Presenters

Professor Martha Hickey
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Professor Martha Hickey is Clinical Psychologist and Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Melbourne and holds Adjunct positions at Harvard University and the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Australia. She is an NHMRC Practitioner Fellow. In her clinical practice she runs the Menopause and Menopause after Cancer services at The Royal Women’s Hospital, Melbourne

Professor Hickey is an experienced clinician researcher in reproductive endocrinology. Her main areas of interest are abnormal uterine bleeding, contraception and menopause. In the field of menopause she runs a large clinical service, offering unique multidisciplinary care for women with menopausal symptoms following a cancer diagnosis. She is a member of the World Health Organisation Human Reproduction Program Research Review Panel and an Editor for the Cochrane Menstrual Disorders and Subfertility Group.

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Brindha is a clinical psychologist at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre and Royal Melbourne Hospital. She completed her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology at Monash University in 2014. As part of her research work, she has published papers regarding the psychosocial experience and quality of life of patients undergoing treatment for various cancers. Her interest in psycho-oncology is also reflected in her clinical work as a psychologist. She is particularly interested in providing therapeutic interventions to patients and their families as they navigate the cancer experience, from diagnosis through to treatment and rehabilitation.
Dr Francine Marques

Dr Francine Marques is a National Heart Foundation Future Leader Fellow at the Baker Heart and Diabetes Institute. In 2015, the roles reversed and she became the patient, being diagnosed with stage 3 ovarian cancer at the age of 31. As a medical researcher, she is a strong supporter of research to give hope to patients. She has been cancer free now for 2 years, and shares well-being and beauty tips for chemo patients in her blog and Facebook page called Chemo and Beauty.