

## Workshop Report

### COSA Cancer Pharmacists Group Clinical Professional Day – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 2012

Almost 50 delegates registered to attend the COSA CPGs clinical professional day at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. The day was a great success and the session generated plenty of discussion.

The morning session (chaired by Jude Lees, Deputy Chair, COSA CPG) saw a number of presentations based around a theme of supportive care issues for cancer pharmacists. Michael Powell (Senior Oncology Pharmacist, Gold Coast Hospital) gave a talk on methotrexate induced renal failure. Gail Rowan (Senior Pharmacist, Peter Mac) spoke about platinum hypersensitivity & desensitisation and Krissy Carrington (Super Convenor) presented: nausea – the final frontier! The morning session concluded with a presentation from Dan McKavanagh (Queensland Health) on cardiotoxicity at the cellular level.

Dan Mellor (Chair, COSA CPG) chaired the afternoon session and led an interactive workshop on the development of national KPIs for cancer pharmacy. The group came up with a shortlist of activity and quality measures that should be considered for national implementation. Following the success of this session, a small working group will be established (led by Krissy Carrington) to take this project forward. Three more presentations followed: Geeta Sandhu (Senior Pharmacist, Princess Alexandra Hospital) spoke about CAMS & the evidence for harm with chemotherapy, Senthil Lingaratnam (Senior Pharmacist, Peter Mac) presented on Immunogenic toxicities of anti-cancer therapies, and Zeyad Ibrahim (Oncology Manager, HPS Pharmacy) gave a talk about ifosfamide-induced encephalopathy. The day finished with a lively Q&A panel session involving all speakers.

The CPG would like to thank COSA for financially supporting our professional workshop. I would also like to thank all delegates, all of the speakers for agreeing to present and also Jude Lees, Gail Rowan and Michael Powell for setting the agenda for the day.

**Dan Mellor**  
Chair, COSA Cancer Pharmacists Group