



SARAH EVERITT – 2019 VARIAN AWARD RECIPIENT

Associate Professor Sarah Everitt has played a significant role in advancing radiation therapy/oncology practice over a number of years in a variety of different domains. Sarah's research interest is in Lung cancer, PET/CT imaging, toxicity assessment and prediction. Sarah's PhD through Monash University (awarded in 2010) revolutionised the use of PET-CT radiotherapy treatment planning for lung cancer, at a time when multi-modality imaging was very much in its infancy in clinical practice.

Sarah has published in excess of 55 peer reviewed manuscripts, dating back to 2005, to most recently, early 2020. Her publications in high impact, local and international peer-reviewed journals have seen PET-CT instituted as the gold standard for tumour delineation. Sarah's work has significantly contributed to the management of these patients globally and provided further insight into a malignancy with a typically poor prognosis. Sarah has delivered multiple proffered and invited presentations locally, nationally and internationally at a vast range of multidisciplinary forums.

Sarah has academic appointments at the University of Melbourne (Clinical Associate Professor) and Monash University (Research Associate) and has played a critical role in raising the profile of RT both in an academic sense, as one of the early RT recipients of a PhD, and professionally, through leading projects and collaborations that were routinely led by other craft groups.

Sarah has been awarded the 2009 Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre Post Grad Research Medal - an outstanding achievement from a highly prestigious, academic hospital such as Peter Mac. Sarah has also been the recipient of a National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and Victorian Cancer Agency (VCA) funded project investigating biologically individualised treatment for lung cancer, and more specifically, looking at the impact of imaging in on-treatment response assessment, and post-radiotherapy prognostication, to ensure optimal patient outcomes with respect to tumour control and toxicity reduction.

More recently, Sarah has been the recipient of another VCA National Association for Health Care Recruitment (NAHCR) Fellowship (2018-2022)- investigating the role of novel breast imaging to support tumour characterisation, therapy optimisation and tumour response monitoring. Very much in its infancy, this extremely novel work has the potential to transform the multidisciplinary approach to breast cancer management.

Sarah has demonstrated positive and effective working behaviours as a member and leader of the multidisciplinary team for a number of years. Sarah has a long history of leading multidisciplinary projects, supporting students and colleagues to undertake research at both a micro and macro level, and remaining inclusive to ensure the profile of radiation therapists blossoms within the ever-complex multidisciplinary environment.

Whilst Sarah has demonstrated that she is a high performing leader in the clinical research space, Sarah's passion for the wider health care community and the patients that we serve, is unwavering.

Sarah's commitment to holistic care for the patient, embodies the core principles of radiation therapy to ensure the very best outcomes are achievable for our patients.

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