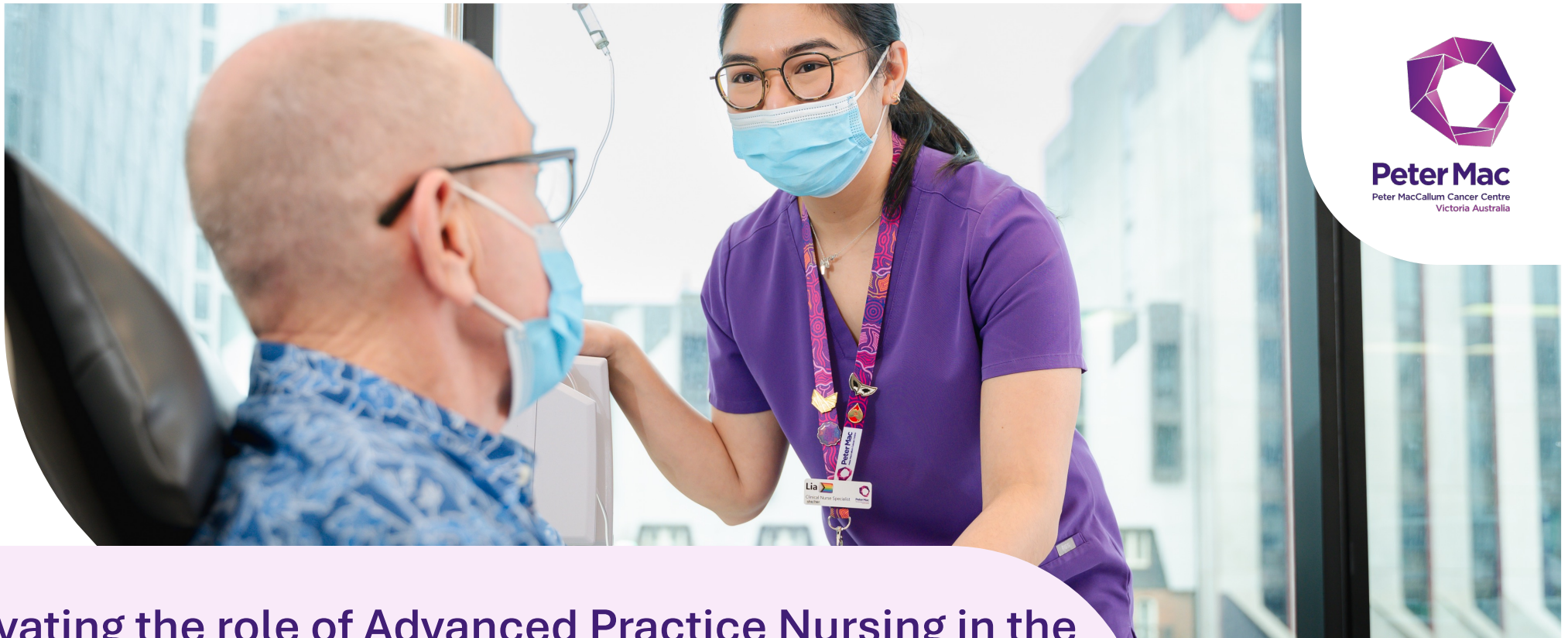




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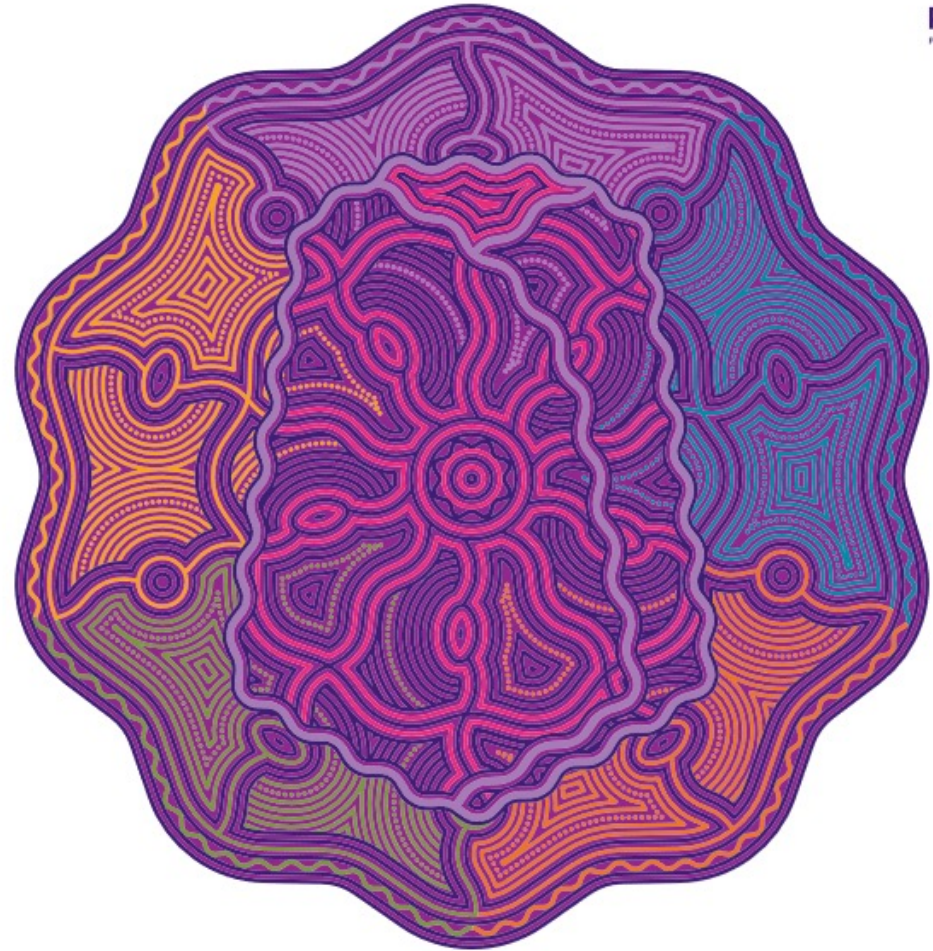
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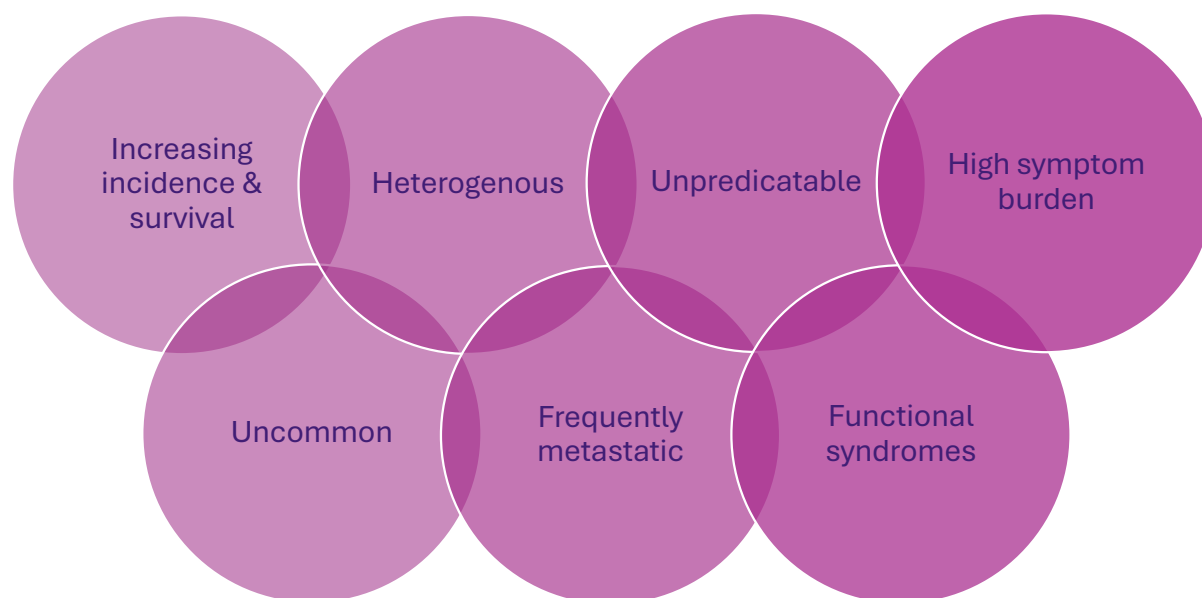


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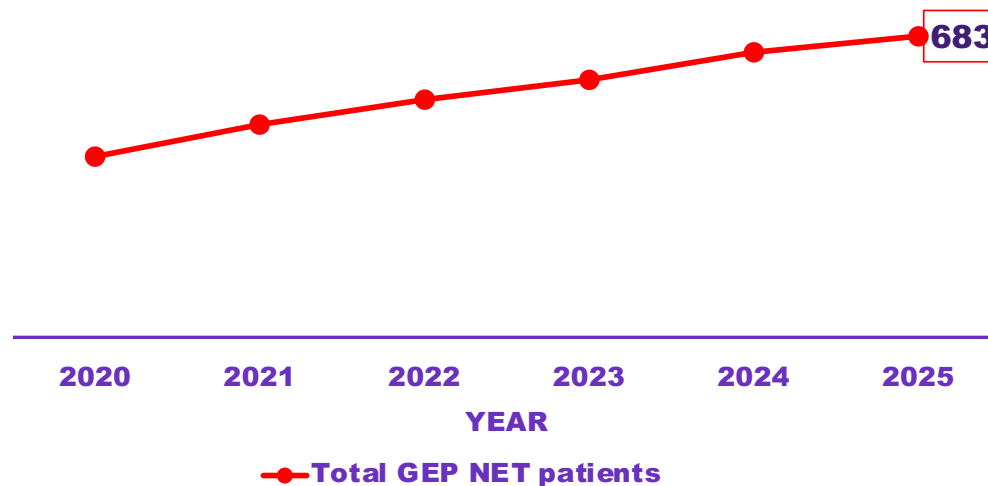


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Peter MacCallum NET Service

- Neuroendocrine Cancer Centre of Excellence (European Neuroendocrine Tumour Society)
- Multidisciplinary service (including Advanced Practice Nursing model of care)
- 2023: Service Review, potential for NP role



Advanced Practice Nursing



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Clinical
Practice



Leadership
and
Management

Education



Research

Nurse Practitioner - requirements



1. Current general registration as a Division 1 Registered Nurse in Australia without conditions/restrictions to unsatisfactory professional practice
2. Equivalent full-time experience of at least three years (5,000 hours) at an advanced clinical nursing level of practice (within the past 6 years)
3. Completion of an NMBA approved Master of Nurse Practitioner course, including 300hrs supernumerary, supervised Integrated Professional Practice (IPP) within specialty
4. NMBA Endorsement (Ahpra)



<https://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Codes-Guidelines-Statements/Codes-Guidelines/Guidelines-on-endorsement-as-a-nurse-practitioner.aspx>

Nurse Practitioner – core clinical capabilities

Extended, independent scope of practice, including:

- Advanced diagnostic reasoning & therapeutic knowledge
- Diagnose & manage common & complex health conditions
- Provide referrals to specialists

Skills and training in

- Advanced assessment
- Diagnosis
- Prescribing
- Ordering & interpreting pathology & diagnostic imaging



Aims

- To develop an NP model of care within the NET service at PMCC
- To provide a scalable NP framework for NET COEs nationally and internationally

To address specific existing needs:

- Growth in service demand (incidence, survival)
- Unmet supportive care needs
- Gaps in service: community delivered therapies
- Fragmented care: complex & rare syndromes



Process



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Organisational
support (2023)

Victorian
Department of
Health Scholarship

Formal Masters
program
commenced
(March 2024)

Masters program
completed (Nov
2025)

AHPRA
endorsement (Jan
2026)

Scope of Practice
formalisation
(March 2026)

Provider &
prescriber
numbers

Transition to role
(current)

Expectation



Reality



NET NP Scope of Practice

Structured scope (first 12 months)

- Outputs across all domains Advanced Practice Nursing, with focus on clinical care
- Shared-care model, in partnership with lead clinician (including periodic clinical reviews) and MDT
- Defined patient groups within overall NET cohort
- Prescribing and investigations within approved scope and formulary
- Referrals to key speciality streams
- Regular reviews of scopes at agreed timepoints



Avoiding becoming the “spare registrar”

- **Clearly defined scope of practice**
- **Support of senior leadership**
- **Education**
- **Key groups of focus**

Stable, low-grade
disease

Complex symptoms

Community therapies

Rare syndromes

Conclusion:



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This project has enabled:

- Elevation of APN role
- Bridging of gaps in patient care
- Optimisation health outcomes whilst maximising health service efficiency
- Demonstration of the value of integrated, nursing-led cancer care
- Development of an internationally scalable framework for the holistic, nurse-led care of NET patients

Thank you



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