



Have Your Say

[Cancer Learning](#) has been live for almost a year. The site now provides access to over 400 resources to help you find, build and plan professional development resources and activities. We would like to hear from you about your experience of the site. Have you used any of the resources? Have they been useful? What would you like to see on the site? We would appreciate 10 minutes of your time to complete an [online survey](#) which will help us to shape the site to better meet your needs. The survey can also be accessed: <http://www.cancerlearning.gov.au/feedback/>

Evaluate [Cancer Learning](#) Modules

Volunteers are also needed to help us to evaluate some resources:

- ◆ [Frontline Psychosocial Tutorial](#);
- ◆ [Multidisciplinary Toolkit](#);
- ◆ the [Cancer Learning](#) site itself
- ◆ the [clinical practice improvement tool](#)
- ◆ the guide to [consumer participation](#) and
- ◆ the professional development [planning pathways](#)

Can you spare an hour or so of your time to work your way through a module or explore one of the other resources and complete the [online survey](#) form (if link does not work, please paste: <http://www.cancerlearning.gov.au/feedback/> into browser). If so, please [email](#) Ana or info@cancerlearning.gov.au so you can be registered with login details and a password.

News

As the year flies by, the Cancer Learning team have been busily evaluating resources for inclusion on the [Cancer Learning](#) website and developing new tools and learning modules that we are excited to commence piloting this month, including:

- ◆ SA/TAS MDT Forum
- ◆ Train the Trainer workshop
- ◆ Connecting Management and Clinical Care module

We are very grateful to those who have volunteered to participate in our pilot programs – your input and feedback assist us to ensure the resources are relevant, practical and can be implemented effectively for clinical practice improvement and professional development.

Many thanks also to those who have submitted resources to share on the [Cancer Learning](#) website, ensuring the site is up-to-date with the latest information and dynamic innovations regarding cancer care. If you would like to share resources that we may be able to add to [Cancer Learning](#), please [submit](#) them for evaluation.

EdCaN on Cancer Learning

As part of the piloting program of the [EdCaN](#)'s nursing education resources, [Cancer Learning](#) and CanNET Victoria along with representatives from Latrobe University and the Wodonga Regional Health Service are hosting an online, expert-facilitated workshop based on the [EdCaN](#) lung cancer case study. This workshop is providing an opportunity for nurses across a range of health

service providers to access professional development focused on the care of people affected by lung cancer.

Resources

New to the [Cancer Learning](#) website this month include:

- ◆ [Physiotherapy](#) pathway

A guide for physiotherapists working in cancer care to find professional development opportunities to build their knowledge and skills to enhance both their careers and the cancer patient journey.

- ◆ [CIAP](#) link

A link to [Cancer Learning](#) has been placed on the Clinical Information Access Program (CIAP) which provides information and resources to support evidence-based practice at the point of care; available to all nurses, midwives, doctors, allied health, community health, ancillary and library staff working in the NSW public health system, including students on rotation. Find the link at: <http://www.ciap.health.nsw.gov.au/specialties/#c>

- ◆ COSA [Guidelines for the Safe Prescribing, Dispensing and Administration of Cancer Chemotherapy](#)

Guidelines developed by the Clinical Oncological Society of Australia (COSA) regarding the safe prescribing, dispensing and administration of chemotherapy and related agents used in the treatment of cancer to assist in the prevention of medication errors and to improve patient safety.

- ◆ Report into [Prevalence and Predictors of Burnout in the COSA oncology workforce](#)

A web based PDF report and recommendations following a COSA survey of the oncology workforce undertaken to assess the prevalence of burnout and psychosocial distress among the various professional groups who provide or contribute to cancer care and research in Australia; to explore the extent to which selected predictors contribute to the levels of burnout and psychosocial distress, including demographic, occupational factors and communication skills training; to investigate the perceived causes of professional burnout and to suggest strategies for preventing or reducing its impact on cancer care personnel.

- ◆ [Survivorship](#) resources

A new section in Supportive Care resources including a downloadable transcript of the ABC Four Corner's episode, "Surviving Survival"; the NBOCC "Life After Breast Cancer" site and links to various information and resources for cancer survivors and their family from the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO).

- ◆ Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine

Information about [Rural and Remote Medical Education Online \(RRMEO\)](#), an education platform created especially for rural doctors; and the [Prevocational General Practice Placements Program \(PGPPP\)](#) that provides opportunities for postgraduate doctors to gain experience in rural and remote areas.

- ◆ [Health Care Innovations Exchange](#)

This Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Resources program is designed to support health care professionals in sharing and adopting innovations that improve the delivery of care to patients. Explore this site to find innovative strategies and quality-related tools, learn how to

improve your organization's ability to innovate and adopt new ideas, and interact with innovators and adopters.

- ◆ Two New [MDC case studies](#)

Be motivated by details of how a team in WA developed a structure to provide multidisciplinary care to rural and regional patients; and a Coffs Harbour Breast Team achieved increased involvement of GPs in their MDT meetings.

- ◆ [Download](#) previous email updates

Was there something in a past update that caught your eye and you'd like to see again? Or did you subscribe recently and miss earlier email updates? Download past updates from [Cancer Learning](#) in the [News](#) tab of the front page.

- ◆ How consumers can interact with [Cancer Learning](#)

Whilst [Cancer Learning](#) is designed primarily for health care professionals, feedback from consumers and consumer groups regarding the site is encouraging and we welcome all to explore the resources. Some that may be of particular interest to consumers include:

- [Cancer Voices Australia \(CVA\)](#), a national, independent “voice” for people affected by all types of cancer working collaboratively with its member organisations, the Federal Government, Cancer Australia, Cancer Councils, the Clinical Oncological Society of Australia, other clinical bodies and key stakeholders to improve services and care for all people affected by cancer in Australia.
- The Cancer Learning [Consumer Participation](#) page, with practical tools and links for consumers and consumer organizations to become actively involved at various levels, from involvement in their own individual health care, to the planning and review of health services, and input into healthcare policy.
- The [NexProfiler Tool for Cancer](#) is an interactive decision-support tool developed by the American Cancer Society that assists cancer patients to make better informed treatment decisions using information from evidence-based, peer-reviewed medical literature describing specific conditions, treatment types, and the exact topics that should be discussed with medical professionals.

Coming soon – a website search function to easily locate resources and information on the [Cancer Learning](#) site!

All at Cancer Learning wish you a relaxed, safe break over the Easter holidays and we look forward to bringing you more information and resources towards the end of April 2009.

Happy Learning!
The Cancer Learning Team.

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