

## PCPA invites medical oncologists and cancer nurses to immerse in the game-changing world of precision medicine

Melbourne. Due to high demand, Australia's peak body for private cancer specialists will host a unique workshop for all medical oncologists and cancer nurses, to gain a practical immersion into how genomic testing can better refine diagnoses, help predict cancer behaviour and create more effective treatment plans for their patients.

Board member of the Private Cancer Physicians of Australia (PCPA) and workshop Master of Ceremonies, Dr Cameron McLaren, says genomic testing or precision medicine, is a powerful tool that remarkably unlocks the secrets of a patient's cancer at the genetic level.

"Genomic testing, once a futuristic view of how cancer may be treated, is now transforming cancer care by offering personalised insights for both the patient and those who care for them," Dr McLaren says. "As importantly as finding new treatments that can help our patients, genomic testing also allows us to choose which treatments will *not* help, so we can avoid subjecting our patients to toxicities of ineffective treatments."

Co-curating the free one-day PCPA workshop '*Genomics to Therapeutics*' in Melbourne on Saturday February 24 is PCPA's Strategic Alliance Partner, LifeStrands Genomics.

Medical Director Dr Vivek Rathi, is working with PCPA and its Education Partners, ScienceToLife, to bring together Australia's leading experts in cancer genomics. Among the speakers will be Associate Professor Lara Lipton, Medical Oncologist at Cabrini Health, Professor Anthony Gill, Medical Director of Anatomical Pathology at the Royal North Shore Hospital and Professor Benhur Amanuel, Medical Director of PathWest.

"With compelling case studies, our audience will explore the functioning of a clinical genomic laboratory, the contemporary and emerging testing platforms and we will unpack genomic test reports, terminologies and international reporting guidelines," Dr Rathi says.

Importantly, the experts will review the recent Medicare-reimbursed tests for Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) for brain cancer (glioma) and lung cancer and homologous recombination deficiency (HRD) in ovarian cancer.

"Effective clinical service provision in cancer genomics demands a distinctive perspective, integrating medical expertise with cutting edge genomic technologies, to offer treatments tailored to individuals' genetic profiles," says Dr Rathi.

"The PCPA workshop aims to provide practical genomic knowledge at a grassroot to semi advanced level, which would help participants in choosing their genomic tests more effectively and wisely, to the benefit of their patients."

The PCPA *Genomics to Therapeutics*' workshop for medical oncologists (Fellows and Advanced Trainees) and cancer specialist nurses, is at near capacity. To secure your place, and to join your peers and mentors for a networking luncheon, please follow this [link](#) to register.

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### About Us

The Private Cancer Physicians of Australia (PCPA) is a not-for-profit member organisation dedicated to the improvement of the health system for all cancer patients, but particularly for private cancer patients in Australia. Our members are medical and radiation oncologists and haematologists.

Our mission is to promote and work towards a health system that provides high quality, fair, integrated cancer treatment that benefits patients and supports medical practitioners.

### PCPA's Strategic Alliance Partnership program

Through our immersive Strategic Alliance Partnership program, we are bringing together the best minds in cancer care diagnosis and treatment, hospital and clinical trial innovation, advanced technology and equitable health policy to the long term benefit of our patients.

With the support of our Strategic Alliance Partners and our Education Partners, SciencetoLife, PCPA produces a suite of high impact, educational platforms for our members, cancer specialist nurses and cancer patient advocates. These include the 'PCPA Cancer Patient Management' podcast series, on-site live MDT Masterclasses and bespoke member workshops and knowledge tool kits.

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