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Cancer Treatment*

Final Program

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ANZHNCS ASM 2025 PRE MEETING WORKSHOPS

Wednesday 27 August 2025

8:00am – 5:00pm **Head and Neck Cadaveric Dissection Workshop – Day 1**
Large Animal Research and Imaging Facility (LARIF), Gilles Plains
Convener: Rowan Valentine
Supported by Carl Zeiss, KLS Martin, LifeHealthCare and Medtronic

Thursday 28 August 2025

8:00am – 5:00pm **Head and Neck Cadaveric Dissection Workshop – Day 2**
Large Animal Research and Imaging Facility (LARIF), Gilles Plains
Convener: Rowan Valentine

8:00am – 5:00pm **Jaw in a Day Workshop**
Riverbank Room 4, Adelaide Convention Centre
Convener: Dr Felix Sim
Supported by BioMeDent, KLS Martin and Southern Implants

9:30am – 5:00pm **Prehab to Rehab: Evidence versus Practicalities Workshop**
Riverbank Rooms 2 & 3, Adelaide Convention Centre
Conveners: Tracey Nicholls and Lee Pryor

To view the final workshop programs, please [click here](#)

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Friday 29 August 2025

8:30am – 10:30am **Plenary Session 1: Shaping the future of head and neck cancer treatment**
Chairs: Aoife McGarvey and Muhammed Yakin
Hall E
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8:30am – 8:40am ASM Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country
Eng Ooi

8:40am – 8:50am Australian Research Foundation update
Kerwin Shannon

8:50am – 9:00am Latest updates from Head and Neck Cancer Australia (HANCA)
Nadia Rosin (HANCA)

9:00am – 9:25am Novel approaches to personalised treatment of HPV-associated oropharyngeal cancer
Alexander Lin (Keynote Speaker)

9:25am – 9:50am Results of C-POST, a phase 3 trial of adjuvant cemiplimab versus placebo for high-risk cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma
Danny Rischin (Keynote Speaker)

9:50am – 10:05am p16 is necessary but not important
Brian Stein

10:05am – 10:30am Inspiration, imagination and DREAMIN
Suren Krishnan (Chris O'Brien Oration Keynote Speaker)

10:30am – 11:00am **Morning tea with industry**
Hall E Foyer

11:00am – 12:30pm **Concurrent Session 2A: Latest on OPSCC management**
Chairs: Lee Pryor and Andrew Foreman
Hall E

11:00am – 11:25am Update on completed and ongoing trials investigating TORS in head and neck oncology
Vincent Vander Poorten (Keynote Speaker)

11:25am – 11:33am HPV vaccination and malignancy risks: A retrospective global cohort study
Christian Seebauer



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11:33am – 11:41am Spatial profiling of oropharyngeal squamous cell carcinoma to identify predictors of genetic endpoints for immunotherapy

Cara Griffin

11:41am – 12:30pm OPSCC MDT case discussion

Moderators: Andrew Foreman and Nick Bajic

Panel: Ben Dixon, Caroline Whiteford, Rhys Hughes, Melanie Jackson and Shawgi Sukumaran

11:00am – 12:30pm **Concurrent Session 2B: Advanced skin cancers**

Chairs: Jia Miin Yip and Jenny Roy

Riverbank Rooms 2 & 3

11:00am – 11:25am Neoadjuvant trials of immune checkpoint inhibitors in high risk cutaneous SCC

Danny Rischin (Keynote Speaker)

11:25am – 11:40am The role of surgery in the era of effective immunotherapy for advanced head and neck cSCC

Sydney Ch'ng

11:40am – 11:48am Vascularised motor nerve to vastus lateralis graft for immediate reconstruction of significant post-parotidectomy oncologic defects

Yu Jin Jeong

11:48am – 12:30pm Panel discussion: cSCC challenging cases

Moderator: Jia Miin Yip

Panel: Sydney Ch'ng, Danny Rischin and Angela Hong

12:30pm – 1:30pm **Lunch with industry**

Hall E Foyer

1:30pm – 3:00pm **Concurrent Session 3A: Skull base and nasal cancers**

Chair: Rowan Valentine

Riverbank Rooms 2 & 3

1:30pm – 1:38pm Full thickness and total nasal reconstruction utilising paired pericranial and forehead flaps

Catherine Meller

1:38pm – 1:46pm Giving voice to head and neck cancer survivors: A qualitative investigation into the utility of peer support

Jevan Cevik

1:46pm – 1:54pm Experience of compassionate care from the perspectives of people with head and neck cancer

Poorva Pradhan

1:54pm – 2:10pm Radiotherapy for rare cancers, role of proton beam radiotherapy, and controversies

Frank Saran

2:10pm – 3:00pm Skull Base MDT case discussion

Moderators: Rowan Valentine and Steve Chrysosidis

Catherine Barnett, Ryan Sommerville, Frank Saran and Vincent Vander Poorten

1:30pm – 3:00pm **Concurrent Session 3B: The importance of prehabilitation and nutrition in outcomes of head and neck cancer**

Chairs: Caili Jackaman and Belinda Lehn

Hall E

1:30pm – 1:55pm Multi-modal prehabilitation for head and neck cancer

Joanne Patterson (Keynote Speaker)

1:55pm – 2:10pm Pharyngeal high-resolution manometry with impedance in head and neck cancer

Mistyka Schar

2:10pm – 2:25pm Dietetic issues and head and neck cancer outcomes

Merran Findlay

2:25pm – 2:33pm Preoperative frailty screening in HNC surgery: A prospective comparison of four assessment tools

Prithvi Santana

2:33pm – 2:41pm Nutrition and swallowing assessment with prehabilitation in upper aerodigestive tract cancer patients undergoing surgery or radiotherapy: Early outcomes

Nivedhan Ravichandran

2:41pm – 2:49pm Enhancing swallowing and nutrition care: Practical steps to implement PROMS in HNC care

Laura Moroney

2:49pm – 2:57pm Implementing an evidence-based model of pre-operative nutrition care in patients undergoing oral cavity reconstruction surgery for head and neck cancer: A feasibility study

Shane Mcauliffe

2:57pm – 3:00pm Questions

3:00pm – 3:30pm **Afternoon tea with industry**

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3:30pm – 5:30pm **Plenary Session 4: Changing treatment paradigms in head and neck cancer**

Chairs: Jessica Prasad and Himani Joshi

Hall E



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Head and Neck Surgery
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3:30pm – 3:40pm Neoadjuvant-adjuvant pembrolizumab plus standard of care (SOC) in resectable locally advanced head and neck squamous cell carcinoma (LA HNSCC): Randomised, open-label, phase 3 KEYNOTE-689 study

Brett Hughes

3:40pm – 4:05pm Early post TORS swallowing outcomes for OPSCC

Joanne Patterson (Keynote Speaker)

4:05pm – 4:30pm Burnout in oncology

Tabitha Healey

4:30pm – 4:55pm What molecular biological discoveries have clinical impact and relevance in salivary gland cancer?

Vincent Vander Poorten (Keynote Speaker)

4:55pm – 5:20pm Immune checkpoint inhibitors as part of definitive treatment of mucosal head and neck cancer: Update on phase 3 trial results

Danny Rischin (Keynote Speaker)

5:20pm – 5:30pm Radiation planning in NRG-HN014, a trial in progress

Mehran Yusuf

5:30pm – 7:00pm **Welcome Reception (Ticketed Event)**

Hall E Foyer

Saturday 30 August 2025

8:00am – 8:50am **Breakfast Session 1: Cancer nurses and allied health: Shaping the future with new roles in a head and neck cancer service**

Chair: Tracey Nicholls

Riverbank Rooms 2 & 3

8:00am – 8:10am The head and neck cancer nurse perspective from NZ

Louise Tjauw

8:10am – 8:20am The role of telehealth and the first specialist Head and Neck Cancer Helpline – 1300 424 848

Megan Nutt

8:20am – 8:30am The role of FEES in a head and neck cancer service

Paula Antoniadis

8:30am – 8:40am Navigating the cancer pathway for patients

Caroline Whiteford

8:40am – 8:50am Nurse practitioner role in a head and neck cancer service: Extended practice

Sarah Davies

8:00am – 8:50am **Breakfast Session 2: Beyond tobacco and alcohol: The rise in oral cancer in the young patient**

Chair: Felix Sim

Hall E

8:00am – 8:10am Investigating the molecular mechanisms in young oral cancers

Ruta Gupta

8:10am – 8:20am Medical oncology issues for young patients

Alesha Thai

8:20am – 8:30am Radiation oncology issues for young patients

Puma Sundaresan

8:30am – 8:40am Surgical outcomes in young patients with oral cancer

Felix Sim

8:40am – 8:50am Case discussion

Felix Sim

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9:00am – 10:30am **Plenary Session 5: Managing recurrent and locally advanced cancers**

Chairs: Paula Antoniadis and Stephanie Flukes

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9:00am – 9:25am Challenges in the management of cutaneous SCC with immune checkpoint inhibitors

Danny Rischin (Keynote Speaker)

9:25am – 9:50am Shared treatment decision-making for ageing adults with locally advanced head and neck cancer

Joanne Patterson (Keynote Speaker)

9:50am – 10:15am Salvage laryngectomy: Still a last resort

Vincent Vander Poorten (Keynote Speaker)

10:15am – 10:30am Voluntary assisted dying: Understanding the process and options

Kate Fernandez

10:30am – 11:00am **Morning tea with industry**

Hall E Foyer

11:00am – 12:30pm **Concurrent Session 6A: The unknown head and neck primary and free papers**

Chairs: Shawgi Sukumaran and Matthew Magarey

Hall E

11:00am – 11:25am Radiotherapy approaches for unknown primary head and neck cancers: Approaches to minimise toxicity via volume reduction

Alexander Lin (Keynote Speaker)

11:25am – 11:40am The surgical evidence and perspectives with the unknown head and neck primary

Jake Jervis-Bardy

11:40am – 11:48am Old drugs, new radiosensitisers

Ashlee Kimball

11:48am – 11:56am Pay it forward: A novel peer to peer support system for patients with head and neck cancer

Matthew Mason

11:56am – 12:04pm The role of adjunctive procedures in improving health-related quality of life following free flap jaw reconstruction

Jolande Ma

12:04pm – 12:12pm Polycaprolactone and tricalcium phosphate scaffold system with corticoperiosteal tissue transfer for the reconstruction of segmental mandibular defects: Long term outcomes for a first in human case series and an upcoming clinical trial

Lana Del Vecchio

12:12pm – 12:20pm Radiation associated internal lymphoedema and swallowing impairment: Predictive insights from imaging and manometry

Li Chan

12:20pm – 12:28pm Smell-related quality of life changes after total laryngectomy

Navin Abeysinghe

12:28pm – 12:30pm Questions

11:00am – 12:30pm **Concurrent Session 6B: Management of head and neck cancer treatment related morbidity: Dental and facial**

Chairs: Tim Manzie and Douglas Copson

Riverbank Rooms 2 & 3

11:00am – 11:12am Facial prosthetics and its importance in head and neck cancer

Sophie Fleming

11:12am – 11:24am Latest updates on treatment of head and neck lymphoedema

Sally Ng

11:24am – 11:36am Ototoxicity

David May

11:36am – 11:44am Quantifying bite forces for solid foods: Implications for patients post mandibular reconstruction

Jacob Clark

11:44am – 11:52am A new understanding in marginal mandibular nerve palsy: Avoiding smile dysfunction after neck surgery

Catherine Meller

11:52am – 12:00pm Photobiomodulation therapy for post-radiation fibrosis in head and neck cancer: A series of case reports

Kate Perkins

12:00pm – 12:08pm Exploring healthcare experiences of individuals with head and neck cancer and associated communication changes

Martin Checklin



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12:08pm – 12:16pm Voices from the frontline: Informing allied health supportive care models for head and neck cancer patients receiving immunotherapy

Nicole O'Donnell

12:16pm – 12:28pm Oral health morbidity of head and neck cancer and its treatments

Kriti Kaura

12:28pm – 12:30pm Questions

12:30pm – 1:30pm Lunch with industry

Hall E Foyer

12:45pm – 1:15pm **MSD lunchtime symposium:
The evolving landscape of locally advanced resectable HNSCC:
A multi-disciplinary approach**

Hall E

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**Martin Batstone, Caroline Connell
and Brett Hughes**

1:30pm – 3:00pm **Concurrent Session 7A: The role of AI
and imaging in head and neck cancer
management**

**Chairs: Sarah Deacon and
Dainik Patel**

Hall E

1:30pm – 1:45pm The role of AI and imaging in head and neck cancer

Minh-Son To

1:45pm – 2:00pm Real world outcomes in the curative treatment of OPSCC using a novel, AI enhanced, data collection tool

Caroline Connell

2:00pm – 2:25pm AI and the future of cancer research

Lyle Palmer (Keynote Speaker)

2:25pm – 2:33pm AI-enhanced CT image analysis for union detection in jaw reconstruction

Mohammadhossein Ahmadi

2:33pm – 2:41pm Heads up: Consumer engagement for a H&N digital health platform

Sarah Deacon

2:41pm – 2:49pm Prevalence of head and neck lymphoedema on CT following head and neck cancer treatment

Kevin Nguyen

2:49pm – 3:00pm Questions

1:30pm – 3:00pm

**Concurrent Session 7B: Psychosocial
and financial impacts of head and
neck cancer**

**Chairs: Belinda Reeves and
Camile Farah**

Riverbank Rooms 2 & 3

1:30pm – 1:38pm

Development and validation of a webcam-based tool to assess tongue motility and its correlation with speech intelligibility and swallowing following tongue cancer surgery

**Deepak Paudel (Developing Nations
Grant Recipient)**

1:38pm – 1:46pm

The economic burden of HPV-related cancers in NZ

**Sabrina Koh (Head and Neck
Cancer Foundation Aotearoa)**

1:46pm – 1:54pm

Economic evaluations in head and neck cancer surveillance: A systematic review

Fiona Crawford-Williams

1:54pm – 2:02pm

Implementing annual flexible endoscopic evaluation of swallowing (FEES) surveillance: The future of late-stage dysphagia detection post head and neck cancer

Rachel Walker

2:02pm – 2:10pm

Overcoming challenges in advanced laryngeal cancer surgery: Strategies for resource-constrained developing countries

Md. Abdul Karim

2:10pm – 2:18pm

Mapping survivorship needs across time in a nurse-led head and neck cancer clinic: A six-month service review

Meiling Zhou

2:18pm – 2:26pm

"A New Voice": Development of a diagnosis-to-treatment information book for patients with head and neck cancer

Sandra Allen

2:26pm – 2:34pm

Profiling immunotherapy toxicity to guide allied health models

Nicole O'Donnell

2:34pm – 2:42pm

Evaluating the role of the specialist nurse in tracheostomy management for head and neck cancer surgery

Sarah Davies

2:42pm – 2:50pm

Measuring the impact of dysphagia on caregivers: The significant other scale for eating in head and neck cancer (SOSE-H&N)

Rebecca Packer



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- 2:50pm – 2:58pm Exploring the lived experiences during the acute phase following head and neck cancer surgery
Penny Chapman
- 2:58pm – 3:00pm Questions
- 3:00pm – 3:30pm **Afternoon tea with industry**
Hall E Foyer
- 3:30pm – 5:00pm **Plenary Session 8: Treatment de-escalation and survivorship: Where are we at?**
Chairs: Jack Harbison and Anne Taylor
Hall E
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- 3:30pm – 3:55pm What surgical action is needed for what specific clinical scenario of salivary gland cancer
Vincent Vander Poorten (Keynote Speaker)
- 3:55pm – 4:10pm Head and neck cancer survivor: In conversation
Peter Crowley (Patient) and Tracey Nicholls
- 4:10pm – 4:35pm Radiation de-escalation for HPV-associated oropharynx cancer: Present and future
Alexander Lin (Keynote Speaker)
- 4:35pm – 5:00pm Enhancing survivorship: The impact of motivational interviewing on the implementation of interventions for head and neck cancer survivors
Danielle MacNeil (Keynote Speaker)
- 5:10pm – 6:00pm **ANZHNCS Annual General Meeting (ANZHNCS Members Only)**
Riverbank Rooms 2 & 3
- 7:00pm – 11:00pm **Meeting Dinner (Ticketed Event)**
City Rooms 1 - 4
Incorporate burgundy into your dinner outfit – the official colour representing head and neck cancer – to honour patients, survivors, and the medical community dedicated to improving lives.

Sunday 31 August 2025

- 7:00am – 8:00am **Fun Walk/Run (Ticketed Event)**
Join us for a run/walk along the River Torrens to help raise funds for the ANZHNCS Research Foundation
- 8:30am – 10:00am **Concurrent Session 9A: Putting the patient back together again**
Chairs: Martin Batstone and Caroline Whiteford
Hall E
- 8:30am – 8:38am Point-of-care virtual surgical planning for maxillofacial oncological reconstruction: An update on experience with 50 patients at an Australian tertiary referral centre
Yu Jin Jeong
- 8:38am – 8:46am The surgical management of mandibular osteoradionecrosis
Roi Kagan
- 8:46am – 8:54am A five-year review of accuracy assessment in virtual surgical planning for maxillary and mandibular reconstruction
Jolande Ma
- 8:54am – 9:02am Bridging the gap: Complex head and neck free flap reconstruction in a regional setting: 2 years of the Townsville University Hospital experience
Pedro Picco
- 9:02am – 9:17am Sculpting to address barriers in head and neck reconstruction with consideration of both form and function
Kevin Nguyen
- 9:17am – 9:32am Innovations in jaw reconstruction
Jonathan Clark
- 9:32am – 9:57am Utilising the angular artery: The scapula tip free flap in optimising head and neck reconstruction outcomes
Danielle MacNeil (Keynote Speaker)
- 9:57am – 10:00am Questions
- 8:30am – 10:00am **Concurrent Session 9B: Free papers**
Chairs: Rachael Chang and Hien Le
Riverbank Rooms 2 & 3
- 8:30am – 8:38am Prolonged survival in anaplastic thyroid cancer: Insights from multi-modal treatment across two institutions
Lauren Smith
- 8:38am – 8:46am Design and development of a multigene panel for diagnosis of malignancy in indeterminate thyroid nodules
Jeyashanth Riju Jeyaseelan



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- 8:46am – 8:54am Safety and efficacy of vismodegib and sonidegib in advanced basal cell carcinoma of the head and neck: A systematic review and meta-analysis
Cindy Doyle
- 8:54am – 9:02am Patient perspectives on nurse-initiated follow-up calls after head and neck cancer surgery
Carla Wilkinson
- 9:02am – 9:10am The epidemiological trend and characteristics of oral tongue cancer in females: Systematic review and meta-analysis
Joseph Hu
- 9:10am – 9:18am Discovery of critical pathways in oral squamous cell carcinoma: Unveiling new molecular insights and interventions in betel nut chewers and non-habit individuals
Rifat Rahman
- 9:18am – 9:26am Feasibility and outcomes of sentinel lymph node biopsy for early oral cavity squamous cell carcinoma in Australia
Daniel Oh
- 9:26am – 9:34am Evaluation of micro metastasis in early-stage tongue carcinoma with N0 neck: A prospective clinical analysis
Rijuneeta Gupta
- 9:34am – 9:42am Energy expenditure in head and neck cancer: A systematic literature review and meta-analysis
Judy Bauer
- 9:42am – 9:50am Routine collection of patient-reported outcomes (PROs) in people treated curatively for head and neck cancers (HNC)
Chindhu Shunmuga Sundaram
- 9:50am – 10:00am Questions
- 10:00am – 10:30am **Morning tea with industry**
Hall E Foyer

10:30am – 12:00pm **Plenary Session 10: Future directions in treating head and neck cancer**

Chairs: Eng Ooi and Julia Crawford

Hall E

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- 10:30am – 10:55am Addressing the survivorship needs of head and neck cancer patients and their families: Future directions
Joanne Patterson (Keynote Speaker)
- 10:55am – 11:20am FLASH and other new developments in radiotherapy for head and neck cancer
Alexander Lin (Keynote Speaker)
- 11:20am – 11:30am Restoring biomimetic blink after facial paralysis: Evaluation of the bionic lid implant for natural closure (BLINC) in a chronic implantation study
Jacinta Cleary
- 11:30am – 11:40am Consumer perspectives of head and neck cancer pre-treatment speech pathology assessment and education at a regional Australian radiation oncology centre
Sarah Huckstepp
- 11:40am – 11:50am ANZHNCS and IFHNOS 2026
Sandro Porceddu
- 11:50am – 12:00pm Presentation of awards, Inaugural Head and Neck Cancer Gala Ball update and, conclusion of ASM
Eng Ooi and Julia Crawford

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