







Wednesday 17 June 2026

7:30AM - 8:30AM INDUSTRY BREAKFASTS

<p>Supporting Cancer Patients Through Law, Social Work, and Compassionate Care</p> <p>Supported by </p>	<p>High-Risk Locally Advanced Cervical Cancer: Practical Nursing Strategies Across the Care Pathway</p> <p>Supported by </p>
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<p>8:30am - 9:00am</p>	<p>Registration for Pre-Congress symposiums</p>
<p>9:00am - 12:15pm</p>	<p>Pre-Congress Symposiums x 4 Half Days (morning sessions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pregnancy and Postpartum Associated Cancers: Elevating Awareness, Care, and Advocacy for Young Women • From A to HCC: Navigating the Complexities of Liver Cancer Care • Leadership to elevate cancer nursing. • ICONIC: Improving communication and support for people with brain cancer and their families
<p>9:00am - 4:00pm</p>	<p>Full Day Pre-Congress Symposiums x 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Practice to Progress: Elevating Gynae Cancer Nursing • The Michigan Appropriateness Guide for Intravenous Catheters in Adult Patients with Cancer (MAGIC-ONC). MAGIC, Much of the same, or Must-Know? • Toxic Clues: An Immunotherapy Investigation • CNP SPN Workshop
<p>12:45pm - 4:00pm</p>	<p>Pre-Congress Symposiums x 4 Half Days (afternoon sessions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advancing Radiation Oncology Nursing: Innovation, Credentialing and Patient-Centred Practice • Identifying and Supporting Patients with Inherited Cancer Risk • Elevating the Future of Learning: Advancing Cancer Nursing Education • Raising our voice: making nursing work visible
<p>5:00pm - 7:00pm</p>	<p>WELCOME RECEPTION</p>
<p>7:00pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>INDUSTRY DINNER When Cancer Pain Breaks Through - Rethinking Breakthrough Cancer Pain</p> <p>Supported by  MENARINI</p>


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<p>7:00am - 7:30am</p>	<p>Stand-Up Buffet Breakfast served outside the breakfast session room</p>	
<p>7:30AM - 8:30AM INDUSTRY BREAKFASTS</p>		
<p>Protecting skin, preserving dignity: the nurse's role in prevention, assessment and intervention</p> <p>Supported by </p>	<p>Highlighting the pivotal role of nurses throughout the patient journey of HR+ metastatic breast cancer</p> <p>Supported by  </p>	<p>From Case to Care: Nursing Approaches to Padcev AE Management</p> <p>Supported by </p>

<p>8:45am - 9:00am</p>	<p>Opening Ceremony and Welcome to Country</p> <p>Led by Congress Chair Suzanne Bartlett, the session will begin with a Welcome to Country and a formal opening from CNSA President Anne Mellon</p>	
<p>9:00am - 10:30am</p>	<p>PLENARY SESSION 1: INNOVATE Nurse-Led Models of Care: Redefining What's Possible</p> <p>Cancer nurses are at the forefront of innovation, designing and leading models of care that improve access, quality, and patient experience. This plenary celebrates nurse-led practice across screening, treatment, and end-of-life care, demonstrating how nursing leadership is reshaping what is possible within contemporary cancer services. Through real-world examples, speakers will showcase advanced practice, independent decision-making, and the impact of nurses leading care in increasingly complex environments.</p> <p>From specialist-led colposcopy services and proactive oral therapy monitoring to nurse-driven telehealth in palliative care, this session highlights how nurses are not only responding to system pressures, but actively designing smarter, more compassionate models of care. Attendees will gain insight into how innovation led by nurses improves outcomes, supports earlier intervention, and strengthens continuity of care across the cancer journey.</p> <p>Speakers: Shannon Philp, Lisa Taylor and TBC</p>	

10:30am – 11:00am MORNING TEA, POSTER VIEWING AND EXHIBITION NETWORKING						
11:00am – 12:30pm CONCURRENT STREAM ONE						
	SESSION 1 Workforce Education	SESSION 2 Equity and Access	SESSION 3 Patient Experience	SESSION 4 Advancing Care: Complexities in Gastrointestinal (GI) cancer management	SESSION 5 Integrated Care	SESSION 6 Advanced Practice
11:00am – 11:15am	Transition to Specialty Practice in Cancer Care: A Pilot Program to Build Oncology Nursing Capability Dee Sweeney	Breathing easier together: Adapting information resources on breathlessness management for culturally and linguistically diverse communities Michael Collins	Access to unscheduled symptom management support: A multisite evaluation of patient and caregiver experiences of symptom and urgent review clinics Polly Dufton	This session is a collaboration between Bowel Cancer Australia, the Gastrointestinal Cancer Nurses Network (GICaNN), the Liver Foundation and Pancare Foundation, bringing together clinical expertise and multidisciplinary perspectives to explore the complex realities of gastrointestinal (GI) cancer management. The session will begin with a brief welcome to introduce the context and outline the objectives of the session, before moving into a series of specialist led presentations that explore key challenges across the GI cancer care continuum. Topics include: the role of transplantation in primary liver cancer, the role of peritonectomies in metastatic colorectal cancer, a case study of gastro-oesophageal junction (GOJ) cancer and associated nursing considerations, the dietary challenges commonly encountered in GI cancer surgeries. Collectively, these presentations provide the audience with a comprehensive and clinically relevant understanding of the multidisciplinary considerations involved in the care of people living with an upper GI cancer. The session will close with a panel style wrap up, drawing together key messages from each speaker and reinforcing the importance of collaboration across clinical multidisciplinary care teams and supportive care services to deliver high quality cancer care.	Partnering with purpose: Pathways to meaningful consumer engagement Siobhan Dunne	Establish, expand, sustain: The advanced practice nurse in cancer care Ellen Heywood
11:15am – 11:30am	Training redesign utilising the eviQ Education Anti-Cancer Drug Administration Course (ADAC) v4 Mohini Bhatt	Mapping nurse-led breast cancer survivorship care models in low- and middle-income countries: A scoping review Ambili Nair	Patient experiences of receiving home-based immunotherapy infusions, Perth, Western Australia: A constructivist grounded theory study Patricia Cook		Advancing supportive care for ocular melanoma patients: A collaborative nursing model in Australia Peta Holly	From inpatient to outpatient: A CNC-led model optimising pancreatic cancer diagnostic care Jamila Adeva
11:30am – 11:45am	Face-to-face education supporting professional development for regional, rural and remote cancer nurses Pammie Ellem	Advocating for culturally sensitive psychological assessment in ASEAN cancer care: The role of nurses Annie Nguyen	Outcomes of implantation of totally implanted vascular access devices for oncology patients in interventional radiological suites or operating rooms: A systematic review Trudie Lawson		Economic evaluation of a specialist lung cancer nurse model of care in Australia Nicole Parkinson	Development of a melanoma nursing advanced practice pathway: A consensus-driven approach Sharon de Graves
11:45am – 12:00pm	Nurse and consumer-led development and psychometric testing of supplementary elements for the Cancer Nurse Self-Assessment Tool (CaN-SAT) Olivia Cook	Improving culturally safe cancer care for people from refugee backgrounds in a regional setting Lisa Carson	Understanding equity and access in cancer care outpatient services through patterns of non-attendance: A retrospective cohort study Brigid Scanlon		"Worth their weight in gold": Evaluation of a national telehealth ovarian cancer supportive care pilot program in Australia Natalie Williams	Elevating the role of advanced practice nursing in the care of neuroendocrine tumour patients: Development of a NET nurse practitioner role Kate Wakelin
12:00pm – 12:15pm	Evaluating nurse and patient education approaches for T-cell engager therapy at a Canadian cancer centre Jodi Hyman	Advocating for equity: A case study of disability-inclusive cancer care Patricia Barnes	Analysis of anticipated stigma in patients with permanent intestinal ostomy after colorectal cancer surgery Ying Bi		Innovating clinical practice: How Chemo@home is delivering safe, patient-centred cancer treatment Lorna Cook	Innovating care pathways in head and neck cancer: A nurse-led concurrent chemoradiation clinic Debbie Farrell
12:15pm – 12:30pm	Melanoma School: An education program for patients with thin melanomas (Stage 0–2b) Donna Milne	Barriers and facilitators to accessing symptom support by patients from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds (CLEAR-ACCESS) Polly Dufton	Advancing care beyond technology: Patient experience and satisfaction with MR-Linac radiotherapy Monique Blanchard		Bridging the gap: The role of nurses in building a multidisciplinary working group on immunotherapy-induced adrenal insufficiency Emma Zurawel	Development of a specialist nursing model to support an integrated, holistic melanoma telehealth service across the care pathway Claire Kelly
12:30pm – 2:00pm LUNCH, POSTER VIEWING AND EXHIBITION NETWORKING						

2:00pm – 3:30pm	PLENARY SESSION 2: INTEGRATE Navigation, Informal Care, and Follow Up Care					
	<p>Cancer pathways are often complex, fragmented, and difficult to navigate, with nurses, carers, and families doing much of the unseen work to keep care connected. This plenary explores what integration truly looks like in practice and why navigation must be recognised as core cancer care, not an optional add-on.</p> <p>The session will include an update on the National Cancer Navigation Service Project, highlighting national efforts to improve consistency, equity, and access to navigation across Australia. This provides important context for cancer nurses, acknowledging navigation as essential infrastructure and recognising the central role nurses already play in coordinating care across settings and services.</p> <p>A panel discussion will then examine the role of informal care within cancer pathways, exploring how carers and families are relied upon but rarely designed for, and the impact this has on patients and the workforce. The plenary concludes with a thought provoking session focused on measuring what matters - and examining how we can raise the standard for follow-up after cancer.</p> <p>This session invites cancer nurses to reflect, challenge assumptions, and engage in shaping cancer pathways that better reflect the realities of care delivery and patient experience.</p> <p>Speakers: Danielle Spence, Professor Paul Cohen, Susan Palmer</p>					
3:30pm – 4:00pm	AFTERNOON TEA, POSTER VIEWING AND EXHIBITION NETWORKING					
4:00pm – 5:30pm	CONCURRENT STREAM TWO					
	SESSION 7 Innovative Practice	SESSION 8 AYA Cancer Care	SESSION 9 Emerging Insights	SESSION 10	SESSION 11 Survivorship Care	SESSION 12 Women's Cancer Care
4:00pm – 4:15pm	Enhancing home-based cancer care through co-designed video health education: Findings from an RCT Danielle Moore	The silent impact: Educational and career disruptions among AYA with a parent or sibling facing cancer Louise De Chiera	Rapid pitch presentation (presented by Gilead) 		Improving equity in survivorship care Frezsa Fulia	Evidence for practice of gynaecological cancer nursing: A scoping review Natalie Williams
4:15pm – 4:30pm	Evidence-based, clinical activity mapped nursing workload in radiation oncology: Linking tumour-stream acuity to workforce planning and training implications Linda McGinn	Dyadic associations between coping and perceived stress among young and middle-aged lymphoma patients and their spouses: An actor-partner interdependence model analysis Mengzhuo Cheng			Concerns, positive experiences and suggestions for improving survivorship: Perspectives from older adults Margaret Fitch	Pregnancy and postpartum associated cancer Rachelle Panitz
4:30pm – 4:45pm	Strengthening cancer nursing supportive care through the National Palliative Care Standards Chelsea Menchin	Transforming cancer care for adolescents and young adults and the role of youth cancer services (further details coming soon)	Profiles of psychological capital and its correlation with coping styles in young and middle-aged patients with advanced lung cancer: A latent profile analysis Yunxia Hou		Implementation of a national support service for people and families living with inherited cancer: Early outcomes from the Inherited Cancers Australia Support Service Gabrielle Reid	Facilitating earlier diagnosis of people with signs and symptoms of cancer Claire Howlett
4:45pm – 5:00pm	Leadership in action: Feasibility of a cancer nurse-led melanoma community of practice Emma Zurawel		Counted at last: Australia's first national metastatic breast cancer prevalence estimate Vicki Durston		High unmet emotional and financial needs among carers of people with upper gastrointestinal cancer: Findings from an Australian consumer survey Sue Hegarty	Nurses' experiences of providing pregnancy-associated cancer care in Australia Lucy Armitage
5:00pm – 5:15pm	From idea to impact: Training healthcare workers in quality improvement and project management Kate Whitehead		Driving national change through interdisciplinary collaboration: SUPER-ED trial transforming care for cancer of unknown primary (CUP) Sarah McLean		Scaling a nurse-led survivorship model across a metropolitan cancer network: Pilot outcomes Alexia Koutoulas	Evaluating a wound care practice change following vulvar cancer surgery: Pilot audit Natalie Williams

5:15pm – 5:30pm	Integrating precision technology: Nursing collaboration in building a Gamma Knife service Jade Fitzgerald		Impact and sustainability of extended genetic testing panels in a high-risk breast and ovarian cancer clinic Trish Calder		Innovating survivorship education: Co-design and evaluation of a mindfulness-based breast cancer recovery program Chandrika Gibson	A WISER way to support women with anal cancer Mary Hayes
5:30pm – 6:30pm	NETWORKING HOUR					
6:30pm – 9:00pm	INDUSTRY DINNER Optimising Supportive Care in Oncology: Managing Nausea and Vomiting, Emerging Treatments' Toxicities and Bone Health					
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Friday 19 June 2026

7:00am – 7:30am	Stand-Up Buffet Breakfast served outside the breakfast session room					
7:30AM – 8:30AM INDUSTRY BREAKFASTS						
Overall Survival and why it matters in high-risk* HR+ HER2- Early Breast Cancer Supported by 	Topics coming soon! Supported by 			From First Line to CAR-T: How Myeloma Care Is Evolving – and What It Means for Nurses Supported by Johnson&Johnson		


8:30am – 9:00am	CNSA AGM					
9:00am – 10:30am	PLENARY SESSION 3: EDUCATE Novel Therapies, Digital Health, and Equitable Access					

As cancer treatments evolve rapidly, nurses require timely, practical education to safely deliver care and advocate for equity across diverse settings. This plenary focuses on how nursing knowledge, the Nursing Equity Assessment Tool (NEAT), and digital innovation are essential to ensuring novel therapies translate into better patient outcomes rather than increased risk.

Sessions will explore the application of NEAT as a structured approach to identifying inequities and unmet needs in cancer care, alongside nurse-led digital monitoring and early intervention models. The plenary will also examine the nursing implications of emerging therapies such as antibody-drug conjugates and bispecific antibodies, with a strong focus on toxicity recognition, escalation pathways, and patient education. Together, these sessions reinforce the critical role of cancer nurses in preventing harm, reducing unplanned admissions, and ensuring patients can safely and equitably access cutting-edge treatments, regardless of where they receive care.

Speakers: Professor Mei Krishnasamy, Clair Scott, Dr Carla Thamm and Dr Kit Huckvale

10:30am – 11:00am	MORNING TEA, POSTER VIEWING AND EXHIBITION NETWORKING					
11:00am – 12:30pm	CONCURRENT STREAM THREE					

	SESSION 13 Leadership and Equity	SESSION 14 Haematology	SESSION 15 Breast Cancer Care	SESSION 16 Innovations with Impact	SESSION 17 Supportive Care	SESSION 18 Advanced Practice
11:00am – 11:15am	Evaluating a national head and neck cancer helpline: Early impact on navigation and supportive care Faye Nucup	Utilising co-design to develop a model of supportive nursing care for haematology Kerry Patford	Rapid pitch presentation: Metastatic breast cancer (presented by AstraZeneca) 	Building research capability in cancer nursing: Evaluation of a CNSA pilot mentorship and blended learning program Lauren Parkinson-Zarb	Myths, malnutrition, and meaningful referrals: A nurse's guide to oncology nutrition Lauren Atkins	Characteristics and outcomes of cancer nurse practitioner roles in Australia: An integrative systematic review Mei Krishnasamy
11:15am – 11:30am	Team Storm Project: Building leadership skills and team resilience for nursing staff in a busy outpatient cancer centre Romony Jeans	Key factors influencing haematology and emergency nurses' decision making when assessing patients with potential neutropenic sepsis Christine Mackey		Scrolling to safety: Using social media to deliver evidence-based microlearning to cancer nurses Catherine Bullivant	Enhancing patient wellbeing across the melanoma care pathway through the development of a melanoma telehealth nurse counselling service Clare McInerney-Harris	Implementing a nurse-led model of unscheduled cancer care: A statewide evaluation of symptom and urgent review clinics Polly Dufton

11:30am - 11:45am	Skin cancer: A population health approach to mapping and strengthening service delivery across the Loddon Mallee Region April Gerolemou	A study on latent categories and influencing factors of frailty trajectories during chemotherapy in patients with non-Hodgkin lymphoma Ruofei Du	Designing what patients need: A new model of supportive care in breast cancer Natasha Keir	Increasing the knowledge and capability of radiation oncology nurses through a structured online learning course Jackie Hodges	Moderating effect of physical activity and handgrip strength on prostate cancer survival in men enrolled in the UK Biobank prospective cohort study Nazib Khan	Distress trajectories during cancer treatment: Analysis to inform nurse-led supportive care Samantha Redfearn
11:45am - 12:00pm	Investigating the safety and utility of arm totally implanted vascular access devices (TIVADs) compared to chest TIVADs Trudie Lawson	The remainder of this session will focus on haematology in collaboration with Myeloma Australia and Lymphoma Australia Speakers TBC	The prevalence of distress and associated factors in newly diagnosed breast cancer patients in Western Australia. Natalie Hird	Smart, connected cancer care: Evaluating ICT-enabled multidisciplinary practice innovations at Chemo@home Lorna Cook	Who is caring for the carer? Supporting the wellbeing of cancer carers in a comprehensive cancer centre Carmen Larkin	Improving coordination and equitable implementation of specialist cancer nursing roles in health services across Australia Colette Dolan
12:00pm - 12:15pm	Flip the script – When the person with cancer is educating health care professionals: We have much to learn Kahlia Wolsley		Development of local nursing clinical pathways to standardise the safe monitoring and management of breast cancer patients prescribed oral anticancer therapies Gillian Kruss	Person-centred palliative care: Relational, cultural and measurement factors Suzanne Bishaw	Integrating exercise into post-treatment care for women with gynaecological cancer: Insights from ACUMEN (Study 2) Mackenzie Petie	Development and implementation of the McGrath Model of Care to enable equitable provision of supportive cancer nursing care Kerry Patford
12:15pm - 12:30pm	Co-design and evaluation of an education module enabling cancer nurses to use the Nursing Equity Assessment Tool (NEAT) Meinir Krishnasamy		The Metastatic Wellness Initiative: Integrating multidisciplinary care and lived experience to innovate survivorship support across Western Australia Melanie Rowley		From suppression to sensation: A case study on rebuilding pleasure after endocrine therapy Natasha Keir	Identifying key implementation determinants to inform development of gynaecological cancer nursing guidance: A cross-sectional study Natalie Williams
12:30pm - 1:30pm	LUNCH, POSTER VIEWING AND EXHIBITION NETWORKING					
1:30pm - 3:15pm	PLENARY SESSION 4 AND AWARDS					
	<p>Advocacy is central to cancer nursing practice. This plenary highlights how nurses are uniquely positioned to lead conversations around genomics, early diagnosis, access to care, and amplifying consumer voices within the health system. Through a combination of clinical expertise and lived experience, this session explores how advocacy by nurses directly influences equity, safety, and patient empowerment.</p> <p>Topics include the expanding role of nurses in genomic literacy and consent, and the power of asking the right questions in cancer care and health education. This plenary reinforces the responsibility and opportunity for nurses to advocate not only at the bedside, but at system and policy levels to improve outcomes for current and future patients..</p> <p>Speakers: Daniel Johnstone, Professor Kim Alexander</p>					
	CONGRESS END					