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Love in the time of cancer:
Self-esteem, intimacy,
sexuality after an ovarian
cancer diagnosis

Presenters



Dr Haryana Dhillon

Dr Haryana Dhillon (BSc MA PhD) is a Senior Research Fellow in the School of Psychology at the University of Sydney. She is the Director of the Centre for Medical Psychology and Evidence-based decision-making, and co-leads the Survivorship Research Group within that Centre. Haryana is the on the Clinical Oncology Society of Australia Board, and former Chair of the Survivorship group of COSA. She is Deputy Chair of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Psycho-Oncology Cooperative Research Group, a member of the Scientific Advisory Committees of the Australasian Lung Trials Group and the Australia New Zealand Urogenitary Trials Group.

Her research interests primarily in the area of psycho-oncology, cancer survivorship, and health literacy. She led the development and piloting of Rekindle, an online psycho-educational intervention for cancer survivors and/or their partners.

In this webinar Dr Dhillon talks about the role of sexual communication, navigating changed or new sexual practices, and how to access support.



Ms Nadia Abbaddo

Ms Nadia Abbaddo is a 36 year old single woman who was diagnosed with stage 2 ovarian cancer in 2010. In this webinar, Nadia talks about her experience of navigating the illness and the challenges she has faced along the way, including loss of identity, independence, self-esteem, relationships and fertility. She will share how she faces these challenges and continues to move forward with her life.



Ms Maureen Winship

Ms Maureen Winship is a 62 year old lady who was diagnosed with stage 3 ovarian cancer in 2010 at the age of 54. In this webinar she shares her story and the challenges she has faced around relationships, body image and self-esteem since her diagnosis.