

# International Women's Day 2023

ST Medical Director Paula Fenwick knew from a young age in South Africa that a career in science beckoned. But there were no scientists in her family and her parents were initially reluctant to let her attend university. Her godmother stepped in and helped her blaze a trail that has taken her around the world and allowed her to mentor other young women seeking a STEM career. To mark #IWD23, Paula reflects on her career journey.

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Born and raised in cities throughout North India, 28-year-old Prakriti Langer arrived in Australia five years ago to pursue a Masters in Biotechnology. After graduating, "I knew I wanted to gain global exposure. I chose Australia, which is a thriving hub for life sciences."

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## Meet the Specialist: Dr Toh Chee Keong

Low-dose thoracic CT screening of chronic and former smokers aged over 50 would help to detect early lung cancers and save lives, according to Singapore lung cancer expert Dr Toh Chee Keong. The leading oncologist says he would like to see a subsidised program for early detection – much like the mammogram screening program for breast cancer.

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# **When ‘one in a million’ is not uncommon: Dr Jason Chan discusses rare cancers in Singapore**

Rare cancers in Singapore are not so rare, according to medical oncologist Dr Jason Chan, who specialises in treating patients with less common oncologic variations. He says up to 7000 Singapore cancer patients are diagnosed every year with one of about 200 rare cancer variations - which means there are fewer treatment options and scarce information.

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## **Meet the Singapore Specialist: Medical Oncologist Dr Lynette Ngo**

While 1 in 13 women Singaporean women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime - the highest incidence in South-East Asia - senior oncologist Dr Lynette Ngo wants her patients to know that five-year survival rates “are better than they have ever been”, even for those with advanced cancers.

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# Meet the Singapore Specialist: Medical Oncologist Dr Tan Yew Oo

He was one of Singapore's first medical oncologists and now in his late seventies, Dr Tan Yew Oo is one of the oldest practising oncologists, seeing cancer patients daily and striving to make a difference.

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## World Cancer Day 2022



Rare Cancers Australia CEO Richard Vines discusses affordable access to specialist medicines. [Click for more.](#)

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# **Skylark - WA oncologist Dr Andrew Dean shares his passion for aviation**

As a young boy, Andrew Dean was fascinated with aeroplanes. But the son of Liverpool publicans quickly realised that flying lessons were a lofty pursuit his family probably could not afford. It was many years later, after training first as a palliative care and internal medicine physician that the medical oncologist decided his sky-high ambition was finally within reach.

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## **Professor John Zalcborg reacts to the QINLOCK® (riporetinib) PBS listing**

ST is delighted to announce that our therapy QINLOCK® (riporetinib) was reimbursed for eligible Australian GIST patients from December 1 2021. International GIST expert Professor John Zalcborg reacts to the listing. Click for more.

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## **Renee's GIST Experience**



Melbourne mother of two Renee Van Beelan was diagnosed with GIST (Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumours) almost five years ago. Her baby daughter was just eight weeks old and the devastated new mother did not know what the future held. New therapies provide hope for the future. Click on the video above to hear Renee speak about her life changing diagnosis.