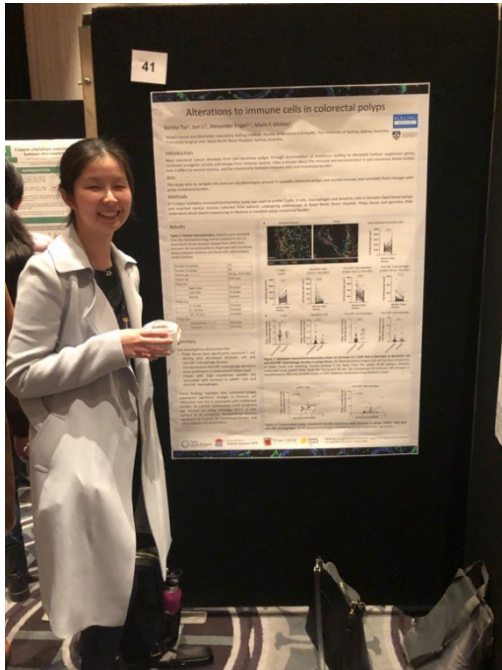


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Dr Benita Tse's poster presentation on immune cell changes in colorectal polyps.

Attending the inaugural NSW Cancer Conference 2022 was an excellent opportunity to learn and appreciate the vast approaches taken across the state to improve all aspects of cancer patient care. As an early career researcher new to cancer research, presenting a poster at this conference provided a chance to meet other researchers, promote my research and receive constructive feedback. This has undoubtedly benefited my professional development by allowing me to hone presentation skills so that I can communicate scientific findings in a clear and concise manner. I am also hopeful that the researchers I met may become future collaborators.

As a lab-based researcher, a major learning point from the conference was the inequality that exists both in cancer burden and health care provisions. The talks regarding inequality of cancer burden in Aboriginal communities and Africa, the lack of oncology facilities in our neighbouring Oceanic countries, and even the lack of inclusion of African genomes in cancer genome-wide studies, were eye-opening. It drew emphasis on our privilege here in Australia and the amount of work that needs to be done to close the gap worldwide. It was

very exciting to see how doctors and researchers in NSW are working to achieve this goal.