:

- Builds professional skills such as enhanced leadership, communication and teamwork. This development benefits your employing organisations.

- Builds your knowledge base about health care issues, cancer issues and cancer nursing to contribute to a higher level of practice.
- Provides exposure to other cancer nurses in a wide variety of settings, gives you a broader perspective on the trends and changes in the cancer nursing specialty and healthcare systems.

How do I become a member of the National Executive Committee?

To nominate for the committee,

- The nominee must be an ordinary financial member of the Association and shall in writing consent to the nomination.
- Each nomination shall be signed by the proposer and seconder who shall both be an ordinary financial member of the Association. A resume of the person nominating needs to accompany the application.

An application form with information about the requirements for nomination can be found on the CNSA website www.cnsa.org.au.

For more information, please contact current Chair, **Mei Krishnasamy**, Chair, CNSA National Executive Committee, at meinir.krishnasamy@petermac.org or on 0437 627100

Closing date for both the Chair and Victorian representative is **November 9th 2010**.

All members of CNSA are eligible to vote for candidates nominating for election to the CNSA National Executive Committee. A mail ballot is conducted by the COSA office; with the COSA Executive Officer acting as Returning Officer to elect representatives if more than one nomination is received from a state/territory.

AUSTRALIAN JOURNAL OF CANCER NURSING EDITORIAL BOARD

Expressions of interest are sought from financial CNSA members with writing experience at the post-graduate level and an interest in publishing, to join the Editorial Board of AJCN. The journal is published twice a year.

Successful applicants will serve a 2 year term of office, commencing 1 January 2011, and will be responsible for:

- ◆ peer review of manuscripts
- ◆ assisting the Editors in planning content for future editions of the journal
- ◆ assisting with the development of resources and educational activities to promote writing skills amongst CNSA members
- ◆ providing a written editorial for specific editions when requested by the Editors
- ◆ reviewing final proofs of the journal before printing

It is anticipated that the individual commitment will be no more than:

- ◆ 2 teleconferences per year
- ◆ review of 2 manuscripts per year
- ◆ writing 1 editorial per year
- ◆ proof reading 1 edition per year

Enquiries should be directed to the Editors:

Mei Krishnasamy

Phone: 03 9656 5820

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Tish Lancaster

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Expressions of interest, outlining relevant experience and including a brief curriculum vitae should be forwarded by email to:

Tish Lancaster

Email: Letitia_Lancaster@wsahs.nsw.gov.au

Closing date **9th November 2010**.

ATTENTION QUEENSLAND MEMBERS

Are you currently a member of CNSA and living in the sunny state of Queensland? Are you keen to be a part of CNSA but not quite sure where to start?

Do you want to see more local activity, are you looking for more opportunities to network with your colleagues and raise the profile of CNSA locally?

If this is you, the CNSA Regional Group Coordinator would like to hear from you!

We are seeking expressions of interest from Queensland members who would be interested in working towards renewing the Queensland Regional Group Committee.

If you would like more information on how to get involved, what level of commitment we are seeking or to nominate one of your colleagues who you think would just be perfect – please contact the Regional Groups Coordinator: Sandy McKiernan via email smckiernan@cancerwa.asn.au or mobile 0413 999 383.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO HOST CNSA WINTER CONGRESS IN 2012 AND 2013

CNSA Winter Congress has emerged as the premier cancer nursing conference event in Australia. Winter Congress has been hosted in every capital city in Australia with the exception of Darwin and has been held on the Gold Coast and in Newcastle. Over 360 delegates gathered in Perth this year for another highly successful conference of presentations, learning and networking and

this year we are expecting close to 500 delegates in Sydney!

CNSA invites Regional Groups and/or States to register their interest in hosting the Annual Winter Congress in 2012 and 2013. Hosting Winter Congress is an incredible opportunity to become more involved with CNSA and to showcase and market local talent to cancer nurses from all over Australia.

Expressions of Interest should be endorsed by the Regional Group Chair or State Representative for your State or Territory.

Selection of the most appropriate Host City will be made by the CNSA Winter Congress Planning & Development Committee. Considerations will include:

- Ability to provide an excellent educational, scientific and networking program with national content
- Capacity to host a financially successful congress for 300-plus delegates
- Location of prior Winter Congress meetings to ensure that cancer nurses throughout Australia are provided with the opportunity to attend a CNSA Winter Congress.

Please forward expressions of interest (include 5 copies of the documentations) by Monday 28 March 2011 to:

Maryanne Hargraves

Chair, CNSA Winter Congress Planning & Development Committee

PO Box 1879

Milton QLD 4064

Email: mhargraves@hoca.com.au

Travel Grants for WA CNSA Members

The Perth & Environs Regional Group is pleased to announce a local Travel Grant for Western Australian CNSA members. This travel grant will only be available to WA CNSA members and will support travel, accommodation and registration for the 2011 CNSA Winter Congress to be held in Sydney.

To be eligible to receive this grant you must have been a financial member for minimum of 1 year, complete the CNSA Travel Grant application process and be willing to share your experience with the wider membership via a CNSA Winter Congress report for the national CNSA newsletter. Travel Grant Guidelines and Applications Forms can be downloaded from the CNSA website www.cnsa.org.au/grants_scholarship_research_travel.htm

Applications strictly close 31st March 2011.

For more information please contact Sam Gibson samantha.gibson@sjog.org.au – Chair Perth & Environs

Regional Group of Sandy McKiernan – smckiernan@cancerwa.asn.au WA National Exec Representative.

Taking Cancer Nurses to New Heights in Wimmera

If you have expertise in and a passion for Oncology nursing, a pioneering spirit and the energy for a new challenge we have the position for you. Wimmera Health Care Group in Horsham, Stawell Regional Health and East Grampians Health Service in Ararat are advancing their expanding Oncology services and patient care with the addition of an Oncology Nurse Practitioner position.

While we know there are no Oncology Nurse Practitioners in Victoria, there are candidates and you could be ours. We offer you the opportunity to;

- Add a new dimension and level of expertise to the quality of patient care
- Develop your knowledge and skills whilst working in a team oriented and supportive environment
- Study for your Masters of Nurse Practitioner with financial support
- Work collaboratively along side our Visiting Medical Oncologist and Nursing team as a candidate with progression to an expanded scope of practice
- Develop your leadership and teaching skills
- Guide innovation in Oncology practice in the Wimmera through evidence based practice and a Nurse Practitioner model of care
- Be a part of the ideals of the Grampians Integrated Cancer Service

The proposed Nurse Practitioner role will improve access to Medical Oncology services through a shared care arrangement with the Visiting Medical Oncologist and the expanded scope of practice will include the assessment and management of Oncology patients, routine reviews and the management of side effects and toxicity of treatment and oncological emergencies. This will be achieved in part through high level assessment, pathology and radiology testing and result interpretation and referral to appropriate Medical Specialists, General Practitioner and/or the Emergency department. The Nurse practitioner will provide a pivotal liaison role with the Visiting Medical Oncologist and the onsite health care teams to optimize patient care.

The Endorsed Nurse Practitioner will work autonomously and collaboratively between the three sites, providing an extended and specialized service to cancer patients, strong links and support to the Visiting Medical Oncologist and education, clinical leadership and cohesion to the local Oncology teams.

For expressions of interest and/ or further information please contact:

Janette McCabe, Oncology Nurse Practitioner Project Officer

Wimmera Health Care Group, Baillie St, Horsham. 3400

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Specialist Interest Groups

Gynae-Oncology Special Interest Group

Dear CNSA Members

We are seeking expression of interest to form a steering committee for the development of a CNSA

'Gynae-Oncology Special Interest Group'.

Gynae-Oncology Special Interest Group (GySIG)

A number of nurses in Australia and New Zealand have expressed their interest in forming a 'Special Interest Group for Gynaecologic Oncology' (GySIG).

Judy Eddy, Gynae-Onc CNC (Queensland) initially raised this subject at the annual Australia and New Zealand Gynae-Oncology Group (ANZGOG) nurses workshop in 2010.

As a result of these preliminary discussions we established an email list of nurses who recognised the benefits and subsequently wished to be kept informed.

After much deliberation, Judy Eddy and Pauline Tanner Gynae-Oncology Cancer Nurse Coordinator (Western Australia) concluded that The Cancer Nursing Society of Australia (CNSA) would be the ideal group to affiliate with for the following reasons;

1. CNSA Special Interest Groups are intended to help nurses in speciality areas network with each other.
2. All CNSA members or members of organisations/professional bodies affiliated with CNSA, are welcome to become members of GySIG.
3. CNSA already have established guidelines for the formation of and ongoing support for cancer nurse special interest groups (SIG).
4. Information on SIGs and SIG activities is available through the CNSA newsletter and website.
5. The mission and objectives of CNSA are in keeping with the objectives of this group.
6. Abstracts for specialty education sessions are welcome for CNSA Winter Congress and COSA Annual Scientific Meeting.

(CNSA)Special Interest Groups

Special interest groups are networks of CNSA members

who work in specialty areas or have a common interest, such as gynae-oncology or radiation therapy. All members of CNSA are eligible to belong to a SIG.

In keeping with CNSA the purpose of this GySIG group would be to;

- provide a forum for professional networking and collaboration
- provide opportunities for educational and research activities, and
- act as a point of reference for nursing practice issues
- develop guidelines for specialty areas of cancer nursing practice
- establish processes for peer review of evidenced-based practice

What Next ?

Following expressions of interest, the next step is to form a steering committee to oversee GySIG formation. To establish the following;

- Introduction and background to the GySIG.
- Need for the SIG (e.g. predicted membership numbers, previous activities).
- Planned professional and educational activities for the coming twelve months.
- Planned promotional and recruitment activities.
- Current or planned relationship with other organisations or groups.
- How you believe the formation of this SIG will contribute to the mission and objectives of CNSA.
- Proposed members of steering committee who will oversee SIG activities until scheduled elections for SIG Committee positions.

If you would like to find out more about how to nominate for membership of the Gy Steering Committee, please contact Pauline Tanner on: Pauline.Tanner@health.wa.gov.au

An application to CNSA to establish a GySIG can then be completed.

CNSA Website

Our CNSA website www.cnsa.org.au is a valuable source of information to all members and our new Website Coordinator **Anne Mellon** is keen to ensure that this continues. Anne will be regularly updating links to useful and interesting external resources, a selection of which are showcased below and are accessible via

<http://www.cnsa.org.au/links.htm>

- Position Vacant

A new page has been added to the CNSA website www.cnsa.org.au called Positions Vacant. This page

allows advertising of positions vacant relevant to cancer nurses. Advertising costs are \$80 per advertisement, and each ad will be placed on the website for 3 weeks. If you would like to advertise positions vacant that are relevant to cancer nursing, please forward an email with attached advertisement to the Website Coordinator, Anne Mellon, at the CNSA email info@cnsa.org.au

- NHMRC Clinical Practice Guidelines

This site has been developed to help clinicians and policy-makers access Australian evidence-based clinical practice guidelines through a single entry point. This portal is an initiative of the National Institute of Clinical Studies, an institute of the Australian Government's National Health and Medical Research Council as part of their mandate to build a healthier Australia. Clinical practice guidelines are 'systematically developed statements to assist practitioner and patient decisions about appropriate health care for specific circumstances' (Field and Lohr, 1990).

- The Conference Website

This site is the free one-stop website for all your Medical Conference and Course needs. Designed and run by a Doctor, it can help you find the best Conferences and Courses in your Medical Specialty.

- Anna's Adventure

Sydney born Rhodes Scholar, Doctor, Medical Researcher and Cancer Patient, Anna Donald was a fearless explorer, eager to communicate her experience. While undergoing her fourth round of chemotherapy for breast cancer and exploring complementary therapies, Anna used her formidable skills to offer rare insights from the other side of the doctor-patient divide, and an intimate view of the final challenges in a life lived with great vigour.

This website was born out of the extraordinary response to 'From the other side', Anna Donald's Blog on the British Medical Journal (BMJ) website. Many readers of Anna's BMJ blog were deeply moved and often inspired by her writings. Responses to her posts poured in from around the globe from people living with cancer, their carers, oncologists, other medical specialists, health professionals and academics. The video excerpts on this website are from a documentary film about this extraordinary Australian.

Cancer Learning Update

Latest News

Can you believe we are already in the second half of 2010 – where has the year gone? There have been several developments at Cancer Learning in the last month, with several new resources including some excellent tools, information and activities for cancer nurses and allied health professionals now available in the EdCaN section of

the site. If you haven't yet had a chance to investigate this area of Cancer Learning, take the time to look through and discover the wealth of resources available, including video case-based studies and comprehensive supporting modules, FAQs, competency frameworks, assessment tools, and learner and educator resources that will assist you to use it all for your own professional development.

Thanks to the feedback from several of our users, we are currently working on a few new areas of the website that we look forward to bringing to you in the coming months - keep your eye out for Cancer Learning updates (or register for them **here** if you don't already receive them) in your inbox in the coming months to find out all about these exciting new developments!

EdCaN Resources

Thank you to everyone who visited the EdCaN exhibition stand at the CNSA Winter Congress in July. Professor Patsy Yates, Dominique and I spoke to many of you about how the EdCaN resources can be integrated into a variety of continuing professional development activities for nurses. We also took on board your suggestions about how to further enhance EdCaN. As a result of this feedback, we have recently released two documents on the EdCaN website to support users of EdCaN learning resources:

- [EdCaN FAQs](#)
- [EdCaN Case-based learning resource navigation guide](#)

Project staff are also available to answer questions and guide you through implementation of the resources in your organisation. We will be presenting to nurses in Sydney, Townsville, Melbourne and Perth in October and November so please contact us for further details of these events - Kylie Ash k.ash@qut.edu.au or Dominique Yokowo Dominique.yokowo@qut.edu.au on 07 31386128.

CINSW Grants

Applications are sought from all NSW based universities, cancer services, hospitals, Area Health Services and other relevant agencies for the Cancer Institute NSW grants that are currently available. Apply for funding for projects and research in a range of areas of cancer care: http://www.cancerinstitute.org.au/cancer_inst/grants/index.html

Updated CPD Requirements

There may have been changes to your continuing professional development requirements since the introduction of National Registration on 1 July. We have compiled a brief summary of the requirements of several professional bodies and accrediting organisations, complete with links to further information, to assist you to ensure you meet the continuing education requirements of your profession. You can find it in the Plan section of the

website by clicking on Professional Bodies in the left hand menu.

Australian Lung Foundation – new resources

The Australian Lung Foundation has recently translated two lung cancer resources into 7 languages (Chinese, Dinka, Arabic, Bengali, Vietnamese, Italian and Greek) through Cancer Australia funding “*Collaborative Cancer Supports Networks Grants Program*”.

These resources have been uploaded onto the patient/carer support website – The Kylie Johnston Lung Cancer Network and the Lung Foundation website.

To access these translated resources go to <http://www.kjlcn.org.au/pages/LOTE.php>

The Foundation has also recently developed two new resources:

The “**Answering your Questions about Lung Cancer**” brochure is useful for patients shortly after they have been diagnosed. It answers common questions patients and their carers might ask and provides questions to consider asking when they visit their various specialists.

The new lung cancer patient DVD **Lung Cancer, Understanding, Managing, Living** developed by Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Cancer Council Victoria and The Australian Lung Foundation is now available for distribution.

It is available in 2 ways – uploaded chapter by chapter via <http://www.kjlcn.org.au/pages/resources.php> or request a copy to be sent by post via the website.

For further information please contact **Kerrie Callaghan** on 07 3251 3641 or at kerrie@lungfoundation.com.au

CALENDER REMINDERS – EVENTS

9th–11th November 2010

COSA ASM

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

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