

Woo Choi - CNO award

The Clinical Oncology Society of Australia (COSA) Cancer Pharmacists Group (CPG) Clinical Practice Course for Cancer Pharmacists, Saturday 3 May – Sunday 4 May 2025 in Melbourne Australia

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the NZHPA for supporting my attendance at the COSA Cancer Pharmacists Course, and to COSA CPG for organizing such an insightful and enriching educational opportunity.

The course was divided into two streams: Foundation and Advanced, and I attended the Foundation Stream. Prior to the course, pre-readings—including informative videos—were provided to ensure all participants had a foundational understanding of cancer therapies. I found these materials incredibly helpful in consolidating my existing knowledge of chemotherapy.

The course was highly interactive, with ample opportunities for discussion with colleagues and encouragement to ask questions throughout. I especially appreciated the welcoming function, which provided an excellent opportunity for networking. It was truly valuable to connect with fellow cancer pharmacists from diverse institutions and to learn about the various roles cancer pharmacists play in their respective workplaces. These conversations gave me fresh perspectives on how to enhance chemotherapy practices within our region.

The Foundation Stream covered key aspects of cancer treatment, beginning with a focus on anticancer scripts. We were divided into smaller groups for focused discussions on various topics, including:

- Chemotherapy and organ dysfunction
- Immunotherapy, CAR-T therapy and other novel treatments

On Saturday, we further split into smaller groups to explore breast cancer, lung cancer, and multiple myeloma. The following day, Sunday, we discussed melanoma, colorectal cancer, and lymphoma. Each day concluded with a Q&A session, where all participants in the Foundation Stream gathered to address any questions or clarifications.

Prior to attending the course, I became a member of the **Clinical Oncology Society of Australia (COSA)**. I have found the membership to be extremely beneficial, particularly because it offers the opportunity to join smaller groups that align with specific interests. One such group is the **Cancer Pharmacists Group (CPG)**. The resources and networking opportunities provided by COSA have proven to be invaluable for my professional development.

I thoroughly enjoyed the COSA Cancer Pharmacists Course and found it to be an outstanding opportunity for personal and professional growth. I am excited to implement the insights gained into my practice and continue my engagement with the COSA Cancer Pharmacists Group.

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