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2021 COLORECTAL CANCER AND BLEEDING WEBINAR

Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer in both men and women in Australia, with a higher incidence in those over 50 years. Four leading specialists will share their expertise on the disease from general practice to advances in surgery. We will also hear the importance of the role of diagnosis, management and surveillance.

Our Guest Speakers:

Moderators:



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Filipopoulos



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Dr Maria Raftopoulos
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Dr Peter Tagkalidis
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ZOOM WEBINAR

Dr Maria Raftopoulos

MBBS, FRACGP

"I'm bleeding from my bottom" - information for the public from a GP perspective

Dr Maria Raftopoulos is a general practitioner currently working at Alphington Medical Centre. She is a medical graduate from University of Melbourne, obtaining her degree in 1995. She completed her general practice training with RACGP, obtaining fellowship in year 2000. Her main areas of interest include women's health, mental health, paediatrics, geriatrics and Greek migrant health overall. She is a second generation Greek Australian, both her parents from the island of Ithaca. She looks forward to working with the HMSA to promote unification and collaboration of medical practitioners of Hellenic descent and philhellenic colleagues.



The evolving role of colonoscopy in colorectal cancer

Dr Peter Tagkalidis completed his gastroenterology training at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. He undertook a PhD in inflammatory bowel disease through the University of Melbourne. He then completed an advanced endoscopy fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic, Ohio. On his return from overseas, he established the endoscopic ultrasound services at the Royal Melbourne and Alfred hospitals. He now works as tertiary interventional endoscopist in the public (RMH, Alfred, Western hospitals) and private (Epworth, Melbourne Private) health system.

Dr Peter Tagkalidis

MBBS, BA, PhD, FRACP



Mr Kostas Syrrakos

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Advances in surgery in colorectal cancer and outcomes

Kostas is a General, Laparoscopic & Robotic Surgeon and Endoscopist, and a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. He undertook his surgical training at the Alfred Hospital and Eastern Health, as well as extensive post-fellowship training overseas, and is a leading robotic General Surgeon in Victoria.

Kostas is committed to the use of minimally invasive and cutting-edge surgical techniques, and providing surgical care of the highest quality to his patients.

Areas of expertise include:

- Advanced robotic and laparoscopic surgical management of small bowel and colorectal diseases (cancer, diverticular disease), as well as advanced management of perianal conditions and minimally invasive management of haemorrhoids (expert in the HAL-RAR technique);
- Advanced robotic and laparoscopic hernia repair, divarication of recti repair/ abdominal wall reconstruction;
- Advanced laparoscopic management of gallbladder and biliary disease.

Kostas operates privately at Mulgrave Private, Peninsula Private, Knox Private and Holmesglen Private, and has a public appointment at Bass Coast Health.

Colorectal Cancer "The Good, The Bad and The Ugly"

Dr George Iatropoulos is a Medical Oncologist currently working at Austin Health/ Olivia Newton-John Cancer Centre, Waringal and Waverley Private Hospitals.

He completed training in the UK in tertiary academic centres such as Guy's and St Thomas' and Queen Elizabeth Hospital. On moving to Australia, he undertook a 2-year post-specialty fellowship at Austin Health on gastrointestinal and breast cancers.

George has extensive clinical trial experience in Australia and overseas. He also holds an MSc degree in Cancer Biology. He has a special interest in gastrointestinal cancer research, and he is completing a PhD in the field, at La Trobe University. He enjoys engaging with the Greek-Australian community and promoting cancer awareness.

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