

Behavioural Sciences Unit (BSU) update

The BSU was established in 2001 by A/P Richard Cohn. Our core members include: Richard Cohn, Claire Wakefield, Catharine Fleming, Ursula Sansom-Daly, Leigh Kurth, Sarah Ellis, Jordana McLoone, Jennifer Cohen, Emma Doolan, James Goodman, Helen Wilson, Sanaa Mathur and Brittany McGill. We look after research studies that cover all the psycho-social and nutritional aspects of the paediatric cancer journey, from diagnosis to survivorship and bereavement.

Welcome! to new members of our team...

Sanaa Mathur, our new research assistant, who is working full-time with us on our psychosocial studies.



Brittany McGill, our new clinical psychologist working with us on our **'Recapture Life and Cascade'** studies.



Conference update...

Australian New Zealand Children's Haematology and Oncology Group (ANZCHOG) 2013-Melbourne

The BSU team had a very strong representation this year at ANZCHOG with Claire Wakefield, Jordana McLoone and Ursula Sansom-Daly all presenting their work. Students Leigh Kurth and Nadia Evans also presented posters on bereavement and diagnostic delay.



Papers published.....

Wakefield, C.E., Drew, D., Ellis, S.J., Doolan, E.L., McLoone, J. K., Cohn, R. J. **Grandparents of children with cancer: A controlled study of distress, support and barriers to care.** Accepted by *Psycho-Oncology*, 3rd May 2013.

Wakefield, C.E., McLoone, J. K., Evans, N., Cohn, R. J. "It's more than dollars and cents": **The long term impact of childhood cancer on parents' occupational and financial health.** Accepted by *Psycho-Oncology*, 23rd April 2013.

Currently recruiting....

Assessment of taste and smell function in patients who have recently finished treatment for childhood cancer:



This study assesses taste and smell function in patients 5-17 years old who have recently finished treatment. For further information, please contact Catharine Fleming on (02) 9382 3114.

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Cascade (Cope, Adapt, and Survive after Cancer):

We will be running the Cascade program for parents of young cancer survivors (aged under 15, who have finished treatment in the last 5 years). If you would like to participate, please contact Claire Wakefield, c.wakefield@unsw.edu.au (02) 9382 3113.

Developing gold standard care for long term survivors of childhood cancer:

This study will help us improve the services provided at the long term follow-up clinic. It investigates the needs, preferences, and barriers to care among survivors. If you would like to participate, please contact Jordana McLoone on (02) 9382 3114 or Jordana.McLoone@unsw.edu.au.



'Eating and Nutrition intervention' post childhood cancer treatment:

This is a new parent and child-targeted, diet and feeding behaviour program for children who have recently completed cancer treatment. The program will start running in June 2013. For further information, please contact Catharine Fleming on (02) 9382 3114

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