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## Introduction

*Tēnā koutou katoa.*

The Cancer Nurses College is pleased to welcome Tash Chisholm and Sarah Kennedy to the committee. We look forward to the knowledge, energy, and perspectives they will bring to our work supporting cancer nursing across Aotearoa.

We also extend our warmest congratulations to Liv Collier, who is currently on maternity leave. We wish her and her whānau all the very best during this special time.

In this edition of CancerNet, we are delighted to feature a write-up from our recent conference prize winner, highlighting the innovation and excellence within our community. You will also find an insightful article exploring the importance of clinical supervision – an essential component in supporting the wellbeing and professional development of our nursing workforce.

We hope you enjoy this issue.

**Edith Paulsen**  
Cancernet Editor

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Nursing demands sustained clinical judgement, emotional presence, and rapid decision-making, often within significant workload pressure. A single shift can involve caring for multiple acutely unwell patients, responding to sudden deterioration, administering high-risk medications, documenting in real time, coordinating across disciplines, and supporting distressed families; all while navigating short staffing and system constraints. Breaks are frequently missed, shifts extend beyond rostered hours, and the work unfolds in a constant state of interruption and reprioritisation. Remaining vigilant to subtle clinical changes while managing competing demands and carrying the knowledge that errors can have serious

consequences can create ongoing cognitive and physiological strain.

Over time, chronic exposure to this level of responsibility and emotional intensity can lead to exhaustion, irritability, sleep disturbance, or emotional numbing. These effects often follow nurses home, making it harder to switch off and remain present in relationships.

Team environments can also reflect this strain. Differences in communication style and coping capacity may become amplified under pressure, and burnout can show as withdrawal, criticism, or reduced collaboration.

When psychological safety diminishes, raising concerns or seeking support becomes more difficult, further

compounding stress. At the same time, many nurses receive limited preparation in career progression, workplace communication, or organisational systems, leaving them to navigate complex professional dynamics without structured guidance.

### Effects of supervision

Supervision has measurable benefits at both individual and organisational levels. By providing a structured and confidential space for reflection, it reduces rumination, cognitive overload, and the accumulation of stress, supporting emotional regulation and helping to prevent compassion fatigue through the processing of moral distress, grief, and frustration. Reflective practice strengthens professional identity by increasing self-awareness, clarifying values, identifying learning needs, and supporting intentional career development. Supervision provides greater insight and helps to uphold role boundaries, thereby improving communication, reducing defensiveness, and enabling concerns to be addressed constructively, contributing to a more psychologically safe and sustainable team environment. Importantly, enhanced reflection also strengthens emotional presence, critical thinking, and ethical reasoning, supporting safer and more consistent care for patients and whānau.

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## Chair Report

### Tēnā koutou katoa.

It is a pleasure to provide this chairperson report to the committee as we

reflect on the past year and the ongoing work of the Cancer Nurses College.

The cancer landscape in Aotearoa New Zealand continues to evolve.

The recent release of [The State of Cancer in New Zealand 2025](#) by

Te Aho o Te Kahu highlights continued improvements across the cancer

continuum, but also the persistent inequities experienced by Māori, Pacific

peoples, and those living in areas of socioeconomic deprivation. The projected increase in cancer incidence places further pressure on an already stretched workforce.

There has also been a notable development in cancer treatment and innovation within New Zealand, with the opening of BioOra's Christchurch facility, which will specialise in CAR T-cell therapy, developed in collaboration with the Malaghan Institute of Medical Research.

The recent announcement of plans to open and expand new cancer infusion services across the country signals important progress, while also emphasising the need for equitable access and sustainable implementation within our health system. These developments continue to shape the context in which we practise as leaders within cancer nursing.

The work of the college remains both relevant and necessary. Over the past year, we have continued



to contribute to key areas of advocacy, professional development, and sector engagement. I wish to acknowledge the mahi of our committee member Becky, who worked incredibly hard to shape the 2025 NZSO CNC conference and for it to be as successful as it was. Further to that, we have signed a memorandum of understanding for another conference collaboration this year and we remain committed to future joint ventures.

I also want to acknowledge Liv, who has stepped away on maternity leave. We wish her all the very best for this special time.

It is also a pleasure to welcome our newest committee member, Sarah, who brings a wealth of experience across cancer care and nursing leadership, and we look forward to the perspectives and expertise she will contribute.

Each committee member brings extensive experience and your willingness to contribute your time and expertise alongside demanding roles, is both recognised and appreciated.

As we look ahead, our focus remains on supporting the cancer nursing workforce, contributing to efforts to address inequities, and ensuring that developments in cancer care are translated into meaningful outcomes for patients and whānau. The strength of this committee positions us well to continue this work.

Ngā mihi nui,

**Heather Bustin**  
**Chair - Cancer Nurses College**

## Why supervision matters in nursing

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### Practice-informed supervision

Healthcare professionals benefit most from supervision offered by someone who understands the realities of frontline clinical work. The pace, the responsibility, the emotional weight, and the system pressures do not need to be explained or softened. When supervision is provided by a fellow healthcare professional, clinicians can speak honestly about what they see without minimising their experiences or translating healthcare processes for their supervisor.

This shared understanding creates psychological safety and offers relevant perspectives by recognising the true complexity of healthcare work. It allows deeper reflection, clearer thinking, and more meaningful processing of clinical, ethical, and relational challenges.

**By Maria Iacoppi**



**BeAble Supervision**

### Compassion fatigue isn't just stress.

It is the price of caring deeply for others.

Healthcare organisations often create the conditions for compassion fatigue:

- Repeated exposure to suffering, trauma, or death
- Holding distress for patients and whānau
- Moral distress - not having the support to provide the care people need
- Having to be emotionally present with little time to process what happens.

@beablesupervision

# NZSO Conference Report – 2025

**Attending the NZSO 2025 conference in Dunedin was an incredible opportunity, and I feel so fortunate to have won the prize that made it possible. As a registered nurse working in the chemotherapy suite at Health NZ Canterbury, this experience was both professionally enriching and personally inspiring.**

Being my first work-related conference, I had no prior benchmark – but I would attend again in a heartbeat. The variety of topics, the quality of speakers, and the learning opportunities were exceptional. I was also honoured to be invited to speak at the Supportive Cancer Care Special Interest Group, which added another layer of meaning to the experience. And of course, the conference dinner was a fantastic way to wrap things up!

One standout moment was hearing Professor Kate White speak. Her passion for nursing and patient advocacy was palpable, especially as she addressed taboo topics like intimacy and sex during the cancer journey. Her confidence and sensitivity made the discussion feel both real and respectful. Her insights into end-of-life care were equally powerful, challenging us to rethink how we approach nursing in those moments. She is a truly admirable figure in our profession – and yes, we'll give the Australians that win!

Presenting in the Supportive Care SIG was a great honour. I spoke about the transition into community care post-chemotherapy, a topic shaped by patient feedback and close to my heart as an advocate for patient-centred care. I was nervous about public speaking, but the response was overwhelmingly positive. It sparked meaningful conversations and new ideas. One key issue raised was that while resources exist, they often don't align with patient needs – so how do we change that? I was grateful to



have this discussion with a diverse group including doctors, nurse practitioners, directors of nursing, clinical nurse specialists, and fellow RNs.

While some sessions were quite scientific and beyond my scope, I was especially engaged by Associate Professor James Kinross. His talk on how colorectal cancer may be linked to neonatal factors was fascinating and surprisingly relatable. He explained the science in accessible terms that made it easy to follow. I'd heard from others beforehand that he was a fantastic speaker, and they were right – his ability to connect with the audience through clear language made a real difference. As a mother, I found his research on early antibiotic use and its impact on the microbiome particularly relevant.

Overall, the conference was outstanding. Dunedin was the perfect host city, with beautiful weather and a stunning venue at the Town Hall. The final dinner party was a highlight – fun costumes, great entertainment, and delicious food. I truly couldn't fault a single aspect of the event.

I hope to attend the Wellington conference next year and encourage more of my nursing colleagues to join. Thank you again for this incredible opportunity!

**By Tessa Newman**



## Survey on the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in lung cancer screening



We are looking for health professionals to take part in a short (15 min) survey of their views on the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in lung cancer screening. This is part of a research project funded by the Health Research Council of New Zealand (HRC), with research team members based at the University of Otago/Ōtakou Whakaihū Waka and Health NZ/Te Whatu Ora.

### WHY TAKE PART IN THIS SURVEY?

Lung cancer is a common cause of cancer for Māori, second commonest for non-Māori, and the most common cause of cancer deaths. Lung cancer screening using low dose CT scans reduces lung cancer deaths by up to 25%.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) will inevitably be part of a national lung cancer screening programme because of its potential to automatically characterise pulmonary nodules with a high degree of accuracy, sensitivity and specificity, while also reducing the workforce requirements and time involved in reading and analysing scans. However there are also concerns related to its use, from both a lung cancer screening participant and provider perspective. For the implementation of lung cancer screening to be successful, the use of AI has to be acceptable to both recipients and those delivering the screening.

### WHERE DO I TAKE PART IN THIS SURVEY?

To access the survey, please click on the following links:

Radiologists: <https://redcap.otago.ac.nz/surveys/?s=X8NR3LW8EXXC7YCC>

All other health professionals: <https://redcap.otago.ac.nz/surveys/?s=TDCLMDACMEC7H9KH>

### WHO DO I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

If you have any questions about this research, you can contact either of the lead researchers:

**Professor Sue Crengle** (Waitaha, Kāti Māmoē, Kāi Tahu), Lung Screening Research Programme, University of Otago/Ōtakou Whakaihū Waka, Mobile: 021 832 346 [sue.crengle@otago.ac.nz](mailto:sue.crengle@otago.ac.nz)

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*This study has been approved by the University of Otago Human Ethics Committee (Health) - Te Pae Matatika Tangata (Hauora), Ōtakou Whakaihū Waka (Ref H25/0473). If you have any concerns about the ethical conduct of the research you may contact the University of Otago Human Ethics Committee Te Pae Matatika Tangata, Ōtakou Whakaihū Waka through the Human Ethics Committee Administrator (ph +643 479 8256 or email [humanethics@otago.ac.nz](mailto:humanethics@otago.ac.nz)). Any issues you raise will be treated in confidence and investigated and you will be informed of the outcome.*



## Progress and opportunities in breast cancer in NZ: A comprehensive review

What has changed in New Zealand's clinical approach to breast cancer? Are outcomes improving at the rate they should? Improving for everyone?

Breast Cancer Foundation NZ (BCFNZ) has addressed these questions in the first comprehensive presentation of data from the consolidated Te Rēhita Mate Ūtaetae - Breast Cancer Foundation National Register.

Using this unparalleled information, with analyses performed by an experienced team at the University of Auckland's Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, BCFNZ reports on demographic, diagnosis, pathology, treatment and outcome data for 30,000 diagnoses from 2003-2019, and how we might move ahead for even better outcomes.



[Download the report: 30,000 voices: Informing a better future for breast cancer in Aotearoa New Zealand](#)

## Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Māori Health, Kawa Whakaruruhau, Cultural Safety: Guidance for Nursing Education and Practice

**The Nursing Council has released updated guidance to support nurses, nurse educators and employers to deliver culturally safe care across all nursing contexts in Aotearoa New Zealand.**

This guidance provides:

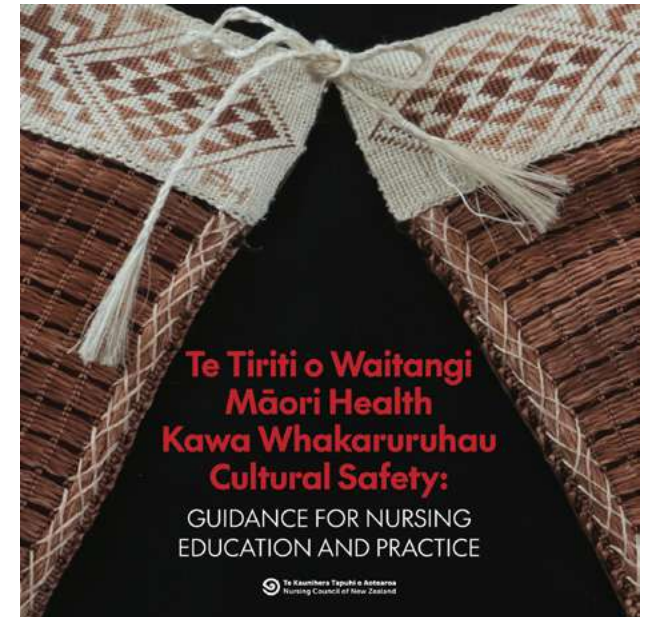
- foundational and contemporary understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi as it applies to nursing
- the historical development and purpose of Kawa Whakaruruhau (cultural safety within a Māori context)
- broader cultural safety concepts relevant to all population groups
- practical direction for embedding culturally safe practice, education and professional development
- context for the Council's updated standards of competence (2025).

This document replaces the Guidelines for Cultural Safety, the Treaty of Waitangi, and Māori Health in Nursing Education and Practice (2011).

### He kōrero hītori | Background

The updated guidance is grounded in more than three decades of work led by nurses, educators and communities seeking safer, more equitable care for Māori. Cultural safety emerged in the late 1980s, shaped by the experiences of Māori nursing students and teachers who identified the urgent need for nursing education to confront racism, bias and the unequal health outcomes faced by Māori.

At the heart of this movement was Dr Irihapeti Ramsden (Ngāi Tahu, Rangitāne) – a visionary nurse,



anthropologist and educator whose work transformed nursing both here and internationally. Dr Ramsden challenged the profession to look inward, to recognise the power nurses hold, and to understand that safety is defined by those receiving care, not by those providing it.

This updated guidance continues the legacy of her moemoeā vision – a health system where everyone is respected, heard and empowered. It reflects the ongoing commitment of Māori nurse leaders and the profession, to uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi and advance health equity for Māori.



[Download the guide here](#)

# POLYPHARMACY AND DEPRESCRIBING IN PALLIATIVE CARE

**ZOOM WEBINAR**  
Thursday 7 May, 7.30 – 8.30am

**BREAKFAST  
SESSION**



**DENISE  
HEWITT**  
Palliative Care  
Clinical Pharmacist,  
Arohanui Hospice



**KATE  
BIRD**  
Nurse Practitioner,  
Arohanui Hospice

Polypharmacy is a growing patient safety concern in Aotearoa New Zealand. The risk of medication-related harm rises significantly when patients take five or more medicines—and currently, nearly 46.5% of people aged 65+ are prescribed this level of long-term treatment.

This webinar explores the impact of polypharmacy in palliative care, focusing on how to balance symptom management with reducing medication burden. Drawing on practical tools and real-world experience, our speakers will share strategies for safe, thoughtful deprescribing to support more patient-centred care.

Join us to learn how optimising medicines can improve quality of life for patients receiving palliative care.

Denise Hewitt is a palliative care clinical pharmacist at Arohanui Hospice and convenor of the NZ Palliative Care Pharmacists group, contributing to national guidelines. Kate Bird is a Nurse Practitioner working across hospice, community, and aged care settings, with extensive experience in palliative and surgical nursing in both the UK and New Zealand.

## REGISTRATIONS REQUIRED

Use the link:  
<https://tinyurl.com/HOSPICEPOLYPHARM>



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# WORLDWIDE MOSAIC

## Cultural awareness in the workplace 2026

### Overview

**Worldwide Mosaic delivers practical, evidence-based workshops designed for professionals who want to strengthen their understanding of cultural diversity and work more confidently in multicultural environments.**

Our workshops support participants to build cultural awareness, improve cross-cultural communication, and apply inclusive, people-centred approaches in their day-to-day work. The focus is on practical learning that can be immediately applied across a wide range of professional settings, including health, education, community services, corporate, and public sector environments.

Through interactive discussion, real-world examples, and applied tools, participants gain the confidence and capability to engage respectfully with culturally diverse colleagues, clients, and communities, reducing misunderstandings and supporting inclusive workplaces where people and organisations can thrive.

### What the workshop covers

This four-hour, face-to-face workshop provides a practical introduction to cultural diversity in the Aotearoa New Zealand context, including:

- Understanding cultural diversity and its relevance in modern workplaces
- Exploring values, beliefs, and worldviews across diverse communities
- Strengthening cross-cultural communication and engagement
- Identifying common cultural misunderstandings and how to navigate them respectfully
- Applying culturally responsive and ethical practice in professional settings

Content is evidence-based, accessible, and grounded in real-world professional experience.

### Cultural Toolkit (included)

All participants receive access to the Worldwide Mosaic Cultural Toolkit – a comprehensive, practical resource designed to support ongoing learning beyond the workshop.

The toolkit includes detailed information sheets on over 20 ethnic and cultural communities, including (but not limited to): Muslim, Refugee, Pasifika, Filipino, African, and other culturally and ethnically diverse populations in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Each info sheet provides concise, applied guidance on:

- Immigration background and settlement context in Aotearoa New Zealand
- Religious beliefs, values, and cultural practices
- Communication styles, cultural norms, and key ethical considerations
- Health and wellbeing perspectives, including traditional and complementary approaches
- Common considerations relevant to professional practice

Designed as a day-to-day reference, the toolkit enhances cultural literacy, supports respectful engagement, and increases confidence when working with diverse communities.

### What participants will gain

By attending this workshop, participants will:

- Increase their cultural awareness and understanding
- Build confidence in engaging with culturally diverse individuals and groups
- Strengthen communication skills across cultural contexts
- Gain practical tools and resources that can be applied immediately
- Enhance their ability to contribute to inclusive, respectful workplaces

### Time commitment

**Duration:** 4 hours    **Delivery:** Face-to-face

**Format:** Interactive, practical, and discussion-based

### Investment

\$300 per person

This investment includes:

- Four hours of expert, face-to-face facilitation
- All workshop materials and resources
- Access to the Worldwide Mosaic Cultural Toolkit
- Tailoring to align with organisational context and workforce needs
- A high-quality learning experience that builds confidence, capability, and cultural effectiveness

### Recognition and accreditation

Worldwide Mosaic training is widely recognised across the health and professional sectors. Workshops have been delivered for organisations and conferences including:

- New Zealand Nurses Organisation
- Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
- CoastNZ
- Mercy Hospital
- Plunket
- Te Whatu Ora Southern
- Mindz in Action Business Conference
- NZ Neonatal Conference
- NZ Paediatric Conference

The programme is approved by the Midwifery Council of New Zealand and provides four hours of recognised cultural awareness education.

 Visit the Worldwide Mosaic website  
or email: [info@worldwidemosaic.co.nz](mailto:info@worldwidemosaic.co.nz) for more info

## University-level qualifications

Many nurses are now completing postgraduate studies, obtaining certificates, diplomas, and even Masters and PhDs! Reach out to your local institutions/universities to find out what courses they provide.

Here are a few options:

- **Graduate Certificate in Cancer Nursing – Australian College of Nursing**

Specialist qualification in cancer oncology nursing – focuses on evidence-based practice, policy, cultural safety, and leadership.  
January and July intakes.

 [Australian College of Nursing – course details](#)

- **Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing (Registered Nurse Prescriber) – University of Canterbury (UC Online)**

NZQF level 8, includes pathophysiology and prescribing practicum over ~2 years part-time. Strong relevance for oncology nurses involved in SACT prescribing.

 [UC Online PGDipNurs – course details](#)

- **Graduate Certificate in Nursing – Ara Institute of Canterbury**

Level 7, flexible part-time delivery with optional modules including:  
Cancer Nursing 1: Understanding Cancer  
Cancer Nursing 2: Management.

 [Ara Graduate Certificate in Nursing – course details](#)

## Regional and online development

There are a range of different organisations that provide online learning. We have listed a few of these that may be of interest to your clinical role to explore further.

- **Palliative Care Education Programme 2026 – Nurse Maude (Christchurch)**

Offers workshops in syringe driver competency, foundations in palliative care, and care of caregivers.  
Free modules blending online and face to face learning.

 [Palliative Care Education Programme](#)

## Podcasts

- **Bloody Minded – Haematology podcast**

The “Bloody Minded” podcast is a haematology-focused educational series created by a group of Australian haematology registrars known as the Bloody Minded Crew. This is a light-hearted and fun approach to understanding complex aspects of haematology practice (with some light-hearted banter). Each episode tackles a specific haematology topic, often featuring guest experts.

Recent topics include:

- Running on fumes – approach to pancytopenia
- PlateLOTS-approaching thrombocytosis
- A PerPLEXing Journey

*Listen on: Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Podash*

- **Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) podcast**

A weekly series that dives deep into the world of oncology nursing. Each episode features expert conversations on topics ranging from clinical practice and pharmacology to patient care and professional development. This series is extensive and to date has released over 370 episodes!

Topics include:

- The science behind nursing burnout and compassion fatigue
- Pharmacology 101: VEGF Inhibitors

*Listen on: Apple Podcasts, Spotify and YouTube Music.*



## EVIQ updates:

**New resources released:**

- **Bispecific Antibody rapid learning module**

to support the safe and effective delivery of bispecific antibodies – advancing treatment in cancer care.

 [Be sure to check it out](#)

- **Module 2 available: Radiation Oncology Nursing Course**

Learn about the side effects of radiation therapy and their management with the newly released eLearning, designed to support development of knowledge and the clinical skills required to safely care for patients receiving radiation therapy.

Module 2 of the course has a focus on the side effects of radiation therapy and their management covering:

- how radiation therapy treatment-related side effects occur
- defining acute, subacute and late treatment-related side effects of radiation therapy, and identify when these occur
- differentiating between local and general treatment-related side effects
- identifying assessment criteria which support the grading of treatment-related side effects •
- identifying factors which may impact on the risk and severity of treatment-related side effects.

 [The course is now available and is accompanied by a recorded information session webinar.](#)

- **EVIQ rapid listening podcasts:**

Learning made easy on the go! Don't miss these EVIQ rapid learning podcasts which can be found on Apple podcasts, or Spotify:

Topics include:

- Hypersensitivity reaction
- Managing CIED and Radiation Therapy and CIEDs
- Cytokine release syndrome
- Metastatic spinal cord compression

 [Start listening here](#)

## Workshops boost national regimen knowledge

**CanShare's ACT NOW programme** continues rolling out the SACT Regimen Library across all tumour streams, with 800 regimens now published. Workshops running May –September 2025 aim to deepen nurses' familiarity with systemic anti cancer therapy, including the integration of newly funded medicines.

[CanShare's ACT NOW programme](#)

## Leukaemia and Blood Cancer New Zealand

Leukaemia and Blood Cancer New Zealand provide a suite of educational resources for both healthcare professionals, patients and their Whanau.

**Recent fact sheet updates include:**

[LBCNZ Steroid and cancer treatment](#)

[LBCNZ Acute Promyelocytic Leukaemia](#)

## Te Aho o Te Kahu – Optimal Cancer Care Pathways

Te Aho o Te Kahu has released updated Optimal Cancer Care Pathways (OCCPs) in 2025, which emphasise:

- Person and whānau-centred care
- Equity-led approaches
- Multidisciplinary and coordinated care
- Supportive care and timely communication

These pathways are designed to reduce disparities and improve outcomes, especially for Māori and rural communities. You might encourage nurses to familiarise themselves with these principles and integrate them into practice.

[Te Aho o Te Kahu – Optimal Cancer Care Pathways](#)

## University of Technology Sydney (UTS) Genetic Testing for Breast Cancer

**NEW FREE SHORT COURSE:**

- Audience: Oncology health professionals (including New Zealand), aligned with recent Medicare changes
- Content: Treatment-focused breast cancer mainstream genetic testing – covering informed consent, result interpretation, and referral guidelines – developed by cancer genetic counsellors and clinical geneticists
- Format: Self-paced and interactive, evidence-based, includes a UTS Open certificate

[Free access – learn more and enrol here](#)

# Would you like to contribute an article for publication in Cancernet? If so, we would love to hear from you!

## GUIDELINES FOR Contributing to Cancernet...

### Why contribute? Why publish?

- To share knowledge
- To advance your field of practice
- To disseminate key findings or opinions
- To contribute to policy debates

### Submitting your work

- Articles should be submitted in Microsoft Word via email to [cancernursesnz@gmail.com](mailto:cancernursesnz@gmail.com)
- Acknowledgement of receipt of your submission will then
- Acknowledgement of receipt of your submission will be sent by email.

### Introduction

Cancernet is a newsletter that is published three times a year by the New Zealand Nurses Organisation Cancer Nurses College. Cancernet aims to inform and encourage nurses managing people with cancer to share opinion, resources, clinical practice and continuing professional development.

### Word count

Opinion articles should be between 700-1000 words long. However, clinical-based articles and literature reviews and advanced study articles, these can range from between 1,500 and 3,500 words, including references.

### Illustrative and images

Authors must obtain permission for the use of illustrative material or images and ensure that this material is labelled and captioned.

### Referencing

A recognised referencing system to be used. If the reference list is long, the reference list is available on request from the author.



## Important dates for your diary

Click on the titles below to link to relevant website...

### Polypharmacy and deprescribing in palliative care – Zoom webinar

7.30–8.30am, 7 May, 2026

### 2026 New Zealand Skin Cancer Summit

18–20 June, 2026

Wellington, New Zealand

### Second Australasian International Breast Congress (AIBC)

8-10 October 2026

Brisbane, Australia


### NZSO Conference 2026

15-17 October, 2026

Takina | Te Whanganui-A-Tara Wellington

## Financial assistance for professional development

If you have been a member of CNC for a minimum of 2 years, you can access financial support for education...

 **CNC Education Grant**  
(maximum grant of \$750)

considered quarterly for cancer nursing-related education and workshops.

• **CNC Roche Scholarship**  
(\$2000) for postgraduate study.

## THE CANCER NURSES COLLEGE 2026 COMMITTEE



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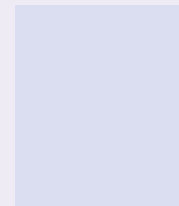
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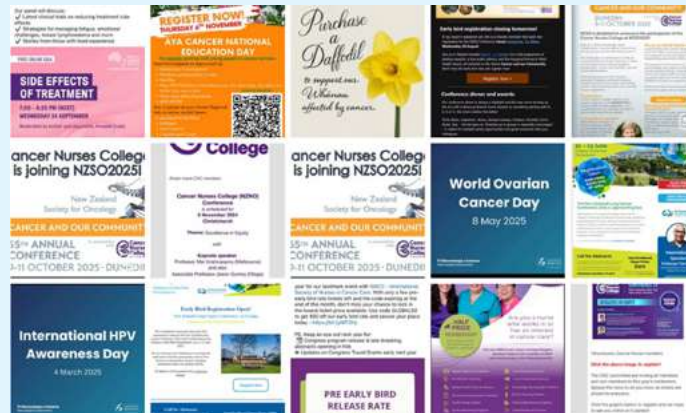
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Stay informed on upcoming opportunities for professional development + ask questions, share thoughts, ideas, research, innovative practice, or concerns.

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