

Gold Coast 4th Annual Palliative Care Conference

Palliative Medicine Interventions and Updates

Friday 20th and Saturday 21st June 2025
Gold Coast University Hospital, PED Building, 7:30am to 5:30pm

Time	Friday 20 th June Session Information
7:30 - 8:00am	Registration
8:00 – 8:30am	Welcome & Acknowledgement to Country Dr Andrew Broadbent, Medical Director, Specialist Palliative Care, Gold Coast Health
Pharmacotherapy 1: Drugs once banned that are now being assessed / becoming available	
8:30 – 9:00am	Psilocybin Dr Shanthi Sarma & Dr Sigrun Gutjahr, Psychiatrists, Gold Coast Health
9:00 – 9:30am	Clonidine Dr Elise Maehler, Palliative Medicine Consultant, Gold Coast Health
9:30 – 10:00am	Ketamine Dr Shanthi Sarma, Psychiatrist, Gold Coast Health
10:00 – 10:30am	Morning Tea
Neurology Focus: Motor Neuron Disease	
10:30 – 11:00am	Nutrition and Feeding Gastrostomies Dr Russel Canavan, Director of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Gold Coast Health
11:00 – 11:30am	Dyspnoea and NIV Dr Krishna Sriram, Specialist Respiratory Physician and Nimi Sharma, Sleep Scientist, Gold Coast Health
11:30am – 12:00pm	Sialorrhea and Radiotherapy Dr Matthew Neve, Radiation Oncologist, Gold Coast Health
12:00 – 12:30pm	Functional Loss – Neuralink / Synchron Dr Arman Sabet, Staff Specialist Neurologist, Gold Coast Health
12:30 – 1:30pm	Lunch and Dog Therapy
Cancer Focus: Changing Paradigms	
1:30 – 2:00pm	Updates in Skin and Prostate Cancer Dr Robert Mason, Medical Oncologist, Gold Coast Health
2:00 – 2:30pm	Updates in Breast and Lung Cancer Dr Suzanne Allan, Medical Oncologist, Gold Coast Health
2:30 – 3:00pm	Emerging Radiotherapy Treatments – Carbon Ion and Proton Therapy A/ Prof Verity Ahern, Radiation Oncologist, Western Sydney Local Health District

3:00 - 4:00pm

Interventional Radiology - Improving Quality of Life (Pain Procedures) and Prolonging Life (Drain Insertions and Clot Retrievals)
Dr John Grieve, Interventional Radiologist, Gold Coast Health

4:30 – 6:30pm Networking Event with Nibbles & Refreshments
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Time	Saturday 21 st June 2024 Session Information
8:20 - 8:30am	Welcome Dr Andrew Broadbent, Medical Director, Specialist Palliative Care, Gold Coast Health
Philosophy Focus: Looking back to look forward	
8:30 – 10:00am	Reflections on 25 years in Palliative Care Dr Joanne Doran, Staff Specialist, Specialist Palliative Care, Gold Coast Health
10:00 – 10:30am	Morning Tea
Advanced Non-Malignant Updates – Cardiology, Geriatrics, Exercise	
10:30 – 11:00am	Cardiology Focus – Valvular Heart Disease Procedures – Indications, Outcomes and Palliative Care Dr Kuljit Singh, Staff Specialist Cardiologist, Gold Coast Health
11:00 – 11:30am	Geriatrics: Management of Behavioral and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia (BPSD) Dr Aik Low, Registrar Advanced Trainee Geriatrician and Dr Puneet Prasad, Staff Specialist Geriatrician, Gold Coast Health
11:30 – 12:00pm	Exercise and Palliative Care Caoimhe Scales, Exercise Physiologist, NSW Health
12:00 – 12:30pm	Dyspnoea Management Guidelines Dr Joanne Cerni, Staff Specialist, Specialist Palliative Care, Gold Coast Health
12:30 – 1:30pm Lunch	
Pharmacotherapy 2: Drugs once available becoming banned – Opioids, Addiction and Chronic Pain	
1:30 – 2:30pm	Opioid Replacement Therapy in Palliative Care Dr Lisa Shelley, Senior Registrar, Mental Health Service, Gold Coast Health
2:30 – 3:30pm	Panel Discussion
3:30 – 4:00pm	Quiz and Conclusion Dr Andrew Broadbent, Medical Director, Specialist Palliative Care, Gold Coast Health Dr Graham Grove, Medical Director, Specialist Palliative Rural Telehealth Service (SPaRTa)

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