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It is with great excitement that today, in conjunction with National Centre for Gynaecological Cancers, Cancer Learning launches the eagerly anticipated [Psychosexual Gynaecological Cancer](#) (PSGC) modules - a brand new, innovative suite of six online modules to assist all health professionals develop the knowledge and skills to support women and their partners experiencing psychosexual concerns following gynaecological cancer. The modules can be freely accessed by clicking the [PSGC logo](#) on the front page of Cancer Learning or at: <http://cancerlearning.gov.au/psgc>. Congratulations to the project team on the development of this unique resource that will be of great benefit to health professionals, cancer patients and their families throughout Australia and internationally. See below for further information about this fantastic new resource.

On a very different note, sadly, the past month has again shocked us with the indiscriminate and violent power our world has the capacity for after the devastating earthquakes in Christchurch last week. Our thoughts and best wishes are with our colleagues in New Zealand, their family, friends and all those who have been affected by this natural disaster. Please [contact us](#) if we can offer any assistance to help you get your cancer services and educational programs back up and running as quickly as possible.

[PSGC Modules live today!](#)

Visit the NEW Psychosexual Care resource [here](#). These interactive training modules provide health professionals with learning materials, including activities, quizzes and video vignettes, all based around the experiences of women treated for gynaecological cancers. Review the framework, log on to use the notebook (it's free!) and work through the modules that are relevant to you. Keep your eye on the [site](#) as we will be continuing to release supporting resources including workshop packages, power point presentations and referral tools. We will also continue to update you as we work through the accreditation process for CPD points for this resource.

Psychosexual Care RHEF live webcast and broadcast

To support the launch of the new modules and funded by the National Centre for Gynaecological Cancers, Cancer Australia, the Rural Health Education Foundation presents a live simultaneous webcast and satellite television broadcast, "*Gynaecological Cancers: Psychosexual Care*" on **Tuesday 8th March 8.00pm Sydney time (AEDT) – LIVE** (repeated Friday 11th March 12.30pm).

The program provides information to assist in providing psychosexual care to women affected by gynaecological cancers, including: Increasing awareness of the psychosexual effects of gynaecological cancers; undertaking a psychosexual assessment; and evidence-based approaches to treatment of psychosexual sequelae of gynaecological cancers. This program also highlights a new National Centre for Gynaecological Cancers online resource entitled *The psychosexual care of women affected by gynaecological cancers* (PSGC), developed for health professionals to assist

women manage the psychosexual effects of treatment. Panel participants include Dr Norman Swan (Chair); Dr Carmen Ast - Rural General Practitioner, Tamworth, NSW; Ms Margaret Davy - Acting Clinical Director of the Surgical and Specialties Service at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, SA; Dr Kendra Sundquist - Manager, Supportive Care Development Unit, Cancer Council NSW and Professor Patsy Yates - Professor of Nursing at School of Nursing and Midwifery, Queensland University of Technology, QLD. To participate and view the **webcast** (online broadcast) visit http://www.rhef.com.au/programs/program-1/?program_id=559 and follow the login prompts OR to view the program at a **satellite viewing** site, visit <http://www.rhef.com.au/viewing-sites/> to find a site location near you. All details including program information, panellists, resources, broadcast times and other viewing options can be found on the Foundation's website <http://www.rhef.com.au> or contacting the Foundation office on (02) 6232 5480.

EdCaN News

Recently added to the EdCaN learning resources is the [Guide to Using EdCaN](#), an easily accessible introduction to the site that guides both individual self directed learners and cancer nurse educators via hyperlinks directly to the key resources, information and activities that are available on the site.

EdCaN scholarships to the CNSA 14th winter congress

The EdCaN project team would like to hear from users of the EdCaN Framework and learning resources. Feedback is always welcome to ensure the resources are up to date and user friendly. We are also offering **two \$1500 scholarships** for users to attend the CNSA 14th Winter Congress. To be eligible for a scholarship you must have an abstract that relates to the implementation of the EdCaN Framework or learning resources for an oral presentation or poster at CNSA 14th Winter Congress. In the case of multiple applications, a selection process will be undertaken which will consider the recommendations of the CNSA abstract review committee and perceived relevance and impact of the paper for the EdCaN project. For further information, please email Kylie Ash k.ash@qut.edu.au or phone 07 3138 6128.

Other News

Graduate Certificate of Adolescent Health and Welfare: Oncology Stream commences

This week saw the first cohort of students in the University of Melbourne/Centre for Adolescent Health Graduate Certificate of Adolescent Health and Welfare: Oncology Stream commence their studies. The only postgraduate course in Australia focusing on the unique needs of adolescent and young adult cancer patients, this part time, multidisciplinary course was developed by the Centre for Adolescent Health (Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne) and the [OnTrac](#) @Peter Mac Victorian Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Service is offered in a range of flexible learning options and is essential training for all health professionals working with, or looking to extend their practice to, adolescent and young adult cancer patients. Course applicants may also be eligible for a CanTeen scholarship to complete the course. See <http://www.rch.org.au/cah/courses> for further information and to apply for the course.

"Following breast cancer treatment: the role of the primary care team" virtual classroom

Last chance to register! The National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Centre (NBOCC), in collaboration with Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM), invite you to attend *Following breast cancer treatment: the role of the primary care team* virtual classroom. The session is open to all health professionals working in rural and remote Australia. Register now to attend - sessions are strictly limited to 15 participants and filling fast. Broadcast on Tuesday 8 March 2011 at: 7 - 8pm ACT, NSW, VIC & TAS or 6 - 7pm: QLD or 5.30 - 6:30pm: NT or 6.30 - 7.30pm: SA, or 4 - 5pm: WA and facilitated by Dr Vivienne Milch, Clinical Leader, National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Centre, this

workshop utilises interactive web-based software to provide training directly to your computer in real time - no need to travel. Learn about the latest evidence-based information including: follow-up schedule after treatment for early breast cancer; management strategies for common side effects after breast cancer treatment; detection of psychosocial distress, anxiety or depression and provision of appropriate psychosocial support and referral; hormonal therapies and the importance of adherence to ongoing treatment, and models for follow-up care. Please register your interest by emailing kevin.comlossy@nbocc.org.au

Australian Lung Foundation Lung Cancer telephone support

The Australian Lung Foundation launched two Lung Cancer Telephone Support Groups in January – a group for patients and another group for carers. Please click [here](#) for further information about these new services.

Nationally recognised qualifications in health consumer leadership and engagement

Registrations are now open for the new, innovative training programs for consumer leaders and health service staff offered by the Health Issues Centre in 2011. The **Course in Consumer Leadership** provides consumers with the foundation skills to engage and promote consumer engagement in health services; and the **Vocational Graduate Certificate in Consumer Engagement** provides experienced consumer leaders and health service staff with the advanced skills and knowledge to develop and implement strategic consumer engagement in health services and government and non-government bodies. Places in both courses are limited and closing date for registration is 1 April 2011. For further information, including training program details, or to download a Registration Form, please visit www.healthissuescentre.org.au

New resources on [Cancer Learning](#) this month include...

In [Evidence and Treatments Resources](#):

[Australian Prescriber](#)

Australian Prescriber is a free, independent publication providing readily accessible, searchable information and articles about drugs and therapeutics, published by the [NPS](#). It covers topics for health professionals, students and consumers. Readers can access the full text of all articles online free of charge and Australian health professionals are entitled to a [free subscription](#) to the paper copy upon registration.

[BMJ Clinical Evidence Online](#)

Clinical Evidence Online is a central source of the best and most relevant medical evidence for clinical decisions, constantly updated. Current, evidence-based reviews of the treatments for a range of cancer types are available, as well as access to interventions, key points about the conditions, updates, guidelines and references.

In [Fundamentals of Oncology Learning Activities](#):

[anatomedia](#)

anatomedia provides anatomy & multimedia learning resources, of global application, benefit and adoption; incorporating the latest advances in radiology and advancing the discipline of anatomy http://cancerlearning.gov.au/find/primary_care.php primary care res

In [Tumour Streams](#):

Several new resources have been added to the new [tumour streams](#) pages – take a look at the activities and resources available to you to develop skills and knowledge at every stage of the patient journey.

Tell us what you think!

Please let us know what you think of the new PSGC modules on Cancer Learning by emailing info@cancerlearning.gov.au - we value your feedback and are always looking for ways to improve the website! You can also complete the brief [evaluation form](#) to tell us how you use the website and how it could better meet your needs. And don't forget to [submit](#) any resources you find useful to Cancer Learning so we can share them with others on the site.

Until next month, happy learning!

The Cancer Learning team

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