

## Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of "**Across the Continuum**" - the monthly newsletter of the Southern Cancer Network (SCN), distributed to all stakeholders across the South Island cancer services continuum of care, as we collectively work towards the goals of the NZ Cancer Control Strategy and Action Plan 2005-2010.

The SCN was established in August 2007 and is one of four regional cancer networks that have been set up in New Zealand (Northern, Central, Midland and Southern) to work with cancer continuum of care stakeholders to facilitate a number of initiatives in the Cancer Control Strategy and Action Plan 2005-2010.

## Our Role



The Southern Cancer Network will bring together stakeholders from across the South Island cancer continuum of care, and provide leadership, facilitation and coordination roles with respect to achieving the initiatives and goals of the Cancer Control Strategy.

**Our focus is to work collaboratively across the cancer continuum of care in order to:**

- REDUCE THE IMPACT AND INCIDENCE OF CANCER
- REDUCE INEQUALITIES WITH RESPECT TO CANCER
- IMPROVE THE PATIENT JOURNEY

## DHB Linkages



The Southern Cancer Network encompasses the six South Island District Health Boards (Nelson Marlborough, Canterbury, South Canterbury, West Coast, Southland and Otago) and has a mandate to strongly influence the direction of cancer service provision in the South Island region, consistent with the Cancer Control Strategy Action plan.

## The Power of a Network

Through the SCN, we seek to facilitate communication across the South Island cancer continuum of care so that we can collectively plan and fund cancer services to maximise resources and improve the patient journey.

**Bringing people together across the cancer continuum of care...**

- PREVENTION
- SCREENING AND DETECTION
- DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT
- PALLIATIVE CARE
- SUPPORT SERVICES
- RESEARCH
- PLANNING AND FUNDING

# Introducing the Network Management Team

The structure of the SCN is gaining traction and the Management Team is now established.



Barbara Lloyd	Dr Sharon Kletchko	Dr Bernie Fitzharris	Dr Shaun Costello	Pauline Boereboom
Southern Cancer Network Manager (SISSAL)	Lead GM Planning and Funding (NMDHB)	Clinical Director Canterbury Cancer Centre	Clinical Director Otago Cancer Centre	Administration Support (SISSAL)

## Who's Who?

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**Barbara Lloyd, Network Manager** will provide managerial leadership facilitation and coordination in a partnership model to meet the strategic goals objectives of the SCN and Cancer Control strategy. Barbara was appointed SCN Manager on 1 February 08 after two years at the South Island Shared Service Agency Limited (SISSAL) as Team Leader of the Personal Health Team. Prior to this Barbara was the South Island Service Manager for a home based support company in Christchurch.  
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**Dr Sharon Kletchko, Lead General Manager** will act as a champion for the SCN, supporting processes to enable key resourcing decisions and acting as an interface between the SCN and the DHB General Managers of Planning and Funding. Sharon is the General Manager Planning and Funding at Nelson Marlborough DHB.  
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**Pauline Boereboom, Administration Support** joined the Southern Cancer Network in February 08. Originally from the UK, Pauline has a background in small business support, accounting and administration and is based with Barbara in the SISSAL offices.  
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**The Project Manager** – *To commence 29 April* will lead projects for the SCN, particularly in addressing inequalities.  
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**The Clinical Directors (Bernie and Shaun)** will provide clinical leadership in a partnership model to meet the strategic goals and objectives of the SCN.  
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**Dr Bernie Fitzharris** has been a medical Oncologist at Christchurch Hospital since 1981 and is presently the Chair of Oncology, Haematology and Palliative Care. He trained in Christchurch and completed his training at The Royal Marsden Hospital in London where he was awarded a Royal Marsden Research Fellowship. He has been a Senior Lecturer for the University of Otago at Christchurch Hospital and is currently the convenor of the University of Otago undergraduate teaching programme in oncology, a visiting Oncologist for Timaru Hospital and a Clinical Reader for the University.  
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**Dr Shaun Costello** trained at the Royal Free Hospital and did his Clinical Oncology training in Glasgow. He spent his Senior Registrar year in Christchurch Hospital and was appointed as Consultant in Oncology at Dunedin Hospital in 1992. Shaun was involved in developing and directing the National Stereotactic Radiosurgery Service and later worked in Ontario Canada as Medical Director for the new cancer centre In Grand River. He returned to Dunedin late 2003 to work in the Oncology Service and as Director of Medical Services for Healthcare Otago. Shaun is a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of both Glasgow and London.  
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## Key Stakeholder Group

A Key Network Stakeholder Group is to be established and will consist of key persons involved in the provision of South Island Cancer Services as well as consumer, Maori and Pacific Island representatives.

The purpose of this group will be to bring the perspectives of providers across the continuum to the SCN table, as well as ensuring that consumer and Maori and Pacific Island voices are heard in relation to planning and decision making at the regional level, as we work towards implementing the initiatives of the Cancer Control Strategy and Action Plan.

## Nominations

Nominations for representatives to participate in the key stakeholder group will be invited from across the cancer continuum.

The first meeting is being planned for June 2008. For further information and to register your interest, contact Barbara Lloyd, Network Manager  
barbara.lloyd@sissal.govt.nz or call 03 372 3036.

## Reading

The attached fact sheet on Reducing Inequalities provides a more detailed overview of the plan being developed to tackle cancer inequalities in New Zealand.



## What's Happening at Your End?

The Southern Cancer Network is keen to profile your service and the work that you are doing, as we bring together stakeholders from across the South Island cancer continuum of care.

Send us your news, photos, success stories or profiles for inclusion in this newsletter to Barbara Lloyd, barbara.lloyd@sissal.govt.nz

## Aligning Local DHB Cancer Plans

A workshop with the six DHB Cancer Service representatives is planned for 20 May 2008 to share progress against the local cancer plans; find commonalities across the DHB District Annual Plans; and to consider which activities would benefit from a regional approach across the South Island.

## Adolescents and Young Adults Oncology

The SCN is facilitating a regular forum for the Adolescents and Young Adults Oncology Services which will bring together key stakeholders to share knowledge and advice. This will be led by Dr Bridget Robinson and will be held on 22 May 2008 in Christchurch at Charles Luney House. Contact Pauline Boereboom for more information on 03 372 3016.

## Relevant links:

Further information on Regional Cancer Networks can be accessed on  
[www.cancercontrolcouncil.govt.nz](http://www.cancercontrolcouncil.govt.nz)  
[www.sissal.govt.nz](http://www.sissal.govt.nz)  
[www.moh.govt.nz](http://www.moh.govt.nz)

## You've Got Mail!

Please feel free to share this newsletter with team members and other interested parties. If you wish to be removed from the mail list, or know someone who would like to be added, please email: pauline.boereboom@cdhb.govt.nz with details.



# Southern Cancer Network

## Key Stakeholders

An indicative list of the Southern Cancer Network's key stakeholders from across the South Island cancer continuum of care, and other national organisations and groups working in support of improving the patient journey.

### Consumers

Consumer Organisations

Cancer Control Council

Ministry of Health

Regional Cancer Networks

Canteen

Child Cancer Society

Cancer Society

Non Government Organisations

Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

Canterbury District Health Board

South Canterbury District Health Board

Otago District Health Board

Southland District Health Board

West Coast District Health Board

DHB Planning and Funding Arms

DHB Provider Arms

Christchurch Regional Cancer Centre

Southern Blood and Cancer Service

Adolescents/Young Adults Oncology Services

Women's Gynaecology Oncology Services

Diagnostic Services (Radiology, Laboratory)

### Primary Health Organisations

General Practitioners

Community Nurses

Public Health Units

Healthy Eating Healthy Action Networks

Smokefree Support Services

National Screening Unit

Breast Screen Aotearoa

National Cervical Screening Programme

Maori Health Services

Pacific Island Health Services

Residential Care and Support Services

Palliative Care Providers

South Island Hospices

Research Institutions

Professional Groups



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