



Cancer Council Queensland invites health professionals to a lecture series by visiting clinical expert Dr Marilyn Haas

About the speaker:

Dr Marilyn Haas is a registered nurse and clinical nurse practitioner from North Carolina USA. She has a long history in radiation oncology and her current field of expertise is palliative care. Dr Marilyn Haas holds a Baccalaureate Degree in nursing from Valparaiso University, a Master's Degree in Nursing Education from the University of Florida and Master's Degree in Science in Nursing from Clemson University. She also holds a Doctorate in Nursing from the University of South Carolina and she is a nationally-certified Adult Nurse Practitioner by the American Nurses Credentialing Center. As a nurse practitioner, Dr Marilyn Haas has a wealth of clinical experience, particularly in radiation oncology with particular expertise in symptom management across cancer treatment modalities.

Lecture 1 - Townsville

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| Date: | Wednesday August 3, 2011 |
| Lecture: | 6pm start |
| Venue: | Cancer Council Queensland's Townsville office 24 Warburton Street, North Ward |
| Topic: | "Radiotherapy in palliative care" and "Symptom management in radiation oncology" |
| Attendees: | Nurses and allied health professionals, aged care, general practice and domiciliary health care professionals with an interest in cancer and palliative care |

Objectives:

- Define / describe the symptoms commonly experienced in the palliative setting.
- Outline the indications for the use of radiation therapy to palliate the person with advanced cancer eg. Spinal cord compression.
- Demonstrate an awareness of physical and emotional supports that can be provided by health professionals to assist patients to cope with radiotherapy as a treatment modality in the palliative phase.
- Describe a process for assessment of symptoms including assessment tools.
- Outline the management of the side effects / complications of radiation therapy.

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Lecture 2 - Cairns



Date: Thursday August 4, 2011
Lecture: 6pm start
Venue: Cancer Council Queensland's Cairns office, 169 Aumuller Street Cairns
Topic: "Disease and treatment side effects for head and neck cancer patients"
Attendees: Nurses and allied health professionals with an interest in cancer care including aged care, general practice, and domiciliary health care professionals

Objectives:

- Outline the common side effects of disease and treatment and their physiology.
- Describe patient assessment tools for the management of side effects in head and neck cancer.
- Outline best practice for the management of side effects.
- Discuss the team approach to supporting a head and neck cancer patient.

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Lecture 3 - Cairns

Date: Friday August 5, 2011
Lecture: 12.30pm start
Venue: Cairns Base, Hospital Auditorium, 2nd Floor, Block A
Topic: Lunch box information session: "Symptom management in palliative care"
Attendees: Medical practitioners

Objectives:

- Outline common symptoms and side effects experienced in palliative care and their physiology.
- Describe a process of assessment for palliative symptoms including assessment tools.
- Discuss methods for management of symptoms and side effects.

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This free lecture program is provided at no cost by Cancer Council Queensland.

Nursing participants, please note that each lecture attracts 1 CNE point.



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