

“Experiencing tragedy and moral distress in the provision of head and neck cancer care”

Seminar 2

- **Date:** Tuesday 24 August, 4:30pm – 5:30pm AEST
- **How:** ZOOM (you will receive the link when you register)
- <https://www.viccompcancerctr.org/events/vccc-head-and-neck-cancer-ethics-seminar-series2/>
- **Summary**
- Seminar two will focus on healthcare professionals working in a specialist cancer care setting where encountering tragic situations is inevitable.
- Four approaches to supporting staff to recognise and respond to moral distress will be highlighted:
 - Psychological first aid
 - Critical incident stress de-briefing
 - Ethics de-brief
 - Clinical supervision.
- Each approach aims to acknowledge ethically complex situations and the emotionally intensive nature of cancer care.
 - The first two approaches provide a structured approach to reflecting on these types of work experiences.
 - The latter two use reflective approaches and may open up and unsettle beliefs about clinical, ethical and professional roles, ultimately leading to professional growth.
- **Keynote presentation**
 - Professor Clare Delany, Professor of Ethics, The University of Melbourne
- **Panel discussion**
 - Ben Dixon, Acting Head of Head and Neck Department, St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne
 - Morikatsu Wada, Radiation Oncologist, Austin Health
 - Hui Gan, Clinical Research Lead, Austin Health
 - Felicity Megee, Senior Speech Pathologist, Melbourne Health
 - Carly Fox, Consultant Plastic Surgeon, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre
 - Lora Winter, Consumer Representative
 - Rebecca Barnett, Head and Neck Nurse Coordinator, St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne

