

COVID-19 Update

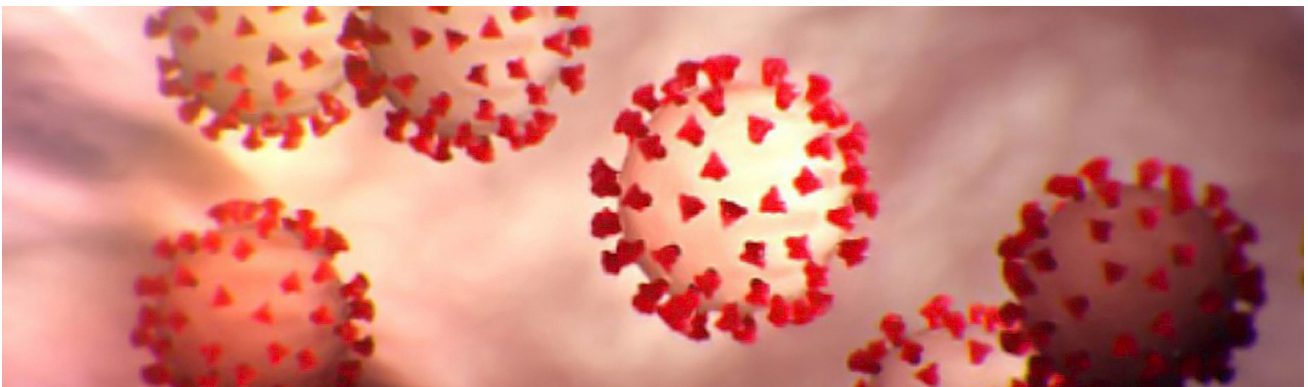
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Dear COSA member

We hope this email finds you all safe and well during this challenging time.

There is a lot of information about COVID-19 circulating, and we thought it would be helpful to provide a regular update with items we think may be valuable.

If you have a piece you'd like to share with COSA members, please let us know.

Stay safe!

Marie Malica
COSA CEO

Useful resources

NHMRC COVID-19 [impacts statement](#)

The Deputy editor of JAMA provides [a series of recommendations](#) on **maintaining clinical trial integrity** during the COVID-19 pandemic

[RCPA advises against COVID-19 rapid tests](#) for detection of early COVID disease. The RCPA has issued a position statement regarding the serology and point of Care (POCT) Antigen, IgM/A and or G tests which have recently been released into the market in Australia

NSW Health COVID-19 **Communities of Practice**: 23 clinical communities of practice have been established across key clinical specialities to support the response to COVID-19, including one dedicated to [cancer and blood and marrow transplant](#)

The Department of Health website has [advice for the health and aged care sector](#) as well as [fact sheets and other resources](#)

The [National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce](#) has released the draft [Australian guidelines for the clinical care of people with COVID-19](#) for ongoing public consultation. COSA and CNSA have approached the Taskforce recommending oncology specific representation be included

[Register](#) for the **ASCO Global Webinar**: Experiences and lessons during the COVID-19 pandemic, Tuesday 14 April. Hear and learn from ASCO members around the world on how COVID-19 is being handled in their countries in this new webinar series

The British Oncology Pharmacy Association (BOPA) are offering their e-learning modules and other resources on the BOPA website **free for all healthcare professionals** for 3 months. To access these areas you need to join as a free member [here](#)

[Advance Care Planning Australia](#) (ACPA) is urging healthcare practitioners and health service providers to include **advance care planning** in their management of COVID-19. You can also [register](#) for their **webinar** on the topic 17 April 2020

[DRS4DRS](#): a **mental health service** specifically for doctors by doctors helping with difficult decisions and COVID-19

[Regional Geriatric Program of Toronto](#) have available on their website clinical guidance, tools, and links for health providers **caring for older adults during the COVID-19 Pandemic**

Articles of interest

[Practical considerations for treating cancer patients in the COVID-19 pandemic](#), Segelov et al. Submitted for publication and now officially endorsed by COSA and MOGA

[Understanding and Addressing Sources of Anxiety Among Health Care Professionals During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#), JAMA published online April 7, 2020

[Managing cancer during a pandemic](#), *Nature Reviews Clinical Oncology* (2020)

[Providing guidance for Palliative Care and COVID-19](#), a blog post by Professor Jennifer Tieman, CareSearch Director, College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Flinders University

Read about the **experiences** of cancer care and COVID-19 from [ASCO](#) members around the world

Patient information

Cancer Council has brought the oncology health professional community together in this **short video** for cancer patients. Please share with your patients, and encourage your practice managers to have it playing in clinics and waiting rooms.

Patient support and information resources are now available in **12 languages** from Cancer Council.

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