

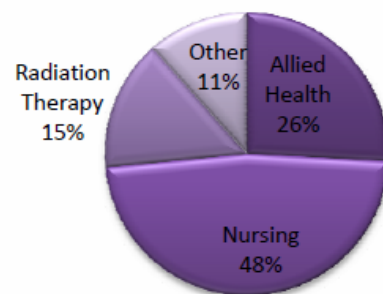
## Upper Gastro Intestinal Tract Cancer forum

### Background

The Cancer Institute's NSW Oncology Group (NSWOG) Upper GI hosted a free multidisciplinary clinical forum for health professionals caring for patients with Upper GI cancer on 29 October 2010. The forum featured educational sessions presented by clinicians and professionals involved in all aspects of care throughout the patient journey. The day focussed on current treatment practices and highlighted best practice for care of patients with oesophageal, gastric, gallbladder, liver and pancreatic cancers.

### Participation

167 participants attended the forum. The majority of attendees were from nursing, allied health and radiation therapy disciplines. The Cancer Institute NSW supported travel and/or accommodation for 27 attendees from rural and regional areas.



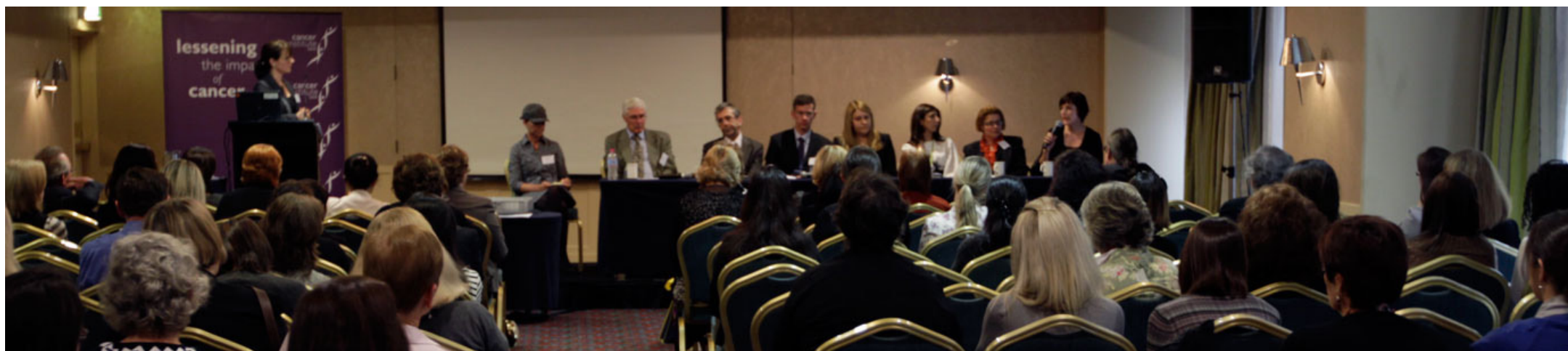
### Highlights

The afternoon session centred on a cancer journey presented by a survivor of oesophageal cancer, who focussed on the patient perspective from diagnosis through treatment to follow-up, and the many life changing experiences throughout. Participants found this moving depiction of a cancer journey gave cancer statistics a very human face.

This presentation was followed by an in-depth panel discussion and Q&A session that focussed on the multidisciplinary approach to the management of Upper GI cancer.

### key facts

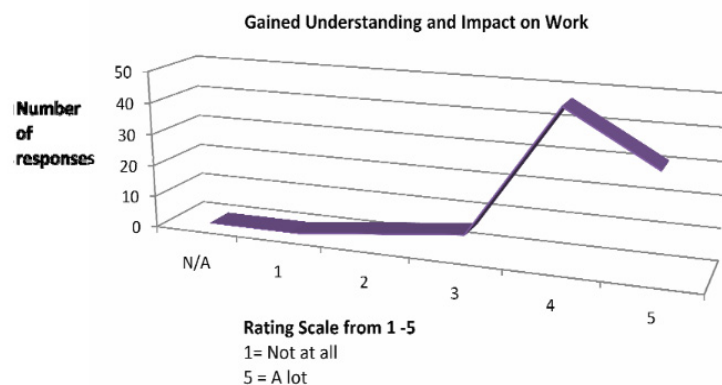
- 100% of attendees reported the day met their needs
- 100% of attendees would attend a similar forum
- 98% of participants will communicate learning to others in their workplace
- Participants most liked session "The Patient Story"
- Participants least liked the very full room which resulted in restricted vision for some of the audience members.



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### Learning

Participants were asked how much their enhanced understanding would impact their work, the graph below presents the feedback received.



Participants were also asked to rate their knowledge (new information) and understanding (how this new information applies to you and your role) of the forum's objectives before and after attending the forum. The increase to knowledge and understanding is captured in the chart below.

**To provide an educational opportunity for nursing and allied health professionals on diagnosis, treatment and care of patients with upper gastro intestinal cancer.**

- **89% of respondents reported that there was an increase to their knowledge.**
- **78% of respondents reported that there was an increase to their understanding.**

**To provide a networking opportunity for nursing and allied health professionals working in the field of upper gastro intestinal cancer.**

- **72% of respondents reported that there was an increase to their knowledge.**
- **68% of respondents reported that there was an increase to their understanding.**

**To provide insight into the patient experience with upper gastro intestinal cancer and the roles of the professions involved along the journey to promote best practice coordinated care.**

- **79% of respondents reported that there was an increase to their knowledge and their understanding.**