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Faculty of Radiation Oncology – priorities 2010-2012

The Faculty Board has developed a shortlist of overarching priorities for the 2010-2012 period. [The list is attached.](#)

As you would anticipate, the shortlist focus is strategic and does not include ongoing and operational functions of the Faculty and RANZCR (these are accounted for in other documents).

Faculty Board members are keen to receive feedback from Radiation Oncology Fellows regarding these priorities. Please send your comments and suggestions to Ms Natalia Vukolova, Faculty Executive Officer, on Natalia.Vukolova@ranzcr.edu.au by 16 April 2010.

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Billing for fiducial seed markers and MSAC

In November 2009, the Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) notified the Australian Medical Association (and copied the correspondence to the Faculty) that the insertion of gold fiducial seeds into the prostate will be prohibited under the MBS item 37218 from 1 January 2010.

In order to clarify the impetus behind this decision by the Department, A/Prof Chris Milross, Prof Gill Duchesne and Ms Natalia Vukolova held a telephone conference with Dr Brian Richards, Executive Manager, Health Technology and Medical Services Group, DoHA, and his staff. Dr Richards indicated that this decision was foreshadowed by information on item usage from Medicare Australia and instigated by the section of DoHA responsible for urology.

To facilitate the speedy progression of this critical matter, the Faculty of Radiation Oncology has commenced work on a Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC) submission for a more appropriate MBS number for the use of gold fiducial seeds in image guided radiotherapy (IGRT) of the prostate. The Faculty has also engaged the Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand in the development of this MSAC submission.

Furthermore, the Faculty requested that the Department introduce a moratorium on the reinterpretation of the MBS item 37218 until such time as the specific MBS number for insertion of gold fiducial seeds has been instituted. Based on this advice from the Faculty, the Department agreed to temporarily delay amendments to the MBS item 37218.

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Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Management of Adult Gliomas

Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Management of Adult Gliomas: Astrocytomas and Oligodendrogliomas

These guidelines have been published by the Australian Cancer Network, Cancer Council Australia and the Clinical Oncological Society of Australia in August 2009. They were successfully launched by Professor Tom Reeve AC CBE, Senior Medical Advisor – Australian Cancer Network at the COSA ASM on the Gold Coast on 19 November 2009.

Copies of these guidelines can be obtained upon request from ACN (multiple copies incur a postage charge on parcel weight).

Email: <mailto:acn@cancer.org.au>
or view/download PDF at www.cancer.org.au/clinicalguidelines

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ASM 2010 - Radiation Oncology Awards and Prizes

Varian Prize - Best Scientific Paper



Wiley-Blackwell - Best Exhibit Award



Chris Atkinson - Best Radiation Oncology Scientific Paper presentation



Elekta Award - Advances in the use of technology in Radiation

Therapy



Novartis Oncology - Best clinical outcomes in breast cancer therapy



Authors wishing to be considered for College ASM prizes are required to nominate through the online submission process the prize/s for which their papers should be considered.

Deadline for abstract submission: Friday 16 April 2010

Further information on all the ASM 2010 prizes can be found on the ASM website www.ranzcr2010.com/program

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Radiation Oncology Trainees Committee for 2010

Name	Role
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ANZBMS Densitometry Course

ANZBMS Densitometry Course

**27 and 28 March 2010
Queensland University of Technology
Kelvin Grove Campus, Brisbane**

This is a Training courses for medical practitioners and radiographers or other DXA operators involved with bone densitometry.

This clinical densitometry course is intended for both specialist practitioners and technologists. It covers the patho-physiology of osteoporosis, as well as the principles and practice of bone density and body composition measurement. The course is repeated every 6 to 12 months.

The ANZBMS Densitometry Course is accepted by most Australian states and ARPANSA for licencing of DXA operators.

Details are available on the ANZBMS web site: www.anzbms.org.au

Course Program is available
www.anzbms.org.au/densitometryCourse/DXA_Course_Program_2010.pdf

COST:

\$475 - discounted fee for registering online by the deadline (26 February 2010).

\$495 for registering via mail/fax by the deadline (26 February 2010).

\$645 for all late registrations (27 February - 12 March 2010).

(These costs are in Australian dollars and include GST)

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Colorectal Cancer - A Multidisciplinary Approach

Colorectal Cancer A Multidisciplinary Approach

Sofitel, Melbourne, VIC

25-26 March 2010

A two day educational update on the multidisciplinary approach to the management of colorectal cancer.

This symposium will address the complete cancer pathway of the patient with colorectal cancer and will consider the interaction between the involved clinicians in each specialty.

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Basic Sciences of Oncology Program 2010

Basic Sciences of Oncology Program 2010
developed by the
Medical Oncology Group of Australia (MOGA)

Four Points Sheraton, Sydney

27-28 March 2010

An education program for advanced trainees in medical oncology supported by an unrestricted education grant from GlaxoSmithKline.

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International career opportunities for young Australian oncologists

**The World is your Oyster
Cocktail function**

Date: **Saturday 27 March 2010**

Time: 5.30 – 7.00pm

Location: Four Points Sheraton Hotel,
Darling Harbour, Sydney

This function is an opportunity for young Australian oncologists, across all oncology disciplines, to network with their professional peers and colleagues at a unique social event.

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Integrative Imaging Symposium

Integrative Imaging Symposium

Stamford Grand, North Ryde, NSW

13-14 November 2010

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RANZCR 2010 Annual Scientific Meeting

14-17 October 2010

Perth Convention Exhibition Centre

Abstracts now open
www.ranzcr2010.com



**New Zealand Branch
Annual Scientific Meeting
Millennium Hotel, Queenstown, NZ
6-8 August 2010
www.ranzcr2010.co.nz**

