

Prostate cancer – the effects on mental health after surgery

Panellist biographies



Associate Professor

Declan Murphy

Urologist, Victoria

Declan Murphy is a consultant urologist and director of genitourinary oncology at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Melbourne, and honorary clinical associate professor at the University of Melbourne. He is an internationally renowned key opinion leader in prostate cancer and robotic surgery.

Declan has published hundreds of papers and has been chief investigator on grants worth many millions of dollars. He holds senior editorial positions at the British Journal of Urology International, European Urology, Nature Reviews Urology and Prostate Cancer and Prostatic Diseases, and is on the board of reviewers for many other journals.

He is also highly active on social media with over 5,000 followers on Twitter.



Dr Jane Crowe

GP, Victoria

Jane Crowe graduated with MBBS Hons 1986 (Monash University) and later, a Masters of GP Psychiatry. Jane has worked in general practice in suburban Melbourne for over 25 years and is involved in all aspects of general medical practice.

In 2011 Jane also commenced a role as a prostate cancer GP at the Epworth Hospital, Melbourne, then in 2017, the Australian Prostate Centre, in North Melbourne.

Here, Jane sees men with advanced prostate cancer and monitors and manages the men on androgen deprivation therapy in a multidisciplinary setting.

Jane has been part of the organising committee for the Asia Pacific Prostate Cancer Conference for many years, is actively involved in teaching Melbourne University medical students and supervising research projects in the Department of General Practice at Melbourne University.



Samantha Clutton

Psychologist, Queensland

Samantha Clutton is a clinical psychologist who has worked in the field of psych-oncology – developing and delivering interventions to people affected by cancer, for the past 15 years. Samantha has a particular interest in the psychological adjustment to prostate cancer and has co-authored a number of scientific articles in peer reviewed journals in this area.

In particular, Samantha has worked on developing and trialling cognitive-behavioural interventions to facilitate couples coping following treatment, as well as mindfulness based interventions for men with localised and advanced prostate cancer.

Samantha has worked for 12 years as a clinical psychologist, and then manager of the Cancer Counselling Service at the Cancer Council Queensland.

Currently she works in private practice at the Cancer Wellbeing Centre in Brisbane.

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Facilitator: Dr Mary Emeleus

GP, Queensland

Mary Emeleus is a GP and psychotherapist based in Far North Queensland. Mary's special interests are in primary care mental health

pursued throughout a career as a GP in rural and regional Queensland. After 18 years of general practice, nine of which were spent at **headspace** working in youth mental health, Mary commenced training in psychiatry in 2017 and currently works for Queensland Health as a registrar at Cairns Hospital.

Mary is an adjunct senior lecturer with Generalist Medical Training, James Cook University as a medical educator in their GP training program. Through the Australian Society for Psychological Medicine, Mary is involved in delivering mental health/counselling skills training for GPs and registrars, and enjoys distilling the "best bits" from psychotherapy research and practice to make them practical and relevant for GPs.

Professional interests include lifestyle medicine, adolescent mental health, early psychosis intervention, psychological and social approaches to psychosis, "low-intensity" CBT for GPs, Psychodynamic, Jungian and Existential theory and practice.

Memberships include:

Australian Society for Psychological Medicine (vice president)
RACGP NFSI Psychological Medicine Network
The International Society for Psychological and Social Approaches to Psychosis (ISPS)
The International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation (ISSTD)
MBBS BSc (Med) UNSW 1996
FRACGP Grad Dip Rural 2001
MMH (Psychotherapy) UQ 2004
Fellow, Australian Society for Psychological Medicine, 2016.