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## Monday 24 August 2026

FACT ACCREDITATION TRAINING

8:30am - 4:30pm

**FACT Accreditation Training (by invitation/EOI - please contact [info@anztct.org.au](mailto:info@anztct.org.au))**

## Tuesday 25 August 2026

FACT QUALITY BOOTCAMP / SIG WORKSHOPS + DINNERS

8:30am - 4:00pm

**FACT Quality Bootcamp (by invitation/EOI - please contact [info@anztct.org.au](mailto:info@anztct.org.au))**

9:30am - 5:30pm  
6:30pm - 9:00pm

**ANZTCT Data Manager Workshop (Agenda coming soon!)  
Data Manager Dinner**

[RSVP to attend](#)

9:30am - 4:00pm  
6:30pm - 9:00pm

**ANZTCT Nursing and Pharmacy Education Day – supported by Therakos and Abbvie (Agenda coming soon!)  
Nurses and Pharmacy Dinner – supported by JAZZ**

[RSVP to attend](#)

12:00pm - 5:00pm  
6:00pm - 9:00pm

**Cell Processing Workshop - TBC  
ANZTCT Quality Manager + Scientists Spotlight Dinner - TBC**

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<b>Wednesday 26 August 2026</b> ANZTCT ASM 2026 - DAY 1	
From 7:30am	<b>Registration – Betty Cuthbert Lounge - Level 2, Olympic Stand (Gate 3)</b>
8:00am - 8:30am	<b>Opening of ANZTCT ASM 2026</b> Chairs: Prof Nada Hamad and A/Prof Mary Ann Anderson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome to Country: Local Elder</li> <li>• Maori Address</li> <li>• President's Address</li> </ul>
<b>Precision Transplantation: From Biology to Bedside</b> Chairs: Dr Shanti Ramachandran and TBC	
8.30am - 9.10am	<b>Keynote Presentation: What Adult Transplanters Can Learn from Paediatric Precision Immunotherapy</b> Speaker: Prof Catherine Bollard <i>Paediatric lymphoma is at the forefront of precision immunotherapy, with rapid advances in CAR T-cell therapy, bispecific antibodies, antibody–drug conjugates, and genomic-guided approaches transforming outcomes. This keynote highlights how paediatric innovation is reshaping transplant decision-making, response assessment, and clinical trial design—and what can be translated into adult practice.</i>
9:10am - 9:30am	<b>Presentation: Precision Dosing in Transplant: Right Drug, Right Patient, Right Time</b> 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	<b>Presentation: The Hidden Half of Transplant: Carer Assessment in Practice</b> 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	<b>Debate: CAR T is the be-all and end-all - consolidation is unnecessary</b> Speakers: Dr Madeleine Powys Vs TBC <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	<b>Morning Tea</b>
11:00am - 12:00pm	<b>Oral Abstracts: Presidential</b>
12:00pm - 1:30pm	<b>Delegate Lunch</b>  <b>Lunch 'n' Learn: Myeloma CAR T in the real world, with Prof Hermann Einsele (12:40pm - 1:20pm, Olympic Room)</b> Sponsored by J&J

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## Wednesday 26 August 2026

ANZTCT ASM 2026 - DAY 1

### **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: TBC

*A first-hand account of the bispecific therapy journey, setting the scene for the session.*

#### **Keynote Presentation: Sequencing Bispecifics with CAR T**

Speaker: Dr Julie Vose

*Expert clinical perspective on sequencing bispecific therapies with CAR T-cell treatment in lymphoma - looking to the future, where will bispecifics sit?*

#### **Presentation: Combining Chemotherapy and Bispecifics**

Speaker: Prof Mark Hertzberg (supported by Roche)

*Discussing emerging evidence and practical considerations in combining chemotherapy with bispecific antibodies.*

#### **Presentation: The critical role of pharmacists in outpatient care**

Speaker: Dr Karim Ibrahim

*Insights into optimising sequencing, safety, and supportive care for novel therapies in haematology and oncology outpatient care.*

#### **Presentation: Nursing Perspective: Quality of Life**

Speaker: Emily Knights, Lymphoma Australia

*Patient experience and QoL considerations during bispecific therapy*

#### **Panel Discussion + Audience Q&A**

Panellists: Dr Julie Vose, Prof Mark Hertzberg, Dr Karim Ibrahim, Emily Knights - Moderated by Dr Sam Fiorenza

*Bringing together clinical, pharmacy, nursing, and patient perspectives on the future of bispecifics in lymphoma care.*

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 Vs TBC

*A spirited debate on whether PTCy should be universal standard practice or reserved for selected settings.*

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##### **Topic: Ruxolitinib vs ECP in GVHD management**

Prof Nada Hamad Vs Prof David Ritchie

*A head-to-head comparison of two very different approaches to immune modulation in GVHD – science, experience, and a bit of friendly rivalry.*

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: Carmel O'Brien**

8:30am –  
9:40am

**Donor-led story**

Speaker: TBC

*A personal donor perspective bringing the transplant experience into focus and setting the tone for the session.*

**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: TBC**

Speaker: TBC

**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 TBC**

9:40am -  
10:50am

Speakers TBC

10:50am -  
11:20am

Morning Tea

**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 Philip Thompson

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

Speaker: Prof Constantine Tam

**Presentation: Emerging novel agents in CLL**

Speaker: Dr Sasanka Handunnetti

**Panel discussion**

*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*

12:30pm -  
2:00pm

Delegate Lunch

**ANZTCT AGM (12:40pm - 1:10pm, Jim Stynes A)**

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	<b>Lunch 'n' Learn (1:20pm - 1:50pm, Olympic Room) with TBC</b> <i>Sponsored by Pfizer</i>
<b>The Future of Transplant Science and Care</b> <b>Chairs: Prof Nada Hamad and Yvonne Panek-Hudson</b>	
2:00pm - 2:30pm	<b>Keynote Presentation: TCT science and capability building - followed by Q+A</b> 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	<b>Keynote Presentation: Getting to the heart of GvHD - followed by Q+A (supported by Therakos)</b> Speaker: Sara Main <i>Sara will explore graft-versus-host disease as a complex, multi-organ immune condition central to allogeneic transplant care, spanning acute presentation through chronic, fibrotic disease. She will examine its effects across the skin, oral cavity, and internal organs, and outline the escalation of treatment from corticosteroids to advanced immunomodulatory therapies such as ruxolitinib and extracorporeal photopheresis. Through real-world clinical cases – including recognition of GvHD in skin of colour – the session highlights diagnostic nuance, equity in assessment, cumulative treatment burden, and the profound impact on quality of life for patients who may experience prolonged hospitalisation.</i>
3:20pm - 3:30pm	<b>Arrow Foundation update</b> Speaker: Richelle Koller
3:30pm - 4:00pm	<b>Afternoon Tea</b> <i>Nursing Committee AGM (Jim Stynes A)</i>
4:00pm - 5:00pm	<b>Oral Abstracts</b>
5:00pm - 6:30pm	Delegate break
6:30pm - 9:30pm	<b>ASM Dinner - Paint the Town RED with Arrow - The George on Collins</b>

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ANZTCT ASM 2026 - DAY 3

### **Optimising Equity - Levelling the playing field**

**Chairs: TBC**

8:30am -  
9:30am

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

##### **Presentation: Equity in Practice - First Nations Perspectives in TCT**

Speaker: Prof Nada Hamad

*Insights from her Fulbright appointment, focusing on advancing equity in TCT through meaningful engagement with First Nations patients and improving access and outcomes.*

##### **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: Navigating Equity - Improving Access and Coordination in TCT Care**

Speaker: TBC

*Addressing practical barriers to equitable TCT access, with a focus on patient navigation, coordination of care, and reducing variability across pathways and services.*

##### **Presentation: Māori Perspectives on Equity in TCT**

Speaker: TBC

*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**

10:30am -  
11:00am

#### **Morning Tea**

### **Equity in TCT: From Data to Policy and Access**

**Chairs: Prof Nada Hamad and TBC**

11:00am -  
12:00pm

#### **Session: Driving Improvement Through Registry Data**

*The ANZTCT Registry underpins equity in TCT by enabling benchmarking, identifying variation in outcomes, and highlighting gaps in access and efficiency across centres. This session showcases key updates and emerging registry research demonstrating how real-world data is driving more consistent and equitable care.*

Speakers: TBC

12:00pm -  
1:00pm

#### **Session: Sustaining Fair Access Under System Pressure**

*As demand for TCT continues to grow, finite capacity across workforce, infrastructure, regulation, and funding places increasing pressure on equitable access. Building on registry insights, this session examines how equity can be protected and operationalised within real-world system constraints.*

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ANZTCT ASM 2026 - DAY 3	
	Speakers: TBC
1:00pm - 1:10pm	<b>ANZTCT ASM 2026 Close</b>
1:10pm - 2:00pm	<b>Delegate Lunch</b> <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	<b>PLASMA CELL DYSCRASIA SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM – SPONSORED BY PFIZER</b> <i>Opened by Sam Fiorenza; Chair: A/Prof Amit Khot</i>
2:10pm – 3:40pm	<b>Session 1: Expanding the Role of Bispecifics Across Patient Populations</b> <b>Bispecifics in High-Risk Disease</b> Speaker: Prof Andrew Spencer <b>IVIg in the Bispecific Era</b> Speaker: Prof Erica Wood <b>Bispecifics in Amyloidosis</b> Speaker: Dr Olga Motorna <b>Bispecifics in the Elderly</b> Speaker: Dr Adam Bryant <b>Panel Discussion &amp; Audience Q&amp;A (30 min)</b> <i>All session 1 speakers, moderated by A/Prof Amit Khot</i>
3:40pm – 4:00pm	<b>Afternoon Tea break</b>
4:00pm – 5:30pm	<b>Session 2: Translating Bispecifics and Cellular Therapies into Practice</b> <b>Debate: CAR-T before the Horse (bsAb)?</b> TBC Vs Prof Joy Ho <b>Feasibility of Outpatient Administration</b> Dr Tracy King <b>Panel Discussion &amp; Audience Q&amp;A</b> <i>All session 2 speakers, moderated by A/Prof Amit Khot</i> <b>Closing Remarks &amp; Key Takeaways</b> <i>Synthesis of key themes and future directions</i>
6:00pm - 9:00pm	<b>Symposium dinner (by invitation - faculty and speakers) - supported by Pfizer</b>

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