

Caring for cancer carers in primary care

When:

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Time:

Presentation 6—7 pm

Where:

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**Being a cancer carer is known to
adversely affect the health of people
who find themselves in this role.**

Carers tend to overlook their own health concerns for the patient's sake, while health professionals tend to focus on the needs of the cancer patient. This often leaves carers in a state of unintentional neglect. The primary care setting is an ideal but under-used setting for proactively and systematically managing carers' own health concerns. This presentation will outline how an idea was developed and tested to overcome these challenges, and some of the findings to date.

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Letitia is a Social Scientist with a background in clinical nursing. She obtained a Bachelor of Nursing (Hons) from University of New England, Armidale in 1994, and graduated from The University of Queensland with a Master of Public Health in 1999. Since then, Letitia has worked at the University of Queensland and Queensland University of Technology in a range of research projects focusing on cancer, palliative care, and chronic disease management. Letitia is a PhD Candidate in the School of Population Health at The University of Queensland. Her area of interest is family carers of people with cancer, and she is currently working in the Discipline of General Practice

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