



Annual Scientific Meeting 2026

Wed 26 – Fri 28 August 2026 • Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG)

Tuesday 25 August 2026 ANZTCT Scientist Workshop

Preliminary Agenda

8:45 – 9:15am	Registration and coffee
9:15 – 9:30am	Welcome to the Workshop <i>May Your Coffee Be Strong and Your Cells Viable</i> Dr Scott Ragg Penny Toland Dr Cheryl Hutchins
CAR-T Cells	
9:30 – 10:00am	We need to talk about CARs Speaker: Dr Andrea Henden
10:00 – 10:30am	We need to talk about CARs too (Place of Care CAR-T Cells) Speakers: Dr Cheryl Hutchins and Dr Leighton Clancy
10:30 – 11:00am	Morning Tea
Education	
11:00 – 11:30am	Advances in graft engineering processes... updates on the CliniMACS Prodigy Speaker: Dr Ashwini Kumar Giddam
11:30am – 12:00pm	Cryopreservation: Principles, Optimisation, and Emerging Advances Speaker: Dr Scott Ragg
12:00 – 12:30pm	Virus-Specific T-Cell Therapy: Development, Manufacturing, and Laboratory Considerations Speaker: Dr Leighton Clancy
12:30 – 1:00pm	Lunch
Updates	
1:00 – 1:30pm	Paediatric Cell Therapy Processing Speaker: Kerrie Clerici
1:30 – 2:00pm	Current Status of Cord Blood Banking & Transplant Speaker: Phillip Johnson



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2:00 – 3:00pm	What's Changing and Why It Matters Introducing the <i>Requirements for Cellular Therapy (seventh edition)</i> - updates to the NPAAC Tier 4 Requirements Speaker: Dr Scott Ragg Implementation of FACT 9 in Cell Processing Laboratories Speaker: Emilia Barnes Guidelines for Labelling of URD HPC in Australia (Stem AU) Speaker: Dr Cheryl Hutchins Australasian Cytometry Society Guideline for CD34 Haematopoietic Progenitor Cell Enumeration - Development of the Third Edition Speaker: Penny Toland Review of Viable CD34 - RCPAQAP Speaker: Dr Scott Ragg
3:00 – 3:30pm	Afternoon Tea
Learning to Improve: Transforming Lessons into Quality improvements	
3:30 – 4:00pm	Monitoring of a Blood Transplant and Cell Therapies Laboratory Speaker: Dr Yi Vee Chew
4:00 – 4:30pm	Turning Errors into Excellence <i>Review of Technical or Accreditation Issues in Cellular Therapy Laboratories</i> Chair: Penny Toland
4:30 – 5:00pm	Workshop Close <i>Questions from the Floor and General Discussion</i> Chair: Penny Toland
6:00 – 9:00 pm	ANZTCT Quality Manager + Scientists Spotlight Dinner Venue TBC <i>Kindly supported by Ideagen and Syndax</i>

Attendance to the ANZTCT Scientist Workshop and QM & Scientists Spotlight Dinner is included in your ANZTCT ASM 2026 registration.

To attend the Workshop and/or Dinner: [RSVP here](#)