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2026 ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING
Sarcoma 2026: From Innovation to Recovery
9-10 OCTOBER 2026
Cairns Convention Centre, QLD & Online

WELCOME

INTERNATIONAL GUEST SPEAKERS

On behalf of the Australia and New Zealand Sarcoma Association (ANZSA) and the ASM Organising Committee, we are pleased to welcome you to the 2026 ANZSA Annual Scientific Meeting, to be held at the Cairns Convention Centre from Friday 9th to Saturday 10th October 2026.

We look forward to bringing the sarcoma community together once again for an engaging and forward-focused meeting. Together, we will share knowledge, strengthen collaborations, and continue to advance outcomes for patients across Australia, New Zealand and beyond.

This year's theme, **Sarcoma 2026: From Innovation to Recovery**, reflects the full continuum of sarcoma care, from cutting-edge research and emerging therapies through to survivorship, rehabilitation and long-term patient outcomes. It highlights our collective commitment to translating innovation into meaningful improvements in patient care and quality of life.

We are delighted to welcome our international invited speakers, Dr Ashleigh Guadagnolo (USA) and Dr Craig Gerrand (UK), who will bring valuable global perspectives and expertise to this year's program.

Set in tropical North Queensland, Cairns provides a vibrant and inspiring backdrop for our meeting. We encourage you to take the opportunity to explore the region's unique natural attractions, including the Great Barrier Reef and the Daintree Rainforest, and to enjoy the relaxed atmosphere the destination offers.

As always, the ASM provides a valuable platform to connect with colleagues across disciplines, including clinicians, researchers, allied health professionals and patient advocates. We encourage you to engage fully, share ideas and build collaborations that will continue beyond the meeting.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication to the sarcoma community. We look forward to welcoming you to Cairns for what promises to be a rewarding and memorable meeting.

Warm regards,

The 2026 ANZSA ASM Organising Committee



Dr Ashleigh Guadagnolo

Professor of radiation oncology and health services research, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Dr Ashleigh Guadagnolo received her Medical Doctorate from Harvard Medical School and her Master of Public Health from Harvard School of Public Health. Dr Guadagnolo completed her residency and chief residency at Harvard's Joint Center for Radiation Therapy. In 2006, Dr Guadagnolo joined the faculty at MD Anderson Cancer Center in the Department of Radiation Oncology. She is now Professor and Section Chief of the Sarcoma/Melanoma Radiation Oncology Section and Deputy Department Chair for Radiation Oncology. She specializes in rare tumors including bone and soft tissue sarcomas, melanoma and non-melanoma skin malignancies. Dr Guadagnolo participates actively in ongoing research efforts to improve outcomes for patients with these malignancies, and she has authored clinical studies that guide clinical practice for patients with sarcomas and melanoma.



Professor Craig Gerrand

**Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon
Clinical Lead for Cancer, Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, UK**

Professor Craig Gerrand is a Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Stanmore and Professor of Orthopaedic Oncology at University College London. He is the Clinical Director for the Bone and Soft Tissue Tumour Service and Clinical Lead for Cancer at RNOH and Chair of the Sarcoma Advisory Group for London and the South East of England. He is a past President of the British Sarcoma Group and the British Orthopaedic Oncology Society. He is actively involved in clinical and basic science research, supervising PhD and Masters students in surgery and rehabilitation. From October 2026 to April 2027 Craig will be on sabbatical at the City Hospital in Auckland.



FRIDAY
9 October

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8.00am Registration and exhibition open

9.00am	Welcome address	Vladimir Andelkovic
9.05am	Consumer presentation	Lauren Drews

Session 1: Clinical Research & Innovations

Chair: Angela Hong

9.20am	Keynote: The Martin Tattersall Lecture: Hypofractionated preoperative radiation therapy for soft tissue sarcoma: Are we racing ahead of the toxicity data?	Ashleigh Guadagnolo
9.55am	Partially Ablative Body Radiation Therapy for Unresectable Sarcomas: Does the Whole Tumour Need the Dose?	Sarat Chander
10.10am	Ambulatory chemotherapy delivery, Adult vs. AYA	Jeremy Lewin and Emma Gardner
10.20am	The MYTH study	Vivek Bhadri & Katie Thompson
10.30am	Sarcoma Pharmacy	Kyle Booth

10.45am Morning tea

Session 2: Translational Research

Chair: David Gyorki

11.15am	Harnessing the immune system against paediatric and AYA sarcoma	Natacha Omer
11.30am	Liquid biopsy in NF1 for pre-symptomatic detection of MPNST	Gabriel Dabscheck
11.45am	Clinical applications of Proteomics in sarcoma	Liz Connolly
12.00pm	TBA	
12.10pm	Panel discussion / Q&A	

12.20pm Lunch

12.40pm	ANZSA Annual General Meeting (ANZSA members)	Adrian Cosenza
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ANZSA GALA DINNER
Friday 9 October 6.30pm, Ochre Restaurant

Session 3: Thriving Beyond Treatment

Chair: Claire Laurie

1.30pm	Keynote: Innovations in surgical options that improve function	Craig Gerrand
2.00pm	Outcomes after paediatric sarcoma surgery - LimbDREAM	Stewart Morrison
2.15pm	RNOH Treatment review clinic, concerns checklist, therapy led follow up (virtual presentation)	Abby McCarthy
2.30pm	Sporting participation and cosmetic results following paediatric sarcoma surgery (virtual presentation)	Peter Bekkering
2.45pm	Panel Discussion / Q&A	

Session 4: Presentations from Selected Abstracts

Chair: Liz Connolly

3.00pm	Treatment modalities and outcomes for Undifferentiated Pleomorphic Sarcoma of Bone: A systematic review & meta-analysis	Furqan Ahmed
3.10pm	Outcomes and Determinants of Planned versus Unplanned Excision in Soft Tissue Sarcoma	Mitchell Crebert
3.20pm	Specialist-centre radiotherapy and oncological outcomes in extremity soft tissue sarcoma: a registry-based cohort study	Stephen Thompson
3.30pm	The Fox and the Hound: Harnessing FOXO1 to improve canine B7H3 CAR-T therapy for osteosarcoma & translation to paediatric osteosarcoma	Selvi Jegatheeson
3.40pm	Utilisation of CRISPR screening and multi-omic data identified pharmacologically targetable drivers of cisplatin resistance in paediatric osteosarcoma preclinical models.	Barnaby Kelly
3.50pm	Surgical Outcomes of Rotationplasty in Paediatric Lower Limb Bone Sarcoma	Rachel Ko
4.00pm	Poster Soiree - refreshments and poster viewing networking event	
5.00pm	End day 1	

SATURDAY 10 October

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Sunrise walk
Optional for all attendees
7am Saturday 10 October

8.00am Registration and exhibition open

8.15am Cancer Australia MINI SESSION: Health Economics for Sarcoma Research
Dr Antonio Ahumada Canale CREST

Session 5: Surgical Strategies for best outcomes Chair: Andy Johnston

8.45pm **Keynote:** Pre-hab to optimise outcomes
Craig Gerrand

9.15am Patient engagement in sarcoma prehab research
Hanna van Waart

9.30am Early physiotherapy interventions
Elise Moseby

9.45am Prehab in NZ
Ju Whan Myung & Caitlin Davenport

10.00am TBA

10.20am Morning tea

Session 6: Standardising Best Practice Chair: Vladimir Andelkovic

10.50am **Keynote:** Getting Radiation Right: Standardisation and quality assurance for modern clinical trials
Ashleigh Guadagnolo

11.25am Standardising RPS pathology
David Gyorki

11.40am An update on systemic therapies for desmoid tumours
Stephanie Collins

11.55am Beyond the guidelines Complex MDT management of desmoids including intestinal transplant
Susie Bae

12.10pm Nursing Community of Practice
Emma Gardner

12.20pm Discussion / Q&A

12.30pm Lunch

Consumer Focus

12.45pm Introduction and welcome
Sarah Cheung

12.50pm SPWC
Robert Preece

1.00pm Panel Discussion
Chaired by Nataliya Dewiyani

Session 7: The Long Journey: Long term effects and survivorship Chair: Natacha Omer

1.30pm Consumer Perspective
Melia Hinks

1.40pm Psychosocial AYA survivorship challenges (recorded presentation)
Kylie Wheeler

1.55pm Q&A
Rick Walker

2.00pm Fertility/effects of treatment agents beyond chemo (virtual presentation)
Aisling Murphy & Genia Rozen

2.20pm Treatment related malignancies after treatment for sarcoma
Greg Weeler

2.40pm Panel discussion / Q&A

Session 8: The Great Pitch Chair: Hilde Kleiven

3.05pm In the Cairns Heat: Hot Takes & the Hottest Specialty in 2026

Session 9: Awards and Close Chair: Vladimir Andelkovic

3.50pm Judges' awards and closing address

4.00pm End of conference

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