

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM



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.



ANZSA GALA DINNER
Friday 9 October 6.30pm, Ochre Restaurant

FRIDAY 9 October

ANZSA ASM Sarcoma 2026: From Innovation to Recovery



8.00am Registration and exhibition open

9.00am	Welcome address and Acknowledgement of Country	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
9.50am	Q&A	
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	Panel Discussion / Q&A	

10.55am Morning tea

Session 2: Translational Research Chair: David Gyorki

11.25am	Harnessing the immune system against paediatric and AYA sarcoma	Natacha Omer
11.40am	Liquid biopsy in NF1 for pre-symptomatic detection of MPNST	Gabriel Dabscheck
11.55am	Clinical applications of Proteomics in sarcoma	Liz Connolly
12.10pm	Unravelling the immune landscape in retroperitoneal liposarcoma to identify novel biomarkers of immunotherapy responsiveness	Sara Roth
12.20pm	Panel discussion / Q&A	

12.30pm Lunch

12.45pm	ANZSA Annual General Meeting (ANZSA members)	Adrian Cosenza
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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	Unique Prosthetic Management in Sarcoma Rehabilitation	Philipp Domanski
2.35pm	RNOH Treatment review clinic, concerns checklist, therapy led follow up (virtual presentation)	Abby McCarthy
2.50pm	Sporting participation and cosmetic results following paediatric sarcoma surgery (virtual presentation)	Peter Bekkering
3.05pm	Panel Discussion / Q&A with Jack Tibballs (amputee)	

Session 4: Presentations from Selected Abstracts Chair: Liz Connolly

3.20pm	Treatment modalities and outcomes for Undifferentiated Pleomorphic Sarcoma of Bone: A systematic review & meta-analysis	Furqan Ahmed
3.30pm	Outcomes and Determinants of Planned versus Unplanned Excision in Soft Tissue Sarcoma	Mitchell Crebert
3.40pm	Specialist-centre radiotherapy and oncological outcomes in extremity soft tissue sarcoma: a registry-based cohort study	Stephen Thompson
3.50pm	The Fox and the Hound: Harnessing FOXO1 to improve canine B7H3 CAR-T therapy for osteosarcoma & translation to paediatric osteosarcoma	Selvi Jegatheeson
4.00pm	Utilisation of CRISPR screening and multi-omic data identified pharmacologically targetable drivers of cisplatin resistance in paediatric osteosarcoma preclinical models.	Barnaby Kelly
4.10pm	Surgical Outcomes of Rotationplasty in Paediatric Lower Limb Bone Sarcoma	Rachel Ko

4.30pm Poster Soiree - refreshments and poster viewing networking event

5.30pm 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
8.35am	Discussion / Q&A	

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	Multidisciplinary team decision making and management in complex lower leg/ankle sarcomas	Elise Moseby & Jean Windsor
9.45am	Prehab in NZ	Ju Whan Myung & Caitlin Davenport
10.05am	Discussion / Q&A	

10.15am Morning tea

Session 6: Standardising Best Practice

Chair: Vladimir Andelkovic

10.40am	Keynote: Getting Radiation Right: Standardisation and quality assurance for modern clinical trials	Ashleigh Guadagnolo
11.15am	Standardising RPS pathology	David Gyorki
11.30am	An update on systemic therapies for desmoid tumours	Stephanie Collins
11.45am	Beyond the guidelines Complex MDT management of desmoids including intestinal transplant	Susie Bae

12.00pm Nursing Community of Practice Emma Gardner

12.10pm Discussion / Q&A

12.20pm Lunch

Consumer Focus

Chair: Sarah Cheung

12.35pm	Introduction and welcome	Sarah Cheung
12.40pm	SPWC	Robert Preece
12.50pm	Panel Discussion	Chaired by Nataliya Dewiyani

Session 7: The Long Journey: Long term effects and survivorship

Chair: Natacha Omer

1.20pm	Consumer Perspective	Melia Hinks
1.30pm	Psychosocial AYA survivorship challenges (recorded presentation)	Kylie Wheeler
1.45pm	Q&A	Rick Walker
1.50pm	Fertility/effects of treatment agents beyond chemo (virtual presentation)	Aisling Murphy & Genia Rozen
2.10pm	Treatment related malignancies after treatment for sarcoma	Jen Chard
2.30pm	Panel discussion / Q&A	

2.45pm Afternoon tea

Session 8: The Great Pitch

Chair: Hilde Kleiven

3.05pm	In the Cairns Heat: Hot Takes & the Hottest Specialty in 2026	
	Presenters - Samantha Hopkins, Ashleigh Guadagnolo, Craig Gerrand, Avinash Sharma, Claire Laurie, Katie Thomson, Fional Maclean (recorded)	

Session 9: Awards and Close

Chair: Vladimir Andelkovic

3.50pm Judges' awards and closing address

4.00pm End of conference

POSTERS

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No.	Title	Presenter
1	"Treatment modalities and outcomes for Undifferentiated Pleomorphic Sarcoma of Bone: A systematic review & meta-analysis"	Furqan Ahmed
2	Combination doxorubicin and trabectedin with trabectedin maintenance for advanced leiomyosarcoma: preliminary comparison of real-world experience to pivotal clinical trial results.	Stephanie Collins
3	"Outcomes and Determinants of Planned versus Unplanned Excision in Soft Tissue Sarcoma"	Mitchell Crebert
4	Early real-world experience with nirogacestat in patients with symptomatic desmoid tumours – a single-centre review.	Lachlan Fitzpatrick (presented by Madeleine Strach)
5	Specialist-centre radiotherapy and oncological outcomes in extremity soft tissue sarcoma: a registry-based cohort study	Angela Hong (presented by Stephen Thompson)
6	Title: Real-World Experience with Nirogacestat in Desmoid Tumours: An Australian Tertiary Cancer Centre Retrospective Cohort Study	Samantha Hopkins
7	Homologous recombination deficiency as a therapeutic target in soft tissue sarcoma: clinical experience with platinum and PARP inhibitor therapy	Samantha Hopkins
8	The Fox and the Hound: Harnessing FOXO1 to improve canine B7H3 CAR-T therapy for osteosarcoma & translation to paediatric osteosarcoma	Selvi Jegatheeson
9	Disease free survival after locally recurrent retroperitoneal sarcoma resection	Jack Jennings
10	Utilisation of CRISPR screening and multi-omic data identified pharmacologically targetable drivers of cisplatin resistance in paediatric osteosarcoma preclinical models.	Barnaby Kelly
11	ASPIRE TROG 21.12: Australia's First Radiation Oncology Clinical Quality Registry for Patients with Sarcoma and Other Rare Cancers	Hilde Kleiven
12	Surgical Outcomes of Rotationplasty in Paediatric Lower Limb Bone Sarcoma	Rachel Ko

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13	3D SARC PRO: A Prospective Pilot Study Evaluating Patient-Specific Three-Dimensional Visualisation for Surgical Planning and Patient Education in Complex Sarcoma Surgery	Eyal Mor
14	A qualitative study of cancer clinical trial groups' consumers' acceptance of the modular approach to patient-reported outcome measurement: How much of it is "common sense"?	Jade Newton
15	Supporting People with Cancer Grant – Developing a consumer driven set of multi-media resources for sarcoma patients and families to better understand their diagnosis and plan for their treatment and post-treatment challenges	Robert Preee
16	Unravelling the immune landscape in retroperitoneal liposarcoma to identify novel biomarkers of immunotherapy responsiveness	Sara Roth
17	The Australian Rare Cancer Portal: Referral patterns and recommendations in bone and soft tissue sarcomas	Arabella Widders
18	Investigating targetable mechanisms of cisplatin resistance in osteosarcoma using functional genomic screening and multiomic profiling of in vitro models.	Elise Young
19	Treatment Patterns and Outcomes in Giant Cell Tumour of Bone: A Cohort Study Describing Denosumab Use	Anthony Zammit



POSTER NETWORKING SOIRÉE

Research, conversation & connection

Join us for an informal evening of networking, refreshments and discussion as we showcase this year's poster presentations.



FRIDAY
9 OCTOBER



4.30PM – 5.30PM



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