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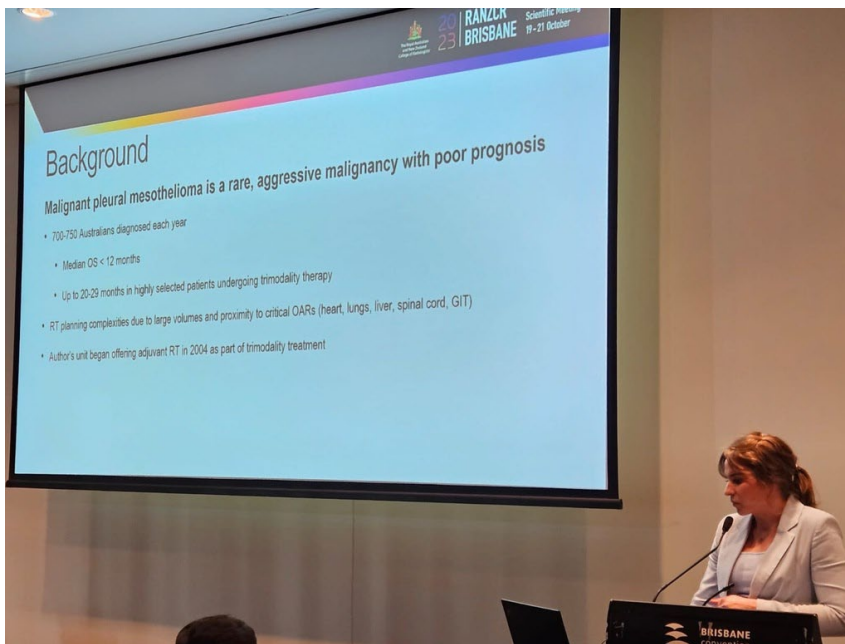
Full Reference: Dr Anna Lawless, Dr Mo Mo Tin. *Hemithoracic radiotherapy following extra-pleural pneumonectomy for diffuse pleural mesothelioma.*

Conference/Meeting Name: Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR) Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM)

Location: Brisbane, QLD, Australia

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It was a privilege to attend the 2023 RANZCR ASM held in Brisbane in late October. This annual meeting of the Royal Australian College of Radiologists (encompassing both Clinical Radiology and Radiation Oncology) was attended by over 1500 delegates. The theme of this year's ASM was "Beyond", and keynote international speakers in Radiation Oncology included Professor Sean Collins (Georgetown, USA), Professor Karyn Goodman (Icahn School of Medicine,

Mount Sinai), and Professor Jeff Michalski (President of the American Society of Radiation Oncology).

Funding from Sydney Cancer Partners allowed me the opportunity to present my research in mesothelioma, which was conducted with Dr Mo Mo Tin whilst a final year registrar at Chris O'Brien Lifehouse. Given the rarity of this disease, and unique approach of our unit, there was significant interest and audience questions following the presentation.

The conference was a wonderful chance to reconnect with registrars and fellows, and meet new colleagues, particularly those from interstate and overseas. The breadth of the content program was a great refresher across a variety of cancer subsites, and highlighted the incredible research being undertaken in units across the country. I have taken many ideas back home with me to consider for future research, in particular treatment personalisation with dose de-escalation and/or dose-intensification in select patients, use of novel imaging biomarkers in treatment decision-making and radiotherapy planning, and the application of emerging technologies and artificial intelligence in Radiation Oncology.

Personal highlights of the conference included attending the RANZCR Annual Ceremony where new fellowships were awarded, connecting with old and new colleagues amidst the scheduled conference presentations, and celebrating at the 'Hollywood' themed ASM Gala Dinner and President's address.

I am very grateful to Sydney Cancer Partners for the grant funding which allowed me to attend this conference.