

Prioritizing Cancer: The UCT Cancer Research Symposium

Saturday 17th February 2018

Wolfson Pavilion, Faculty of Health Sciences, Anzio Road, University of Cape Town

Program

08.30 - 09.00 Registration and coffee

09.00 - 09.10 Welcome, Prof B Mayosi, Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences, UCT

09.15 - 10.45 **Session 1: Public health, cancer surveillance, ethics**

Chair: Prof A Davidson & Dr M Wallace

- Burden of cancer in South Africa, Prof D Bradshaw, SAMRC
- Productivity losses due to premature mortality from cancer in the BRICS countries, Dr F Meheus, IARC
- National Department of Health commitment to reduce avoidable deaths from cancer, Dr M Makua and Ms S Singh, NDOH
- Building a provincial cancer registry in the Western Cape based on routinely collected data, A/Prof N Tiffin, CIDRI-Africa, UCT, PGWC
- Registry Development: Insights into privacy, confidentiality and informed consent, Prof M Blockman, UCT
- Discussion

10.45 - 11.15 Tea and poster viewing

11.15 - 1.00 **Session 2: Precision medicine and cancer therapies**

Chair: Prof R Ramesar & Dr Z Mohamed

- Precision Medicine in 2018: Benefits and Challenges, Prof A Adjei, Mayo Clinic
- Transcriptomic analysis based liquid biopsy: Beyond the Seven Bridges of Konigsberg, Prof I Modlin, Yale University
- Advances in the diagnosis and treatment of aggressive lymphoma, Prof M Patel, University of Witwatersrand
- Companion immunodiagnostics and recombinant immunotherapeutics, Prof S Barth, UCT
- Discussion

1.00 - 2.00 Lunch and poster viewing

2.00 - 3.15 **Session 3: Prevention and early detection**

Chair: Dr L Cairncross, Dr M Hendricks

- Improving HPV specificity in South Africa: Optimizing point of care HPV testing for cervical cancer prevention in South Africa (Screen & Treat), A/Prof R Saidu, UCT
- Early detection and long term follow up of childhood cancer. Where should we be putting our money? Prof A Davidson, UCT
- Genomics of African oesophageal cancer: strategies for diagnosis and treatment, Prof I Parker, UCT
- Discussion

3.15 - 3.45 Tea and poster viewing

3.45 - 5.00 **Session 4: Palliative care and Survivorship**

- Chair: Dr R Krause, A/Prof L Ramma
- Understanding the dignity experience and assessing the impact of a Modified Dignity Psychotherapy Intervention in patients with terminal illness, Dr L Gwyther, UCT
- An evaluation of patients' palliative care needs and their response to implementation of individualized care plans initiated at a tertiary oncology service, Dr L Farrant, UCT
- Use of palliative chemotherapy in South Africa: National survey of paediatric oncologists and experience in a single unit, Dr A Buchner, Steve Biko Hospital
- Upper limb morbidity after treatment for breast cancer: from fascia to function, Dr D Shamley, UCT
- Discussion

5.00 - 6.30 **Session 5: Making a difference**

- Chair: Dr N Mbatani
- Role of CANSA in cancer research in SA, Dr M Wallace, CANSA
- Genetics as an instrument for early detection and management of colorectal cancer in a rural setting, Prof R Ramesar, UCT
- Cervical cancer research: the past decade – Progress and Challenges, Prof L Denny, UCT
- Closing remarks

6.30 Onwards Refreshments

The Symposium is CPD accredited with 8 CEUs including 1 CEU for Ethics

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