



Welcome to [Cancer Learning](#) November update.

[Cancer Learning](#) continues to develop, creating a consolidated hub of information, resources, learning activities, professional development activities and tools for health professionals working in cancer care.

### **Launch of Cancer Learning**

On Wednesday 19 November, 5:30pm, the site will be launched at the 2008 COSA Conference at the Sydney Convention Centre (Great Hall, in front of the Cancer Learning booth). We are pleased to announce that the site will be launched by John Stubbs, Executive Officer of Cancer Voices Australia with light refreshments provided. We welcome all in attendance to join us to celebrate this occasion.

Also at the 2008 COSA conference, please join us for a light breakfast from 7:15am, Wednesday 19 November in Room 101 for the Cancer Learning Q&A session. Members of Cancer Learning, EdCaN and CanNETs will discuss professional development in cancer care and how the resources developed in the projects can be implemented by health professionals and networks. Come and share your own experiences and hear from others how the [Cancer Learning](#) resources can be implemented in your health care settings.

We welcome your **feedback!** We are keen to ensure the site is of practical use and remains up-to-date. To this end, we are asking for your feedback on the site and any suggestions on how it might be improved. To submit your feedback, please click [here](#).

**New content and resources recently added to [Cancer Learning](#) include:**

#### **[Getting Started](#)**

A guide to implementing and evaluating the resources and learning activities on the Cancer Learning Hub for your own professional development, to improve service delivery and produce outcomes that directly benefit the cancer patients.

#### **[GP Referral Toolkit](#)**

A practical guide to implementing tools, tips and communication techniques to improve communication between GPs and Specialists providing care to cancer patients.

#### **[National Professional Development Framework for Cancer Nursing](#)**

Now added to the Featured Resources section, this Framework includes a model for professional development for nurses in cancer control; pathways for the development of nursing competency in cancer control; core capabilities for registered nurses in cancer control and competency standards for specialist cancer nurses.

#### **[Consumer Participation in Professional Development](#)**

Practical tools and tips for facilitating consumer participation in professional development. Includes; links to relevant consumer organisations, and links to a range of tools and resources to help you plan, implement and evaluate consumer participation strategies.

#### **[Mentoring Programs](#)**

A number of mentoring projects were funded by Cancer Australia as part of the national Strengthening Cancer Care initiative. Each project was developed and implemented to meet

locally identified needs. The approaches used and some of the resources developed may be useful to others who are interested in this method of providing professional development and support.

### **[Primary Care Case Studies](#)**

Examples of Australian innovations in engaging primary care in cancer treatment and support.

### **[MDC Case Studies](#)**

Examples of Australian MDTs in practice, highlighting the innovative service delivery models assisting professionals to provide multidisciplinary care to all cancer patients in Australia.

### **[Managing gynaecological malignancies in general practice](#)**

Developed by Cancer Australia and The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, this is an interactive online CPD activity consisting of four mini cases involving the management of patients with gynaecological malignancies.

### **[Cure 4 Kids](#)**

A web-based project sponsored by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for the purpose of helping countries with limited resources improve the survival rates of children through free access to online education about catastrophic childhood illnesses, access to consultation and mentoring along with technology and training for management of patient information.

For your ease of reference, we have separated the [Evidence and Treatments](#) section and the [Fundamentals of Oncology](#) section into separate Learning Activities and Resources pages.

Many thanks to those who have submitted resources for the Hub. If you would like to share resources or information you have found useful, please submit [here](#).

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