

Thursday 31st October 2013

Update from the Chair COSA Cancer Care Coordination Group

Welcome to the new version of The Coordinator. This will allow the Cancer Care Coordination Group to communicate more of the latest information on the Group's activities and exciting research by and to our membership.

Position paper on the role of the Cancer Care Coordinator:

The paper is in its draft format in preparation for the next phase of development, which is expected to commence in late November. COSA is excited and committed to this project and I thank members of the project team for their ongoing work. Unfortunately Jacinta Elks has stepped down from lead of this group. I would sincerely like to thank her for her tireless efforts and passion for the development of the paper to this point. Thanks also to Jo Keyser for her contribution who has also stepped down from the committee as she has commenced in a new role and is unable to continue her involvement in the paper. We intend to reconvene the working group to plan the next steps to finalise the position paper.

Professional Development Day at CNSA 2013:

Thank you to those who attended the COSA workshop held in July at the CNSA Winter Congress. Attendees represented a wide range of settings and disciplines. Moving forward this was a good opportunity for us to engage with new colleagues, especially in the private sector and to introduce the key points being addressed by the position paper. Attendee's feedback, discussion points and questions raised from the day have been noted and the position paper project team and Executive will consider these within the next phase of development. A finalised draft will be produced to undergo a consultation process.

Thank you.

Professor Patsy Yates
Chair, COSA Care Coordination Group

New Zealand Public Health Expert blog: cancer care coordinators – economic evaluation

New Zealand is implementing a new model of cancer care which considers the employment of cancer care coordinators to improve patient outcomes. Such consideration also acknowledges the impact of cost effectiveness of these roles in the healthcare sector. A small delegation from New Zealand attended the Professional Development workshop and through this connection brought COSA's attention to a post on 2nd September 2013 on the Public Health Expert blog titled 'Care Coordinator for Cancer Cost-Effective.' An interesting read especially as the need to demonstrate the financial impact of a dedicated cancer care coordinator position is of increasing focus.

You can read the article [here](#). Visit other blogs by the Public Health Expert via blogs.otago.ac.nz/pubhealthexpert/

COSA ASM 2013...countdown!

You can still register for the 2014 COSA ASM, Cancer Care Coming of Age, at the Adelaide Convention Centre on 12th-14th November 2013.

Visit the website for more information and to register <http://www.cosa2013.org/>

If you can't make it please follow @COSAoncology on [twitter](#) and keep up with the action via [#COSAASM](#)

ACORD 2014 Workshop: Applications open soon

The Australia and Asia-Pacific Clinical Oncology Research Development (ACORD) Workshop to be held from 14-20 September 2014 on the Sunshine Coast, Australia.

Held every two years since 2004 ACORD is a one week, intensive interactive workshop in clinical research methods and protocol development open for cancer researchers in all oncology subspecialties from Australia and the Asia Pacific region.

Sixty participants are selected through a competitive application process to join in the Workshop. Each participant receives individual guidance and assistance from the faculty with the protocols they are selected to develop at the Workshop, and work collaboratively with their international peers.

Applications are open online at www.acord.org.au/ from 4 November 2013 to 24 February 2014.

ACORD Study Idea Starters Workshop at the COSA ASM

Anyone interested in applying for ACORD this year and attending the COSA ASM should consider registering for the free Study Ideas Workshop.

Date: Monday 11th November

Time: 1pm - 4:30pm

Location: Meeting Room 4, Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide

Cost: Free for ASM delegates!

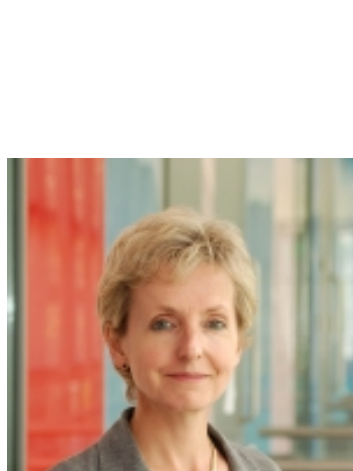
Click [here](#) for more information.

COSA Cancer Care Coordination Conference 2014 - Early Bird Registration now open!

Date: Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th March 2014

Location: Swisshotel, Sydney

Theme: 'Cancer Care Coordination: Constructing Cancer Care Across the Continuum'



The program focuses on the current and future context of cancer care in Australia, drawing on the United Kingdom experience presented by Professor Jessica Corner, Dean of Faculty, Dean of Health Sciences at Southampton University, UK as the invited international speaker.

Prof Jessica Corner

Session highlights include:

- Dollars, data and sense: making sense of economic and policy environments which Cancer Care Coordinator's work
- Management of transitions in care to enhance patient and carers experience
- Communication to empower patients and carers in self-care
- How services survive in an increasingly challenging healthcare environment
- Optional lunch time sessions

Attendees will hear from presenters and clinicians across disciplines associated with care coordination, and will learn from one another as colleagues report on their around models, tools, resources and research undertaken in their health care setting.

Key dates:

Early Bird registration closes: 13th December 2013, register <http://cosacc2014.org/registration-17/>

Abstracts close: 22nd November 2013

For more information and to view the draft program go to the website: <http://cosacc2014.org/>

Sub-Group Membership 2014

In early 2014, the Cancer Care Coordination sub-Group memberships will be reviewed and the Executive will reflect on the activities ahead to prepare for recruitment of project teams. Recent changes in the Cancer Care Coordination Executive and sub-Group memberships and the need for official terms of reference means this can be a time of refreshment and re-commitment from all group members.

Watch this space...

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