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Monday 24 August 2026

FACT Training

8:00am - 5:00pm	FACT Quality Bootcamp (by invitation/EOI - please contact info@anztct.org.au) <i>Venue: Pullman East Melbourne</i>
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Tuesday 25 August 2026

FACT Training / SIG Workshops + Dinners

8:00am - 4:00pm	FACT Accreditation Workshop (by invitation/EOI - please contact info@anztct.org.au) <i>Venue: Pullman East Melbourne</i>
8:30am - 5:30pm 6:30pm - 9:00pm	ANZTCT Data Manager Workshop – supported by Link Healthcare <i>Venue: Pullman East Melbourne</i> Data Manager Dinner – supported by Link Healthcare <i>Venue: TBC</i> RSVP to attend
9:30am - 4:30pm 6:30pm - 9:00pm	ANZTCT Nursing and Pharmacy Education Day – supported by Therakos and Abbvie <i>Venue: Pullman East Melbourne</i> Nurses and Pharmacists Dinner – supported by JAZZ <i>Venue: East Melbourne Room, Roccella Restaurant</i> RSVP to attend
8:45am - 5:00pm 6:00pm - 9:00pm	Scientist Workshop – Venue: Pullman East Melbourne ANZTCT Quality Manager + Scientists Spotlight Dinner <i>Venue: La Cantina Room, Roccella Restaurant</i> RSVP to attend

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Wednesday 26 August 2026 ANZTCT ASM 2026 - Day 1	
From 7:30am	Registration – Betty Cuthbert Lounge - Level 2, Olympic Stand (Gate 3)
8:00am - 8:30am	Opening of ANZTCT ASM 2026 <i>Chairs: Prof Nada Hamad and A/Prof Mary Ann Anderson</i> - Welcome to Country: Wurundjeri Elder, Uncle Perry Wandin - Maori Address - President's Address
Precision Transplantation: From Biology to Bedside <i>Chairs: Dr Shanti Ramachandran and Dr Travis Perera</i>	
8.30am - 9.10am	Keynote Presentation: What Adult Transplanters Can Learn from Paediatric Transplanters and Vice Versa Speaker: Prof Catherine Bollard <i>T cell therapies after Bone Marrow Transplantation (BMT) have progressed from donor lymphocyte infusion (DLI) to antigen specific T cell therapies (including targeting viruses and tumour associated antigens) to CAR-T. The first EBV-specific T cell therapy study was reported in paediatric patients after BMT. The first FDA approval of a CAR-T cell therapy was for paediatric patients with leukaemia who had relapsed after BMT. Since then, there have been substantial advances in T cell therapeutics for BMT patients. This keynote highlights how paediatric innovation helped moved some of these therapies into the mainstream and will discuss strategies for broadening applicability and access for both adult and paediatric patients after BMT.</i>
9:10am - 9:30am	Presentation: Precision Dosing in Transplant: Right Drug, Right Patient, Right Time Speaker: Rachael Lawson <i>Therapeutic drug monitoring and pharmacogenomics are converging to enable truly individualised dosing strategies in transplant medicine. This session explores how precision dosing can reduce toxicity, improve efficacy, and optimise outcomes across transplant populations.</i>
9:30am - 9:50am	Presentation: The Hidden Half of Transplant: Supporting carers for better outcomes Speakers: Georgia Janas and Amanda Mellow <i>A quality improvement initiative exploring practical approaches to screening and supporting carers to enhance transplant outcomes.</i>
10:00am - 10:30am	Debate: CAR T is the 'B-ALL' and end-all - consolidation is unnecessary Speakers: A/Prof Shaun Fleming (Negative) Vs Dr Madeleine Powys (Affirmative) <i>With CAR T driving deeper, longer-lasting responses, does consolidation still have a role - or is it redundant? This fast-paced debate tackles relapse risk, toxicity, and the latest evidence head-on.</i>
10:30am - 11:00am	Morning Tea - Sponsored by Arovella
11:00am - 12:00pm	Oral Abstracts: Presidential - Chairs: A/Prof Andrea Henden and Leonie Wilcox Dr Katherine Cummins: <i>Trial in progress - Early clinical data From "PLATYPS", a first-in-human clinical trial of an Australian-developed and manufactured CD19-targeting CAR-T cell product (PMCC-COE19)</i> Prof Nada Hamad: <i>Allogeneic stem cell transplantation for sickle cell disease in Australia and New Zealand: outcomes, unmet demand and the arrival of gene therapy</i> Elias Biris: <i>Weight-adjusted ATG dosing improves relapse-free survival in obese allo-HSCT recipients</i>

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	Dr Miles Horton: <i>Multiplex prime editing enables safe, drug-controllable and immunosuppression-resistant T-cell therapies in vivo</i>	
12:00pm - 1:30pm	Delegate Lunch	ANZ Donor SIG Meeting (12:30pm - 1:30pm, Jim Stynes A)
		Lunch ‘n’ Learn: Myeloma CAR T in the real world, with Prof Hermann Einsele (12:40pm - 1:20pm, Olympic Room) <i>Sponsored by J&J</i> <i>Chair: Tracy King</i>
TCT and Novel Agents in Lymphoma: Integrating Science, Sequencing & Patient Experience – supported by Abbvie Chair: Dr Sam Fiorenza		
1:30pm - 3:30pm	Patient-led story Speaker: Chantelle Asciak <i>A first-hand account of the bispecific therapy journey, setting the scene for the session.</i> Keynote Presentation: Sequencing Bispecifics with CAR T Speaker: Dr Julie Vose <i>Expert clinical perspective on sequencing bispecific therapies with CAR T-cell treatment in lymphoma - looking to the future, where will bispecifics sit?</i> Presentation: Combining Chemotherapy and Bispecifics Speaker: Prof Mark Hertzberg (supported by Roche) <i>Discussing emerging evidence and practical considerations in combining chemotherapy with bispecific antibodies.</i> Presentation: The critical role of pharmacists in outpatient care Speaker: Dr Karim Ibrahim <i>The role of Pharmacists in supporting the delivery of novel therapies in haematology and oncology outpatient care.</i> Presentation: Nursing Perspective: Quality of Life Speaker: Emily Knights, Lymphoma Australia <i>Patient experience and QoL considerations during bispecific therapy.</i> Panel Discussion + Audience Q&A Panellists: Dr Julie Vose, Prof Mark Hertzberg, Dr Karim Ibrahim, Emily Knights, Chantelle Asciak - Moderated by Dr Sam Fiorenza <i>Bringing together clinical, pharmacy, nursing, and patient perspectives on the future of bispecifics in lymphoma care.</i>	
3:30pm - 4:00pm	Afternoon Tea	
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Debates Chair: Prof David Yeung Topic: PTCy reigns supreme: everyone should get PTCy Dr Clinton Lewis (Negative) Vs A/Prof Siok Tey (Affirmative) <i>A spirited debate on whether PTCy should be universal standard practice or reserved for selected settings.</i>	

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	Topic: Ruxolitinib vs ECP in GVHD management Prof David Ritchie (Rux) Vs Prof Nada Hamad (ECP) <i>A head-to-head comparison of two very different approaches to immune modulation in GVHD — science, experience, and a bit of friendly rivalry.</i>
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Poster Session and Welcome Drinks - Betty Cuthbert Lounge

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ANZTCT ASM 2026 - Day 2

Everyone gets a Donor!

Chair: A/Prof Carmel O'Brien

8:30am –
9:40am

Donor-led story

A conversation with Mitchell Eldridge bringing his personal perspective on stem cell donation into focus; convened by Kate Levy

Keynote Presentation: Allogeneic Donor Selection - Contemporary Guidelines from NMDP/CIBMTR

Speaker: Stephen Spellman - *Supported by Stem Cell Donors Australia*

A plenary on how registry science is reshaping donor choice and optimising outcomes in contemporary transplant practice.

Presentation: Beyond the Match - a paediatric perspective on donor access

Speaker: Prof Rachel Conyers

Presentation: Stem Cell Donors executive update

Speaker: Lisa Smith

A brief update on registry priorities, strategy, and developments supporting donor access and matching.

Optimising TCT Outcomes: From Practice Statements to Global Perspectives

Chairs: Prof Andrew Wei and Prof Joy Ho

9:40am –
10:50am

Presentation: ANZTCT Practice Statement - Optimising Pre-TCT AML Care

Speaker: A/Prof Ashish Bajel

Presentation: ANZTCT Practice Statement - Optimising CMV Outcomes in TCT

Speaker: A/Prof Andrea Henden

Presentation: ANZTCT Practice Statement - Optimising VOD Outcomes following TCT

Speaker: A/Prof Shaun Fleming

Keynote Presentation: Managing CAR T Toxicities in Myeloma

Speaker: Prof Hermann Einsele

Practical strategies for managing CAR T toxicities, including CRS and ICANS, with a focus on optimising safety and TCT outcomes.

10:50am –
11:20am

Morning Tea - Sponsored by Arovella

Allied Health SIG Meeting (11:00am - 12:00pm, Jim Stynes A)

CLL in Focus: Navigating complexities and future directions – supported by Eli Lilly

Chairs: A/Prof Mary Ann Anderson and Ashley Whitechurch

11:20am
12:30pm

Presentation: CLL Treatment Sequencing: Biomarkers, Resistance, and Strategy

Speaker: Dr Masa Lasica

Presentation: Allograft and CAR T in highly refractory CLL (including Richter's)

Speaker: Prof Constantine Tam

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	Presentation: Emerging novel agents in CLL Speaker: Dr Sasanka Handunnetti Panel discussion <i>A collaborative discussion with all speakers bringing together key themes, clinical dilemmas, and future directions in CLL care; moderated by A/Prof Mary Ann Anderson</i>	
12:30pm - 2:00pm	Delegate Lunch	ANZTCT AGM (12:40pm - 1:10pm, Jim Stynes A) Lunch 'n' Learn: RSV in haematology patients: disease burden and prevention with Dr Tina Marinella (1:15pm - 1:55pm, Olympic Room) <i>Sponsored by Pfizer</i> <i>Chair: A/Prof Andrea Henden</i>
The Future of Transplant Science and Care Chairs: Prof Nada Hamad and Yvonne Panek-Hudson		
2:00pm - 2:40pm	Keynote Presentation: TCT science and capability building - followed by Q+A Speaker: A/Prof Folashade Otegbeye Exploring advances in TCT science and strategies for building clinical and system capability to support evolving therapies.	
2:40pm - 3:20pm	Keynote Presentation: Beyond Protocol: Personalised preparation and parallel planning for transplant and cell therapy - followed by Q+A (<i>supported by Therakos</i>) Speaker: Sara Main	
3:20pm - 3:30pm	Arrow Foundation update Speaker: Richelle Koller	
3:30pm - 4:00pm	Afternoon Tea <i>Nursing Committee AGM (Jim Stynes A)</i>	
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Oral Abstracts - Chairs: Yvonne Panek-Hudson and Phil Selby Lotte Fog: <i>Total Body Irradiation in Australia and New Zealand: A 2024 Practice Survey on Changing Patterns of Care</i> Erica Patterson: <i>Early Identification Matters: Feasibility and Early Outcomes of a Nutrition and Exercise Program in Allogeneic Versus Autologous Stem Cell Transplant Recipients</i> Cassie Abbott: <i>Building a Skilled and Confident CAR-T Nursing Workforce: Assessing the Impact of Nurse-led CAR-T Education</i> Dr Salvatore (Sam) Fiorenza: <i>Vispa-cel, an allogeneic anti-CD19 CAR-T cell therapy with a PD-1 knockout, in patients with relapsed/refractory B cell Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma (ANTLER phase 1 clinical trial)</i>	
5:00pm - 6:30pm	Delegate break	
6:30pm - 9:30pm	ASM Dinner - Paint the Town RED with Arrow – The George on Collins	

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Optimising Equity - Levelling the playing field

Chairs: Dr Min-Hi Han and Dr Leah Peters

8:30am -
9:30am

Session: Innovations in Equity: Opening Access for Older and Underserved Patients in TCT

Presentation: Equity in Practice - Insights from a Fulbright scholar

Speaker: Prof Nada Hamad

Focusing on advancing equity in TCT through innovative solutions.

Presentation: Assessment of Sarcopenia and Frailty in TCT Selection

Speaker: A/Prof Nicole Kiss

How sarcopenia and frailty assessment can better define risk and support more equitable access to TCT, enabling safer, individualised treatment decisions for older patients.

Presentation: Who Gets Left Behind? Employment Inequity and Financial Toxicity After Allogeneic Stem Cell Transplant

Speaker: Dr Genevieve Douglas

Exploring the long-term impact of allogeneic stem cell transplantation on employment, income, financial well-being, and the inequities experienced by survivors returning to everyday life.

Presentation: Māori Perspectives on Equity in TCT

Speaker: Dr Myra Ruka

A Māori worldview on equity in TCT, emphasising whānau-centred care, culturally grounded practice, and partnership in improving access and outcomes.

9:30am -
10:30am

Oral Abstracts - Chairs: Celeste Hill and Daniel Kilmartin

Nicole O'Leary: *Intensive care unit utilisation amongst chimeric antigen receptor T-cell recipients: a single centre experience*

Kate Graham: *Development of a nutrition care pathway for haematology cancer patients undergoing chimeric antigen receptor T-Cell (CAR-T) therapy*

Dr Karim Ibrahim: *Evaluating the impact of a dedicated outpatient pharmacy clinic on medication safety and transitions of care for patients undergoing haematopoietic stem cell transplantation*

Dr Marzia Rahman: *Renal Function at Stem Cell Infusion Stratifies Risk of Cyclosporine Associated Acute Kidney Injury in PTCy Based AlloHSCT*

10:30am -
11:00am

Morning Tea - Sponsored by Arovella

Equity in TCT: From Data to Policy and Access

Chairs: Prof Nada Hamad and Dr Edward Abadir

11:00am -
12:00pm

Session: Driving Improvement Through Registry Data

The ANZTCT Registry underpins equity in TCT by enabling benchmarking, identifying variation in outcomes. This session showcases key updates, benchmarking data and emerging real world data which is driving higher quality care.

Registry Update: The evolving ANZTCT Registry

Speaker: Leonie Wilcox - Registry Executive Director

Demonstration of the new ANZTCT platform

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	Speaker: Navid Toosi Saidy - CEO & Co-founder, Propel Health AI and Steven Tran - Registry Tech Lead ANZTCT Benchmarking and CQR government reporting Speaker: Dr Ed Abadir - Deputy Chair, Registry Committee ANZTCT Linkage Opportunity: Integrating higher quality HLA data (IHWG) Speaker: Dr Dianne De Santis
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Opening: The importance of engaging government and how Speaker: Senator Dr Michelle Ananda-Rajah Patient perspective: The lived reality behind advocacy Speaker: Agnes Nsofwa Panel Discussion: Planning for the future - the promise of gene therapy <i>A revolutionary development in Sickle Cell Disease in Australia is the role out of heel prick screening. This will identify patients early for potential curative therapies including allogeneic stem cell transplantation. The population is small but vulnerable. The promise of gene therapy will require concerted efforts to plan services and develop models of care to ensure cultural safety and equitable access.</i> Panellists: Senator Dr Michelle Ananda-Rajah, Agnes Nsofwa, Dr Kylie Mason, Claire Dowsing, TGA representative (TBA)
1:00pm - 1:10pm	ANZTCT ASM 2026 Close
1:10pm - 2:00pm	Delegate Lunch <i>Followed by Plasma Cell Dyscrasia Satellite Symposium (all ASM delegates welcome)</i>

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Friday 28 August 2026 ANZTCT Satellite Symposium	
2:00pm - 5:30pm	PLASMA CELL DYSCRASIA SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM – SPONSORED BY PFIZER <i>Opened by Dr Sam Fiorenza; Chair: A/Prof Amit Khot</i>
2:10pm – 3:40pm	Session 1: Expanding the Role of Bispecifics Across Patient Populations Bispecifics in High-Risk Disease Speaker: Prof Andrew Spencer IVIG in the Bispecific Era Speaker: Prof Erica Wood Bispecifics in Amyloidosis Speaker: Dr Olga Motorna Bispecifics in the Elderly Speaker: Dr Adam Bryant Panel Discussion & Audience Q&A (30 min) <i>All session 1 speakers, moderated by A/Prof Amit Khot</i>
3:40pm – 4:00pm	Afternoon Tea break
4:00pm – 5:30pm	Session 2: Translating Bispecifics and Cellular Therapies into Practice Keynote Presentation: What will the Myeloma Treatment Algorithm be in 2027? Speaker: Prof Evangelos Terpos Feasibility of Outpatient Administration Dr Tracy King Debate: CAR-T before the Horse (bsAb)? Prof Joy Ho (Negative) Vs A/Prof Cindy Lee (Affirmative) Closing Remarks & Key Takeaways <i>Synthesis of key themes and future directions</i>
6:00pm - 9:00pm	Symposium dinner (by invitation - faculty and speakers) - supported by Pfizer

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