



Although January has flown by and we are now well into 2009, all at [Cancer Learning](#) would like to wish you a happy New Year. A warm welcome to new subscribers to the email update – we hope that it is a useful guide to assist you to access and utilise the many professional development resources and learning activities on the [Cancer Learning](#) website.

We invite you to [submit](#) any resources, learning activities or information you know of or have developed that we may be able to add to [Cancer Learning](#) to share with others working in cancer care. We also welcome your [feedback](#) about the website and [suggestions](#) about any areas of cancer care that you would like included on the site.

News

Piloting of New Cancer Nursing Education Resources

A number of pilot implementation sites across Australia are now trialing the new cancer nursing education resources being developed by the [National Cancer Nursing Education project \(EdCaN\)](#). Piloting of the EdCaN resource within a variety of learning environments is part of the final review process before their general release on [Cancer Learning](#) later this year.

New on [Cancer Learning](#) in February...

The website continues to expand with a wide variety of new resources recently added, including:

➤ **[Clinical research pathway](#)**

A comprehensive guide to professional development opportunities for those working in the field of clinical research in cancer.

➤ **New [Geriatrics](#) page & request for resources**

A new page focused on managing cancer in older people. We invite you to [submit](#) any resources, information or learning activities you know of regarding this growing priority area in cancer care.

➤ **[CAMS](#) resources**

The new Complementary and Alternative Medicine section in Evidence and Treatments aims to ensure that health professionals and consumers have access to quality information about the extensive field of complementary medicine in order to make well-informed choices.

➤ **[Cancer Australia consumer resources](#)**

The [Consumer participation guide](#) and the [Consumer training and mentoring guide](#) have been developed to support consumers to contribute meaningfully to national cancer policy and programs, whilst recognising and building upon the skills and experiences of consumers. The launch of the consumer publications recognises the importance of continually improving the services and support available to people living with cancer and their families and carers.

➤ **[UICC Global News Alert](#)**

Subscribe to a monthly email alert bringing you the most up-to-date cancer news, science and information from around the world.

➤ **[NSW Health Centre for Genetics Education](#)**

The Centre for Genetics education provides links for health professionals to publications, portals, reports, policies and clinical guidelines addressing genetic health services and genetic conditions; as well as fact sheets for consumers.

➤ **[Consumer advocacy workshops](#)**

Information regarding 2 day workshops convened by The Cancer Council in partnership with Cancer Voices to provide participants with the skills and knowledge required to represent the interests of cancer consumers and become effective advocates for improved health policies and systems.

➤ **[ECHO training programs](#)**

Details of a range of workshops and tailored training programs offered throughout Australia and New Zealand focusing on mentoring, supporting and building upon existing skills of individuals to extend the capacity of healthcare organizations. Workshop themes include [supportive care skills](#) and [clinical practice improvement](#) activities.

➤ **[Asia Pacific Journal of Clinical Oncology](#)**

A refereed multidisciplinary journal of oncology that aims to be a forum for facilitating collaboration and information exchange about what is happening in the Asia Pacific region in relation to cancer treatment and care.

➤ **[Mentoring case studies](#)**

Further reports of mentoring projects funded by Cancer Australia to meet identified local needs. The innovative strategies employed and resources developed may assist and inspire anyone facing similar challenges in cancer care.

➤ **[New Events calendar](#)**

A downloadable consolidated calendar of events, conferences and meetings for cancer care professionals in 2009 is available in the [Events](#) tab. Please email info@cancerlearning.gov.au if you would like your event included in the calendar.

➤ **[Focus on: Clinical Oncological Society of Australia \(COSA\)](#)**

[COSA](#) is the peak national body representing health professionals whose main work is cancer control. The overarching mission of COSA is to develop and maintain high-quality clinical care services for cancer patients in Australia through the participation of professionals providing those services. COSA conducts an [Annual Scientific Meeting](#), [cancer-related events](#), seminars and educational activities with over 20 specialist [professional groups](#) .

[Cancer Forum](#) is the official journal of COSA and the Cancer Council Australia. Published 3 times per year, it is an avenue for communication between all those involved in the fight against cancer, aiming to provide a forum for debate and the exchange of views and to promote contact across disciplinary boundaries.

The COSA website includes a wide variety of resources and reports regarding topical issues in cancer care, with new resources added regularly. Some links on [Cancer Learning](#) to resources on the COSA website include:

- [COSA Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Forum Report](#)
- [Cancer in the Bush conference report](#)
- [Senate inquiry into cancer treatment](#)
- [Health Workforce study submission](#)
- [COSA Care Coordination Report](#)
- [Bringing multidisciplinary cancer care to regional Australia report](#)
- [Mapping Rural and Regional Oncology Services in Australia](#)
- [Where Geriatrics Meets Oncology](#)

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Happy learning!

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