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### Update from the Chair COSA Cancer Care Coordination Group

Thank you to all who attended, presented and participated at the COSA Cancer Care Coordination Conference held in March earlier this year. Speaking on behalf of the organising group and COSA, we were pleased with the success of the conference and the value you placed on it as an opportunity to network, and hear and learn from your colleagues in cancer care. Douglas Bellamy's update contains more details about the conference program and outcomes. The conference could not have been a success without the assistance of ASN Events, support of COSA and of course, convenor Douglas Bellamy and his team for the development of the program and the smooth running of the event. We were fortunate to have Professor Jessica Corner as the international keynote speaker and national experts to support the strong program. Read more about Jessica and her experience at the conference below.

After the Conference the Executive met to discuss the direction of the Group's activities moving forward. In this discussion the group considered the current state of cancer care coordination and where it is headed, feedback from previous COSA Cancer Care Coordination educational events, and discussions had with and between delegates throughout the 2014 Conference. To summarise we will focus on a couple of areas initially:

- Completion of the position paper on the role of the Cancer Care Coordinator. This is our top priority over the next couple of months
- Develop a consistent strategy to communicate with the membership through the use of The Coordinator e-newsletter, regular email communication and discussion boards available to the membership for conversation on particular topics or areas of interest
- Webinars to support professional development of COSA members on key topics in cancer care coordination
- Work towards a 2016 COSA Cancer Care Coordination Conference
- Developing a model for service improvement activity by Cancer Care Coordinators which will include a corporate folder of key documents

The Executive has identified a need to revive the Communication and Networking subcommittee who have not met in over a year to progress some of these key projects. The Professional Development subcommittee will continue to operate to support the educational needs of the COSA Cancer Care Coordination membership.



Professor Patsy Yates  
Chair, COSA Cancer Care Coordination Group

### National Cancer Care Coordinator Database

The latest version of the COSA National Cancer Care Coordinator Database is now available to members via the [Cancer Care Coordination](#) section of the COSA website

Thanks to everyone who reviewed or added their details to the website. It's proving a valuable resource for continued networking for our members and maintaining up to date information it key to its use.

### Professional Development update - Douglas Bellamy

The [COSA Cancer Care Coordination Conference Report](#) is now available online via the Cancer Care Coordination Group page at [www.cosa.org.au](http://www.cosa.org.au)

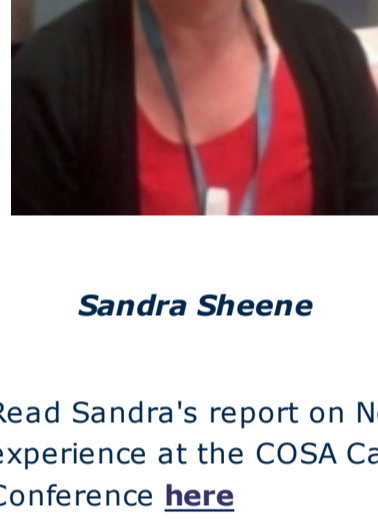
We asked delegates to provide some valuable feedback to assist us in improving the conference and other educational activities in the future. Read a short summary of some common thoughts arising from the evaluation [here](#)

Many presentations from the conference have been made available to members via the COSA Cancer Care Coordination website page and can be found [here](#)

Many of you said that a webinar platform for continued professional development between conferences would be beneficial. We're aiming to explore this concept over the next couple of months and provide a webinar on a topic you identified within the Conference feedback. More information will come through email communication about how you can participate.

[Click here](#) for a report of the COSA Cancer Care Coordination Conference from delegate and COSA member Jenny Rutherford.

### What's happening in Cancer Care Coordination in NZ?



Sandra Sheene

Lead Cancer Coordinator, Surgical and Ambulatory Services Waitemata DHB, New Zealand attended the COSA Cancer Care Coordination Conference in March 2014 and provided a short report on her experience and a short introduction into cancer care coordination services in New Zealand.

Read Sandra's report on New Zealand activities and her experience at the COSA Cancer Care Coordination Conference [here](#)

### NSW Agency for Clinical Innovation Frameworks

Tracey Tay and Liz Hay from the NSW Agency for Clinical Innovation (ACI) presented at the 2014 Cancer Care Coordination Conference. The ACI develops flexible, evidence-based patient-focused models of care for clinicians to adapt and implement within the context of their service.

Tracey and Liz acknowledged the below list of ACI models of care which are publically available via the [ACI website](#).

- Understanding the use of Health Economics: An ACI Framework
- Process Flow Chart for developing a Model of Care (MoC)
- Understanding the process to develop a Model of Care: An ACI Framework
- Understanding the Process to Implement a Model of Care: an ACI Framework
- Understanding Program Evaluation: An ACI Framework
- Making Choices: A framework for prioritisation within ACI Clinical Networks, Taskforces and Institutes

### Oncology Massage Limited database

Oncology Massage Limited is an accredited not for profit training charity dedicated to training fully qualified massage and Bowen therapists to treat a diagnosis of history of cancer effectively and safely. OML is approved by the Society for Oncology Massage and guarantee that each member is qualified and available for new clients, without long waiting times. OML manages a national database of qualified oncology massage therapists and apply strict guidelines for members in the interests of being able to provide the best service for clients with cancer or a history of cancer.

This resource is available to the public and is accessible via [www.oncologymassagetraining.com.au](http://www.oncologymassagetraining.com.au)

### COSA Annual Scientific Meeting 2014

COSA's 41st ASM will highlight cancer survivorship, supportive care and palliative care and will also focus on lung cancer and metastases. The conference will be held in conjunction with the UICC World Cancer Congress (3rd-6th December)

**When:** 2nd -4th December 2014 (Conference proper), 1st December (pre-conference workshops)  
**Where:** Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre



### COSA Geriatric Oncology Workshop at CNSA Winter Congress

The COSA Geriatric Oncology Group is hosting a geriatric oncology focused pre-congress workshop on 24th July 2014 as part of the CNSA Winter Congress.

*Addressing the geriatric needs of older people with cancer: nurse led strategies* will encourage nurses to think practically about how they could integrate the principles of geriatric oncology into their service's current screening and assessment practices. Professor Jane Phillips will facilitate the day and presenters will cover topics including consumer perspective, poly pharmacy, delirium, ethics, current burden of cancer in the older patient, and what is geriatric assessment and how to use it in practice.

**When:** 24th July 2014, 10am-4pm  
**Where:** The Pullman, Albert Park, Melbourne  
**Registration:** [CNSA Winter Congress](#)

For more information and to view the program please visit [www.cnsawintercongress.com.au/workshops](http://www.cnsawintercongress.com.au/workshops)

### Cancer Nurses Society of Australia 17th Winter Congress

**Cancer Nursing – Leading in a time of change**

**Keynote Speaker:** Dr Theresa Wiseman from The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust UK  
**When:** 24th- 26th July 2014  
**Where:** Pullman Albert Park, Melbourne

Registration via [CNSA Winter Congress](#)

### National Clinicians Network Forum 2014 – NSW

*Integrating Care – Let's make it happen*

The National Lead Clinicians Group is hosting an event, in partnership with the New South Wales Ministry of Health and the Agency for Clinical Innovation, as part of a series of state and national forums designed to enhance clinical leadership and engagement. It is an opportunity for clinicians from all disciplines, from all sectors of health, to share their perspectives about integrating care and what they believe needs to occur to make integrated care a reality.

**When:** 18th June 2014, 12 -4:30pm  
**Where:** The Westin Sydney, 1 Martin Place  
**Registration:** via [www.ncnforums.com.au](http://www.ncnforums.com.au)  
*Event is free however registration is necessary*