

THE SPEAKERS



Professor Nancy Mayo is a James McGill Professor in the Department of Medicine and the School of Physical and Occupational Therapy, McGill University (Division of Geriatrics and Division of Clinical Epidemiology). She is also a Senior Research Scientist at the McGill University Hospital Center Research Institute where she leads a research program on Function, Disability and Quality of Life for vulnerable populations.

Trained originally as a Physical Therapist, Prof Mayo holds a PhD in Epidemiology and Biostatistics. Her research focus has been in measuring the health of populations with or at risk for disability, transient or permanent, and in contributing evidence towards ways of improving health outcomes of these vulnerable populations.

Methodologically, Prof. Mayo specializes in trials of complex interventions and in methods for analyzing complex outcomes. In measurement, she has focused on development of brief measures incorporating the patient's voice, response shift, individualized measures, and health indicators.

She is an honorary life member of the International Society of Quality of Life (ISOQOL) and authored the ISOQOL Dictionary of Quality of Life and Health Outcomes Measurement.

Prof Mayo is a committed educator with numerous mentoring and teaching awards. She has supervised over 120 students in Rehabilitation Science, Epidemiology, Experimental Medicine, and Experimental Surgery, 33 at the doctoral level. She has more than 300 life-time publications and has presented at scientific venues on every continent.



Professor Sanchia Aranda, AM, is CEO of Cancer Council Australia and the immediate Past President for Union for International Cancer Control. Prof. Aranda is inaugural Board Chair, of the Cancer City Challenge Foundation.

With 40 years' experience in cancer control as a nurse, researcher, educator and health-system administrator, Professor Aranda is the former Deputy CEO at the Cancer Institute NSW and a past-President of the International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care.

As CEO of Australia's peak non-government cancer control organisation, Prof Aranda is a strong independent voice on evidence-based cancer control. She is engaged in all fields of cancer from prevention through to survivorship and is committed to ensuring that all Australians achieve best possible outcomes from cancer.



Professor Afaf Girgis, AM, is the Director, Psycho-oncology Research Group, Centre for Oncology Education and Research Translation (CONCERT), Ingham Institute for Applied Medical Research & UNSW Australia; and holds Conjoint appointments at Western Sydney University, Griffith University and University of Queensland.

Prof Girgis has worked for over 30 years as a Behavioural Scientist in cancer control and psycho-oncology. In 2019, she became a Member (AM) of the Order of Australia, awarded for her significant service to medicine, and to medical education, in the field of cancer control and psycho-oncology.

Prof Girgis' national and international standing in behavioural science and psycho-oncology was acknowledged in 2012 with the Clinical Oncology Society of Australia (COSA) Inaugural Psycho-oncology Award, in 2015 with the Lady Mary Fairfax Distinguished Researcher Award, and in 2017 with 4 distinguished awards: South West Sydney Research Hub annual prize, UNSW in the South West Distinguished Research Prize, the South Western Sydney Local Health District Translational Research Award, and the South Western Sydney Local Health District Board Award, and the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS) Quality Improvement Award 2018 in Healthcare Measurement.

Prof Girgis has published more than 350 peer-reviewed papers, abstracts and book chapters, and contributed to several clinical practice guidelines. She is committed to training and mentoring students, junior researchers and clinician researchers; and to undertake research that has a direct impact on cancer patients and their caregivers.



Mrs Melissa Tinsley is currently the Manager for Clinical Information and Decision Support at the NSW Agency for Clinical Innovation.

Mel Tinsley leads a diverse team who have key roles and functions to support large systems transformation. Ensuring a range of patient, clinical, process and outcome data are developed and implemented in a co-design approach to ensure we are supporting a value based healthcare system and importantly improving the health outcomes and experiences of care for people across NSW. Key to the success of the program areas is adopting and supporting e-enabled solutions to improve outcomes and experiences of care for patients.

Prior to this, Mel Tinsley has held a number of management roles within NSW Health she has worked at a state health level focusing on improving the outcomes and experiences of patients and staff at the Agency for Clinical Innovation and the Clinical Excellence Commission. She has also had extensive experience in nursing, starting as an enrolled nurse and later progressing to education where she focused on neuroscience nursing and finally, yet importantly, becoming a Clinical Nurse Consultant specialising in the area of Stroke, an area she is still very passionate about.

An exciting component of Mel Tinsley's current role is leading the implementation of the Patient Reported Measures program, inclusive of the PRM IT solution – Health Outcomes and Patient Experience (HOPE). This program is proudly breaking new ground and leading the way for many aspects locally and internationally when it comes to Patient Reported Measures & implementation of e-enabled solutions.



Mrs Sandra Leon is the Project Manager for the Cancer Institute NSW's Patient Reported Measures Project.

In this position, Mrs Leon is involved in the scoping, development, technical integration and implementation of a state-wide cancer patient-reported measures system.

Mrs Leon has extensive experience in both nursing and information technology as a result of positions in primary and secondary care across private, public, federal and state, as well as multiple IT roles through 12 years with IBM.

For further details on the Conference **'Using Patient-Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs) in Research and Clinical Practice'**, and educational workshops, visit the [PROMS2020 info page](#), or [register here](#).

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