



# When guidelines aren't enough: An irAE Clinical Education Forum

Managing complex & multi-system immune-related adverse events (irAE)

**Friday 17 July 2026, 1:30pm – 5:20pm**

**Lecture Theatre B, Level 7, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre and Online**  
305 Grattan St, Melbourne VIC 3000

**Audience:** Medical oncologists and trainees, internal medicine specialists, cancer nurses, and other clinicians involved in managing patients receiving immune checkpoint inhibitors.

**Aim:** To strengthen clinicians' capability to collaboratively manage complex immune-related adverse events (irAEs) by applying current evidence-based guidelines and integrating multidisciplinary perspectives across specialties.

Time	Topic	Speaker
1:00pm	<b>Registrations and check-in</b>	
1:30pm (10 mins)	Welcome address Acknowledgment of Country	Dr Aparna Rao
<b>Session 1: Frameworks for escalation in complex irAEs</b>		<b>Chaired by Dr Lavinia Spain</b>
1:40pm (20 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “When steroids aren’t enough”: timing and thresholds for escalation</li> <li>• Coordination across specialties (how to run an irAE MDM in practice)</li> <li>• Key practice gaps: delayed recognition, fragmented care, prolonged immunosuppression harms</li> <li>• Practical decision points: infection risk, prophylaxis, monitoring, taper strategies</li> </ul>	
<b>Session 2a: Clinical Spotlights</b>		<b>Chaired by Dr Aparna Rao</b>
2:00pm (10 mins)	Gastroenterology: Severe and steroid-refractory ICI colitis	Dr Andrew Trinh
2:10pm (10 mins)	Gastroenterology: Hepatitis and upper gastrointestinal immune toxicity	Dr Sophia Ling
2:20pm (10 mins)	Updates in the management of ir-nephritis	Dr Irene Ruderman
2:30pm (10 mins)	Rheumatology: Persistent and multi-system inflammatory irAEs	Dr David Liew
2:40pm (10 mins)	Respiratory irAEs	Dr Sen Shivakumar
2:50pm (15 mins)	Q&A session	All Session 2a presenters, moderated by Dr Aparna Rao
3:05pm (15 mins)	<b>Afternoon tea break</b>	
<b>Session 2b: Clinical Spotlights</b>		<b>Chaired by Dr Aparna Rao</b>
3:20pm (10 mins)	Cardiology	Dr Joshua Wong
3:30pm (10 mins)	Neurology: Encephalitis irAEs	Dr Prashanth Ramachandran
3:40pm (10 mins)	Transplant	Dr Luke McClean
3:50pm (15 mins)	Q&A session	All Session 2b presenters, moderated by Dr Aparna Rao

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Session 3: Panel Discussion		Chaired by Dr Sam Harris
4:05pm (35 mins)	irAE MDM-style panel discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical specialist(s)</li> <li>• Medical oncologist(s)</li> <li>• Specialist nurse (ICI toxicity-experienced)</li> <li>• Consumer with relevant lived experience</li> </ul>	Dr Annie Wong Dr Luke McClean Alethea Lobo Melissa Sheldon
4:40pm (10 mins)	Closing remarks	
4:50pm (30 mins)	Networking	
5:20pm	End of Event	