

Cancer Pharmacist Group Clinical Development Workshop Report



Monday 12th November 2018

34 delegates registered to attend the COSA CPG Clinical Development Workshop preceding the 45th Annual COSA ASM at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre. Delegates travelled from all over Australia with a mix of hospital pharmacists, government sector and industry representatives.

The program content delivered a unique variety of clinical practice, safety and governance topics that were relevant to cancer pharmacists at all levels of experience and areas of practice. These topics included:

- Medicinal Cannabis – Presented by Ms Rochelle Green
 - *A summary of the complex pharmacology, regulation and evidence for medicinal cannabis products in Australia.*
- Mesothelioma – Clinical Update – Presented by Dr ‘Melvin’ Wee Loong Chin.
 - *An overview of the current and future directions of mesothelioma treatment including current clinical trials involving immunotherapy.*
- CAM Usage in Cancer Patients – Presented by Mrs Gail Rowan
 - *An interactive discussion covering pharmacist considerations and useful resources when addressing the use of CAMs in cancer patients.*
- Hazardous Drugs Handling – Update and Controversies – Presented by Mr Jim Siderov
 - *Addressed the challenges of the classification and interpretation of hazardous and cytotoxic medicines.*
- Update from ISOPP 2018 – Presented by Ms Kimberley-Ann Kerr
 - *An overview of the highlights from the 2018 ISOPP symposium in Shanghai.*
- Voluntary Assisted Dying – Presented by Dr Juli Moran and Mr Jim Siderov
 - *A summary of the legislation underpinning Voluntary Assisted Dying (effective in Vic only from June 2019) and practical considerations for pharmacists.*
- Update from the World Cancer Congress 2018 – Presented by Mrs Courtney Oar
 - *An overview of global cancer control and technology to advance delivery of cancer treatment solutions.*
- Digital Health – Presented by Daniel McKavanagh
 - *A summary of the current and future applications of digital health within the healthcare system.*
- Interactive Workshop - Chemotherapy Governance - Dr Christine Carrington, Mr Jim Siderov and Ms Aisling Kelly.
 - *An interactive session that provided an outline of issues faced with the governance of chemotherapy prescribing in Australia and case examples for group discussion.*

The workshop was highly successful with many of the presentations opening up considerable discussion and debate, particularly during the CAM usage and chemotherapy governance sessions. Overall the event provided a strong finish to a year of high-quality educational events provided by the COSA CPG. A clinical development workshop will again be planned prior to the 46th COSA ASM in 2019.

The CPG would like to thank COSA and Slade Health for financially supporting the workshop. Further to this, we would like to thank our speakers for contributing to the success of the event and the workshop chairs and coordinators (M. Powell, D. McKavanagh, C. Oar, K. Kerr and M. Cain) for supporting the formal proceedings of the day.

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