

Global Voices, Local Actions: from inspiration to implementation

We are so excited to welcome you to the 2025 Annual Congress, a collaborative event between the Cancer Nurses Society of Australia (CNSA) and the International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care (ISNCC).

CNSA is privileged to partner with ISNCC for this landmark event and eagerly anticipate the opportunity to host cancer nurses from around the world here in Australia.



This year's congress features several enhancements to boost our delegate experience. We have extended the program by an additional half-day to offer more sessions and learning opportunities, and attendees will benefit from a broader range of international keynote speakers, sharing their knowledge and insights. This event also presents a unique chance to network with peers from around the world, as we all work towards our shared goal of improving outcomes for people affected by cancer.



Cancer nursing is at a pivotal moment—facing growing complexity, workforce challenges, and rapid advances in care. The 2025 Congress theme, Global Voices, Local Actions: From Inspiration to Implementation, reflects our commitment to learning from global leaders while driving meaningful change in our own healthcare systems.

Across the program, international experts will share cutting-edge research, innovative models, and lessons learned from diverse healthcare settings. These insights will be complemented by the expertise and experience of Australian cancer nurses, showcasing real-world implementation, successes, and challenges. From genomics to survivorship, advocacy to workforce development, this Congress is designed to inform, empower, and inspire—equipping cancer nurses with the knowledge and confidence to transform care in their own practice and communities.

Together, we will explore not just what's possible, but how we can turn ideas into action—ensuring the best possible outcomes for people affected by cancer, now and into the future.

On behalf of the Congress Committee, we can't wait to see you there.

To find out more about the event, please visit www.cnsacongress.com.au

With thanks to our Destination Hosts





WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE

10:00AM | South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute Tour

12:00PM

Registration for Pre-Congress symposiums

1:00PM – 5:00PM

Pre-Congress Symposiums x 8

- From little things, big things grow; innovations in gynaecological cancer nursing practice
- Integrating Innovations in Radiation Therapy
- Developing Skills for Nurse-Led Practice Change
- Latest developments for the treatment of Upper Gastrointestinal Cancer
- Communicating well in cancer care: cultural considerations and evidence-based skills
- Vascular Access HOT topics. Global evidence, standardisation and implementation.
- Future Ready: Working together to build a sustainable and resilient cancer nursing workforce.
- Getting prepared: Screening for lung cancer

Access a detailed overview of each session online here: www.cnsacongress.com.au/Pre-Congress-Symposiums

5:00PM – 7:00PM | WELCOME RECEPTION AND NETWORKING

THURSDAY 19 JUNE

7:00AM – 7:30AM

Stand-Up Buffet Breakfast served outside the breakfast session room

7:30AM – 8:30AM BREAKFAST SESSIONS

**A Global Commitment to Skin Health in
 Oncology - From Thermal Springs to
 Your Clinic**

TOPIC TBC

**Survivorship for patients with
 metastatic cancers: comprehensive care
 they deserve**

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8:45AM – 9:00AM

Opening Ceremony and Welcome to Country

Led by Congress Chair Suzanne Bartlett, the session will begin with a Welcome to Country and a formal opening from the Hon. Chris Picton MP, Minister for Health and Wellbeing.

9:00AM – 10:30AM

Plenary 1: Global Voices, Local Actions – Setting the Scene for Change

Our opening plenary brings together national leaders, personal stories, and global perspectives to launch the Congress theme: Global Voices, Local Actions: From Inspiration to Implementation.

Professor Dorothy Keefe PSM, CEO of Cancer Australia, will explore how international themes—equity, data, and prevention—are shaping optimal cancer care. She will highlight how these priorities are being embedded in Australia’s Cancer Plan, Optimal Care Pathways, and nurse-led models of care.

Nyan Thit Tieu, founder of the Sisters Cancer Support Group, will share her lived experience and insights into culturally safe cancer care. Her reflections will offer practical and inspiring ways nurses can make a meaningful difference in their communities.

Finally, **Brenda Nevidjon**, MSN, RN, FAAN, Professor Emerita, CEO of the Oncology Nursing Society and recipient of the Robert Tiffany Lectureship, will livestream into the event to present this prestigious lecture; and reflect on the global impact of cancer nursing leadership and the power of local action in driving meaningful change.

This session sets the stage for an engaging three days of learning, inspiration, and action.

10:30AM – 11:00AM | MORNING TEA, RAPID ORALS, POSTER VIEWING AND EXHIBITION NETWORKING

11:00AM – 12:30PM CONCURRENT STREAM ONE

SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 3	SESSION 4	SESSION 5	SESSION 6
The refugee journey and implications for cancer nursing practice	TBC	Patient Education	Breast Cancer	Cancer Nursing Workforce	Lung Cancer

Refer to the website for detailed overviews and abstract summaries: www.cnsacongress.com.au/Program

12:30PM – 2:00PM | LUNCH, RAPID ORALS, POSTER VIEWING AND EXHIBITION NETWORKING

*A series of meetings will be held over lunch to support ISNCC Global Citizens and CNSA Community of Practices.
More information coming soon.*

2:30PM – 3:30PM

Plenary 2: Inspiration to Implementation – Genomics and Lung Cancer Screening

This session explores how emerging science is transforming cancer care—shaping how we prevent, detect, and treat cancer across diverse populations.

Professor Kelly Metcalfe, an international leader in cancer genomics at the University of Toronto, will unpack the expanding role of genomics in cancer prevention and precision medicine. Drawing on her extensive research into BRCA-related cancers, Kelly will break down the complexities of genomics and how nurses can confidently support patients, interpret risk, and apply emerging knowledge in practice.

The spotlight then shifts to Lung Cancer Screening, with an expert panel featuring:

- **Mary Duffy AM**, Advanced Practice, Clinical Nurse Consultant in the Lung Cancer Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre
- **Professor Darryl Somayaji**, PhD, CNS, RN, Clinical Professor, University at Buffalo, adjunct assistant professor Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center.
- Additional experts (TBC)
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As Australia prepares to launch its National Lung Cancer Screening Program, the panel will examine lessons learned from global leaders, barriers to implementation, and strategies for equitable access. Discussions will focus on early detection, workforce capability, and the critical role of nurses in supporting at-risk populations.



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3:30PM – 4:00PM | AFTERNOON TEA, RAPID ORALS, POSTER VIEWING AND EXHIBITION NETWORKING

4:00PM – 5:30PM CONCURRENT STREAM TWO

SESSION 7	SESSION 8	SESSION 9	SESSION 10	SESSION 11	SESSION 12
Perspectives on equitable cancer care: nurse-led and consumer informed innovation	Giving a stronger voice to our regions	Cancer Nurses – current challenges and constraints	Nurse-Led Intervention determining patient outcomes	Palliative Care	Survivorship

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5:30PM – 6:30PM | NETWORKING HOUR AND POSTER SESSION - EXHIBITION HALL




*Following the reception, there will be an optional Congress Dinner sponsored by Juniper Biologics.
Refer to the website for further information coming soon.*

FRIDAY 20 JUNE

7:30AM – 8:30AM

Stand-Up Buffet Breakfast served outside the breakfast session room

8:00AM – 9:00AM BREAKFAST SESSIONS

Lung Cancer: When Smoking Doesn't Matter... Thinking Beyond a Smoking History	Evolution of treatment pathways for HR+, HER2- EBC patients	TOPIC TBC
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9:00AM – 10:30AM

Plenary 3: Leading with Impact – Palliative Care, Survivorship & Advocacy

This session brings together diverse voices to explore compassionate, equitable, and person-centred care across the cancer continuum—from diagnosis to survivorship and end-of-life.

Nural Nadiyah Jaafar, a Palliative Care Nurse at Hospis Malaysia, will deliver a practical and deeply personal discussion on delivering palliative care with empathy and leadership. She will share clinical insights on how nurses can empower their teams, support patients, and navigate complex care settings with confidence.

Professor Ray Chan, an internationally recognised leader in cancer nursing research, will present the latest evidence on nurse-led survivorship care. His session will explore how nurses can own this space—delivering follow-up care that is proactive, holistic, and tailored to the needs of cancer survivors.

The session will close with a powerful panel discussion on advocacy, featuring:

- **David Makumi** – Global cancer nursing advocate
- **Kelly Metcalfe** – Genomics expert and nursing leader
- **Beth Ivimey** – Consumer voice
- **Nural Nadiyah Jaafar** and **Professor Ray Chan**, bringing perspectives from palliative care and



	survivorship Together, they will explore what equity looks like in action, how nurses and consumers drive advocacy, and why nurse-led leadership is key to system-wide change.				
10:30AM – 11:00AM MORNING TEA, RAPID ORALS, POSTER VIEWING AND EXHIBITION NETWORKING					
11:00AM – 12:30PM CONCURRENT STREAM THREE					
SESSION 13	SESSION 14	SESSION 15	SESSION 16	SESSION 17	SESSION 18
Advancing Cancer Care: Supporting greater involvement and enhanced roles for cancer nurses in the care of cancer survivors	Paediatric Palliative Care	Cancer Nurse Education	Vascular Care	Haematology	Supportive Care Toolkits
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12:30PM – 1.30PM LUNCH, RAPID ORALS, POSTER VIEWING AND EXHIBITION NETWORKING					
1:30PM – 3:00PM	<p>Plenary 4: Building Capability – Navigation, Education and Workforce Needs</p> <p>This session focuses on two essential pillars of cancer care: Navigation and Education—and how they can strengthen the cancer nursing workforce while improving outcomes across the care continuum.</p> <p>Kristina Rua, an experienced cancer nurse and navigation expert, will examine what makes a successful navigation model—what works, what doesn’t, and what the future should look like. Using global case studies as benchmarks, she will highlight best practices in care coordination and patient-centred navigation.</p> <p>Professor Margaret Fitch, RN PhD, a respected leader in supportive care, will explore the intersection of navigation and education—demonstrating how integrated models can empower both patients and nurses, improve access, and strengthen multidisciplinary teamwork.</p> <p>Finally, Dr Carla Thamm will introduce the redevelopment of the Australian Cancer Nursing Framework—a national initiative to revise the existing EdCan Framework to elevate contemporary cancer nursing practice. She will highlight how this framework builds on local insights and international best practice to shape a future-ready, skilled, and resilient workforce.</p> <p>This session challenges us to rethink how we educate, support, and enable the cancer nursing workforce—and how navigation, education, and capability frameworks can drive lasting change.</p>				
3:00PM – 3:30PM AFTERNOON TEA, RAPID ORALS, POSTER VIEWING AND EXHIBITION NETWORKING					
3:30PM – 5:00PM CONCURRENT STREAM THREE					
SESSION 19	SESSION 20	SESSION 21	SESSION 22	SESSION 23	SESSION 24
Education Standing Committee	Navigation	Patient Centred Care – experience and tools to support cancer nurses	Colorectal Cancer	Patient Centred Care	Breast and Gynaecology
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6:00PM – 10:00PM | GALA DINNER

The Gala Dinner will be a celebration of excellence in cancer nursing, shining a spotlight on the profession as we honour outstanding contributions through a series of prestigious awards, recognising leadership, innovation, and impact in cancer care.

SATURDAY 21 JUNE

8:00AM – 9:00AM

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RAPID ORALS

9:00AM – 10:30AM | CONCURRENT STREAM FIVE

SESSION 25	SESSION 26	SESSION 27	SESSION 28	SESSION 29	SESSION 30
Impact of COVID pandemic on provision of cancer care: Lessons learnt and way forward	Collaborative Patient Support	Paediatric	Screening and Cancer Risk	Treatment and Symptom Management	Overcoming Regional Barriers

10:30AM – 11:00AM | MORNING TEA

11:00AM – 12:00PM	<p>Plenary 5: Reflection, Renewal & Resilience</p> <p>Our final plenary brings the Congress to a close, creating space for reflection, renewal, and resilience—honouring global leadership and prioritising the emotional wellbeing of cancer nurses.</p> <p>We begin by recognising Cecilia Peña, recipient of the ISNCC Past President’s Award. This prestigious award honours outstanding leadership and contributions to cancer care in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). Cecilia will share insights from her career, her experiences at the Congress, and a message of resilience for nurses working in diverse settings around the world.</p> <p>To close, Dr Tabitha Healey will lead an engaging discussion on wellness, emotional intelligence, and psychological safety. She will explore how compassionate leadership can help nurses foster cultures of empathy, trust, and empowerment—ensuring that we care not just for our patients, but also for ourselves and our teams.</p>
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