

2023 Cancer Achievement Award Recipient Announced

Professor Georgina Long AO, Co-Medical Director of Melanoma Institute Australia (MIA), and Chair of Melanoma Medical Oncology and Translational Research at MIA and Royal North Shore Hospital, The University of Sydney has been awarded the Medical Oncology Group of Australia - Novartis Oncology Cancer Achievement Award 2023, in recognition of her outstanding contribution to medical oncology in Australia.

Professor Long is an internationally renowned Medical Oncologist who has led research in the field of melanoma nationally and internationally and is ranked the world's top melanoma expert in all fields and disciplines.

Professor Long has pioneered critical developments and can be directly credited with changing the landscape of treatment of melanoma to a point where 5-year survival is now over 50% and has also been at the forefront of trials of neoadjuvant therapy in melanoma which is likely to establish a new standard-of-care in stage III melanoma. Professor Long's research into immunotherapy and targeted therapy have been some of the most heavily cited publications and contributed to a shift in the standard of care and improved survival for many cancers.

Professor Long's contribution to melanoma management is equally recognised internationally through board, committee and steering group memberships, awards, invited publications, and plenary presentations; including Past President of the international Society for Melanoma Research (2018-2020), member and Chair of the ASCO (2015-2017) and ESMO (2017-2020) Scientific Committee for Melanoma/Skin cancer.

Professor Long's career is distinguished by a high-impact and practice-changing research output, tireless patient advocacy, exemplary leadership skills, teaching and mentoring. Appointments to the position of Co-Medical Director at the Melanoma Institute Australia (MIA) and Chair of Melanoma Medical Oncology and Translational Research at MIA, Royal North Shore Hospital and the University of Sydney is the culmination of an extraordinary career.

Professor Long has supported the future of Medical Oncology by inspiring multiple medical students, junior doctors, trainees and junior consultants alike through role modelling and structure to pursue research and clinical excellence. She has been a strong advocate for women in medicine and leadership initiative, and for patient advocacy, orchestrating multiple policy developments, notably policy change to prevent melanoma and improve access to care and therapeutics.

The Award will be presented at the MOGA 2023 Annual Scientific Meeting on Thursday 3 August at Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, followed by a presentation by Professor Long.

Medical Oncology Group of Australia congratulates Professor Long as the recipient of the Medical Oncology Group of Australia - Novartis Oncology Cancer Achievement Award 2023.