FUNDING AWARDED TO SYDNEY CANCER RESEARCH CENTRE

New study to commence on cancer survivors & chronic fatigue

The National Centre for Cancer Survivorship (NCCS) at the University of NSW in Sydney has been awarded a funding grant for research to improve the quality of life of Australian cancer survivors.

The NCCS has been awarded more than $155,000 to research fatigue states including Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and Post-Cancer Fatigue, a common struggle for many cancer survivors.

Dr. Ben Barry of the NCCS said the funding boost would be used to investigate how to manage both medically unexplained fatigue and fatigue experienced by patients who survive cancer.

“Almost one million Australians are cancer survivors, so this research into Post-Cancer Fatigue and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS) has the potential to help many people living with ongoing fatigue whether it be medically unexplained or as a result of the after-effects of cancer and cancer treatment,” Dr Barry said.

“The funding will be used in two ways; to investigate how to better manage energy levels in patient suffering from ongoing fatigue and to develop an online education course to teach the medical community how to better manage various fatigue conditions.

The funding grant was recently awarded by The Mason Foundation National Medical Program.

“We are so thankful to The Mason Foundation for granting us the funding and allowing this important work into improving the lives of those suffering from severe ongoing fatigue to continue,” Dr Barry said.

“While it’s comforting to know that four out of five children, and two out of three adults who are diagnosed with cancer will survive long term, life after cancer presents its own unique set of health challenges. This makes our research more important than ever, and we hope it can make a difference in the lives of cancer survivors and all those living with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome,” he said.

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