

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 – 2:15pm	Opioid Replacement Therapy in Palliative Care Dr Lisa Shelley, Senior Registrar, Mental Health Service, Gold Coast Health
2:15 - 2:45pm	Shortages, Substitutes and Solutions: Legal Drug Dealers to the Rescue Lorna Chess-Williams, Senior Clinical Pharmacist, Specialist Palliative Care, Gold Coast Health Heleni Georgiou, Senior Pharmacist, Specialist Palliative Care, Gold Coast Health
2:45 – 3:30pm	Panel Discussion Dr Andrew Broadbent, Medical Director, Specialist Palliative Care, Gold Coast Health Dr Lawrie Palmer, Palliative Medicine Specialist, Northern Adelaide Palliative Service Dr Edward Mantle, Palliative Care Specialist, Integrated Palliative Care, Cairns Hospital
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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