



Dr Robert Zielinski
Medical oncologist

Rob is an early career consultant in medical oncology currently practicing in regional NSW at the Central West Cancer Care Centre. Rob's sub-specialty interests are in genitourinary, skin, brain and lung malignancies but he remains a general oncologist at heart. Rob's passion is improving the disparity in cancer outcomes between rural and metropolitan patients and has a particular passion for opening up clinical trials to rural patients. Rob is the deputy chair of the COSA Regional and Rural Cancer Executive Committee and would strongly encourage and support cancer professionals to start a career in the country.

Dr Craig Underhill
Medical oncologist

Craig is a medical oncologist, Clinical Director of Oncology Services at Albury Wodonga Health, and Clinical Director of Hume Regional Integrated Cancer Services. In 2017, he was appointed the Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre (VCCC) Regional Oncology Lead. As a regionally based clinician, Dr Underhill is aware of the gaps and unmet needs related to cancer care in regional Victoria. Dr Underhill is the VCCC Teletrial Program champion, a key structure for establishing cancer clinical trials in a regional setting. Dr Underhill also contributes to the VCCC Cancer Research Advisory Committee, the committee reviews, guides and oversees all VCCC strategic programs, providing expert direction for successful completion.



Jenni Bourke
Occupational therapist / Blood cancer support coordinator for Leukemia Foundation

Jenni is an occupational therapist with over 30 years practice experience. She is committed to providing a compassionate & individualised service driven by the principles of patient-focused family-centred care & the therapeutic use of self. Her practice is informed by years of working as an occupational therapist in oncology & palliative care/ aged care rehabilitation and acute hospital care. After moving to Central Victoria she worked with Bendigo Health and is now a Blood Cancer Support Coordinator for the Leukaemia Foundation. She regularly supervises OT students & professionals and has a passion for teaching OT palliative care practice to undergraduate students & multidisciplinary teams.



Dr Kate Gunn
Clinical Psychologist, Behavioral Scientist and Senior Research Fellow

Dr Kate Gunn grew up on a farm in rural South Australia and works as a Clinical Psychologist, Behavioral Scientist and Senior Research Fellow, in the Department of Rural Health at the University of South Australia. Her research is focused on finding new, culturally appropriate ways of improving the health and wellbeing of people living in rural areas, with a particular focus on improving rural cancer outcomes. She also has experience working clinically with people affected by cancer. In 2018 she travelled to India, UK, US, Canada and the Netherlands with support from a Churchill Fellowship, to identify strategies to help improve outcomes for rural Australians affected by cancer.





Kim Hobbs
Clinical specialist social worker

Kim Hobbs holds a Masters degree in Social Work and is a Clinical Specialist Social Worker at Westmead Hospital in the Department of Gynaecological Cancer. Kim believes that optimal psychosocial outcomes for all patients, family members and caregivers is contingent upon access to supportive care services and resources. Kim has been involved in the development of educational resources for both clinicians and consumers, as well as in many committees and working parties with peak cancer care stakeholder organisations. Her research interests have led to many conference presentations and publications in peer-reviewed journals.

Peggy Briggs
Nurse practitioner

Peggy has worked in cancer nursing for 21 years, including working in Perth metropolitan area and in various regional rural and remote sites across Western Australia (WA) Country Health Service. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing and post graduate certificates in Nursing Education and Nursing Leadership and Management. Over her career she has worked in various positions including as a registered nurse on the haematology/oncology ward at Fremantle Hospital, staff development, chemotherapy, McGrath breast care nurse and as a clinical nurse consultant. In 2016, Peggy commenced the WACHS TeleOncology Service in WA which included initiation of the Palliative Care in the Home service and the TeleChemotherapy Service. She has been a member of the COSA Regional and Rural Executive Committee since 2012, and a committee member for CNSA WA Group. Peggy has presented at various conferences including CNSA and COSA and recently was a co-author of an article on implementation of PRO's in cancer care. Cancer nursing, particularly in rural settings, is her passion.



Kerry
Cancer survivor

Kerry lives in Renmark, South Australia (approximately 3 hours from Adelaide) with her husband Wayne. Kerry participated in a video series produced by Dr. Kate Gunn in 2017 to discuss her experience with lymphoma. We are lucky to have Kerry on the panel tonight to discuss the change in her condition since the video was filmed in 2017 and her ongoing cancer survivorship experience.