



It's hard to believe that the end of the year is upon us! The [Cancer Learning](#) website continues to evolve with new and exciting resources regularly added to provide you with a 'one stop shop' for your professional development in cancer care.

If you are willing to share any resources, please [submit](#) them for evaluation to be included on the [Cancer Learning](#) site for the benefit of your colleagues. We also welcome your [feedback](#) about your experience of the site and suggestions for how we can improve it.

News:

Official launch of [Cancer Learning](#)

On 19 November 2008, during the 2008 COSA ASM, an enthusiastic crowd celebrated the official launch of [Cancer Learning](#) by John Stubbs of Cancer Voices. Mr Stubbs noted the contribution of many who have assisted in the development of this important initiative aimed at providing health professionals with opportunities to advance their professional knowledge and skills in cancer care and thereby improve the experience for patients. Many thanks to those involved and to those who attended to share a glass of champagne and watch the red ribbon being cut!

Inaugural Advisory Committee

We are pleased to announce the members of the inaugural Cancer Learning Advisory Committee. Chaired by Dr Sean Bydder, the role of the committee is to monitor progress, solve problems, engage stakeholders, assist with dissemination and improve the quality of the site. Committee membership and further details regarding its role are available [here](#).

December Features:

New resources in December include detailed professional development pathways for [dietetic professionals](#) and [social workers](#); providing advice, case studies, links and other information for professionals working in these areas of cancer care to enhance their career and the cancer journey of their patients.

If you are considering gaining CPD points over the summer, [Cancer Learning](#) provides many resources to assist you in locating and undertaking various courses relating to:

- [Cancer Evidence and Treatments](#)
- [Fundamentals of Oncology](#)
- [Multidisciplinary Care](#)
- [Supportive Care](#)
- [Frontline Psychosocial Support](#)
- [Strengthening Cancer Care: Psychosocial Support](#)

December also sees the inclusion of many new resources and learning activities, including:

- [AccessCR](#), a site which attempts to demystify clinical trials and make clinical research easier by providing the information and connections volunteers need to understand, support or access clinical trials; and providing clinical research professionals with the resources to improve efficiency, capacity, quality and knowledge.

- Allowing physicians, nurses, pharmacists, administrators, other members of the health professions, patients and their friends to create a profile to easily access timely, relevant information within their respective fields, [AMEDEO Medical Literature Review](#) provides users with weekly emails with tailored bibliographic lists about new scientific publications, personal Web pages for one-time download of available abstracts, and an overview of the medical literature published in relevant journals over the past 12 to 24 months
- The Hunter New England Health Service [Cancer Care Coordinator Fact Sheet](#) reports on the piloting of cancer care coordinator positions in Northern NSW during 2007-2008.
- [Improving Cancer Care Services for Patients](#) - the Emerging Role of Allied Health in Cancer Care Coordination is a presentation given by members of QLD Health detailing the increasing role and benefits of allied health in cancer care coordination.
- An international, multidisciplinary organisation, [Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer - MASCC](#) encompasses all aspects of cancer care beyond direct antineoplastic approaches. The membership profile includes oncology medical, surgical, and radiology physicians, nurses, dentists, dental hygienists, pharmacists, social workers, dieticians, outcomes specialists, psychologists, statisticians, infectious disease specialists, educators and representatives from industry and non-profit sectors.
- The *European Journal of Cancer Care* [Online Cancer Education Forum](#) provides a medium for communicating multiprofessional cancer care across Europe and internationally. The site is designed to provide continuing education for a wide range of cancer professionals practicing in different countries in an interactive format that provides a more flexible approach to learning and is a response to the ever changing pressures on time and financial support available to professionals.
- Developed by The Cancer Council, [Problem Based Learning Modules in Prostate and Rectal Cancer](#) are multidisciplinary workshop kits providing practical learning support to be used in conjunction with your present practice, allowing you to learn at your own pace. PowerPoint slides take you through a comprehensive case history addressing most of the topics and questions likely to arise in clinical settings.
- The World Health Organisation's [Pain Relief Ladder](#) provides a simple guide to the grading and relief of cancer pain.

We look forward to bringing you more exciting new resources in 2009.

All at Cancer Learning wish you and your families a very happy, relaxed Christmas and a successful, fulfilling New Year.

Happy learning!
The Cancer Learning Team

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