

10th National Psycho-Social Oncology (PONZ) Conference

Theme: **Shaking up Psychology Oncology Practice, Practicalities and Possibilities**

When: **18 and 19 November 2011**

Where: **Novotel Hotel, Hamilton (relocated from Christchurch)**

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Introducing our keynote speakers...



JAMES BRENNAN

James qualified at the Institute of Psychiatry in 1981 and after ten years working in the mental health sector in London, moved to Bristol. There he started the clinical psychology service at the Bristol Haematology and Oncology Centre where he has worked as a consultant for the last 19 years. In 1996 he established the Cancer Information and Support Centre in the main entrance of the hospital. It was the first cancer information centre in the UK to be staffed entirely by ex-patients and carers. He has written a number of patient information booklets used across the UK and made several films for people with cancer. In 1996 he also founded what became the British Psychological Society (BPS)

Special Interest Group in Oncology and Palliative Care (SIGOPAC) and was its chairman for three years. In 2001 he published a widely cited paper which outlines the Social-Cognitive Transition model of adjustment to cancer. This was followed in 2004 by his book 'Cancer in Context - A practical guide to supportive care' (Oxford University Press), on which he collaborated with medical sociologist Clare Moynihan, and which has since been reprinted four times. For six years he was a senior lecturer on the Bristol Doctorate in Clinical Psychology, responsible for their special remit to teach clinical health psychology. He currently works part time at Bristol's St Peter's Hospice and continues as Honorary Senior Lecturer in Palliative Medicine at the University of Bristol where he teaches medical students and doctors training for MScs in palliative medicine and in oncology. For the past few years he has sat on the Clinical Advisory Board of the Macmillan Cancer Support. In 2009 James was given the BPS Karen Ehler Award for outstanding contributions to clinical health psychology. He is married with three teenage children.



DR PAM MCGRATH

Dr Pam McGrath, B.Soc.Wk., MA., Ph D, is a National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Senior Research Fellow at Griffith University who established and is the Director of the International Program for Psycho-Social Health Research (IPP-SHR). Her research examines psycho-social issues in relation to serious illness including work in haematology/oncology, mental health, bioethics, paediatrics, palliative care, regional and rural health, spirituality, and Indigenous health. Dr McGrath has written five books, over one hundred and sixty five peer-reviewed articles. She views research as an important instrument for translating insights about the human experience of serious illness into programs for health care service delivery and health policy development.