

Metastatic e-learning materials



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"The need for specialised metastatic breast cancer care is growing. As more people are diagnosed, our population ages and treatments for breast cancer develop, people are living with metastatic breast cancer for longer. While we currently fund six dedicated metastatic McGrath Breast Care Nurses, this grant will enable our entire network of McGrath Breast Care Nurses to train specifically in metastatic breast cancer care, ensuring as many people as possible have access to this specialist support."

Jane Mahony, Mission Programmes Director



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Short description

Development of e-learning modules to help breast care nurses support metastatic breast cancer patients.

Abstract

McGrath Breast Care Nurses help individuals and their families affected by breast cancer by providing physical, psychological and emotional support, from the time of diagnosis and throughout treatment. Whilst there are existing services in place for individuals with early stages of breast cancer, access to specialised Metastatic Breast Care Nurses has been a major gap in cancer services across Australia.

In order to address this gap, we will provide learning modules relating to metastatic breast cancer which will fulfil the needs of nurses who have diverse clinical, professional and organisational development needs. They will provide best-practice, evidence-based guidelines and increased knowledge in metastatic breast cancer care within the workforce. We plan to engage and collaborate with experts to design a curriculum with supporting educational materials. The course will provide information on the impact of a diagnosis on patients and their family/carers, understanding of the use of different therapies and how to prepare advanced care plans. In this way, all 117 McGrath Breast Care Nurses, including those that operate out of rural and regional locations who would otherwise have geographical challenges in attending workshops and courses, will be provided with focused training in the specialised area of metastatic breast cancer care.

Focus areas

Patient navigation

Stakeholders

Nurses



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