

Professor Sanchia Aranda

Prof. Sanchia Aranda is the Head of Nursing at the University of Melbourne and the Director of Cancer Nursing Research at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre. She has worked in cancer and palliative care since 1979, predominantly in research and teaching roles since 1989. Prof. Aranda's research interests focus on the development of an evidence base to enhance supportive care outcomes for people affected by cancer. She has conducted several randomized controlled trials of novel nursing and supportive care interventions which have been implemented successfully in clinical settings. She has received in excess of AUD4.5 million in competitive research funding and a further AUD6.5 million in development funding. Recently, Prof. Aranda undertook an AUD3.5 million Government funded project with Prof. Patsy Yates to develop a framework for cancer nursing education and the production of readily accessible learning materials. Prof. Aranda is the Immediate Past President of the International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care (2006-2010). She is on the Advisory Council for Cancer Australia, a member of the Victorian Cancer Action Plan Implementation Committee, Chair of the National Centre for Gynaecological Cancers, a board member of International Union Against Cancer (UICC) and was elected as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing in 2009.