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BreastScreen Australia Conference, held on the 13 – 15 March 2024, provided a highly valuable opportunity to attend my first conference as a PhD Candidate. I was honoured to present findings from my first PhD chapter which is a systematic review on the clinical guidelines for the management of women with dense breasts around the world. The review highlights important gaps limiting evidence-based practice and evaluates the implications for population breast screening programs that are considering implementing breast density notification and supplemental screening. My presentation was particularly relevant to BreastScreen Australia as they are currently reviewing their position on breast density notification.

The highlight of the conference was networking and having the opportunity to meet national and international experts. For example, I had the opportunity to speak about my research findings with Dr Vivienne Milch, Medical Advisor, Cancer Screening policy, Commonwealth Department of Health. This was an amazing opportunity as a PhD candidate to meet someone who is directly involved with cancer screening policies. I was also honoured to meet Professor Sophia Zackrisson from Sweden who is an expert Radiologist with an interest in breast density and tomosynthesis. I will now be collaborating with Professor Zackrisson throughout my PhD.

For me, attendance at BreastScreen Australia, was a very worthwhile experience and an amazing way to begin my PhD candidature.