

2025 Sarcoma Symposium



Friday 21 November 2025, 1pm to 5:30pm

Kerry Packer Education Centre,
Royal Prince Alfred Hospital

Time	Activity
1pm	Registrations open
1:15pm	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country Ricky Lyons, Deputy Director, SLHD Aboriginal Health Unit Deb Willcox AM, SLHD Chief Executive Dr Richard Boyle, Program Lead, RPA Bone and Soft Tissue Sarcoma Program
	Session 1. Clinical and Support Services – Chair Dr Vivek Bhadri, Medical Oncologist, Chris O'Brien Lifehouse
1:30pm–1:40pm	RPA Bone and Soft Tissue Sarcoma Program – Service Improvements Julia Gullotto, Program Coordinator, RPA Bone and Soft Tissue Sarcoma Program
1:40pm–1:50pm	Surgical advancements and updates Dr Maurice Guzman, Orthopaedic Surgeon, RPA
1:50pm–2pm	The Jack Gibson Sarcoma Patient and Family Support Program Suzie Carlon, Mother of Jack and Founder, Jack Gibson Sarcoma Patient & Family Support Program
2pm–2:10pm	Navigating the system – The Sunshine Project Professor Georgia Halkett and Mandy Basson, Curtin University, WA
2:10pm–2:20pm	Cultural safety in delivering treatment Kylie Tarleton, Mother of Cooper, osteosarcoma survivor, proud Wiradjuri woman and contemporary Aboriginal artist
2:20pm–2:30pm	Fertility in adolescent and young adult (AYA) sarcoma patients Professor Antoinette Anazodo, Paediatric and Adolescent Oncologist, Sydney Children's Hospital
2:30pm–2:40pm	Transitioning from paediatrics to adolescents and young adults (AYA) Lyndal Moore, CNC Hunter & Northern NSW Youth Cancer Service
2:40pm–2:50pm	Recruiting patients to research projects Rachel Byrne, Sarcoma Clinical Nurse Specialist, Chris O'Brien Lifehouse
2:50pm–3:05pm	Bone and Soft Tissue Sarcoma Nurse Fellowship Program – SLHD and CRBF Aisling Byrne and Hilary Myers, RPA Bone and Soft Tissue Sarcoma CNCs – 7 minutes Edward Clark, sarcoma survivor – 7 minutes
3:05pm–3:25pm	Panel – Breaking down the barriers to improve access and support Chair – Mitchell Rice-Brading, Cooper Rice-Brading Foundation Cathy Kyprianou, Mother of Sophie, diagnosed with osteosarcoma and forever 24 Rachel Byrne, Dr Vivek Bhadri, Suzie Carlon, Lyndal Moore and A/Prof Richard Boyle
3:25pm–3:45pm	Afternoon Tea
	Session 2. Research and Evidence Based Practice – Chair Dr Matt Broadhead, Orthopaedic Surgeon, RPA
3:45pm–3:55pm	Access to a sarcoma service – RPA study Dr Mitchell Crebert, Junior Medical Officer, RPA

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3:55pm–4:05pm	Access to trials Professor Angela Hong, Radiation Oncologist, Chris O'Brien Lifehouse
4:05pm–4:15pm	Osteosarcoma Research Program Dr Parisa Vahidi Ferdowsi, Postdoctoral Researcher, Children's Cancer Institute
4:15pm–4:25pm	Sarcoma Accelerator Programme Professor Ron Firestein, Head of the Centre for Cancer Research, Hudson Institute of Medical Research
4:25pm–4:35pm	Personalised therapies Dr Maya Kansara, Head of Translational Oncology, Omico
4:35pm–4:45pm	Osteosarcoma in the paediatric setting – QLD A/Professor Wayne Nicholls, University of Queensland
4:45pm–4:55pm	Medical oncology – Advancements in medical oncology and how to ask for a second opinion A/Professor Peter Grimison, Medical Oncologist, Chris O'Brien Lifehouse
4:55pm–5:15pm	Panel – Collaboration to streamline data collection and advance research Chair – A/Prof Richard Boyle Shelley Rushton, Director of Cancer Services and Information, Cancer Institute, Dr Dan Franks, Orthopaedic Surgeon, RPA, Dr Parisa Vahidi Ferdowsi, Dr Maya Kansara and A/Prof Peter Grimison
5:15pm–6:30pm	Close and Networking



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