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The MAUCa Project: Multi-Attribute Utility measures for Cancer clinical trials

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When: Friday 7th October, 2011
3:30pm – 4:30pm

Where: Level 5 Training Room, Medical Foundation Building
92-94 Parramatta Road, Camperdown

Biography
Professor Madeleine King is the Cancer Australia Chair in Cancer Quality of Life. She is a health researcher whose experience ranges across biostatistics, psychometrics and health economics. Her main research interest is the measurement, analysis and interpretation of health-related quality of life and other patient reported-outcomes. Madeleine is a former President of the International Society for Quality of Life Research.

Dr Dan Costa is the MAUCa Project Officer. He has a PhD in Experimental Psychology and a developing portfolio of post-doctoral collaborations as a psychometrician.

Abstract
The MAUCa Consortium was formed in 2010 with the overarching aim of facilitating the inclusion of HRQL information in health policy decisions about funding new treatments for cancer by developing two cancer-specific multi-attribute utility instruments (MAUI) from the two most widely used cancer-specific health-related quality of life measures, the QLQ-C30 and the FACT-G. Hence ‘MAUCa’: Multi-Attribute Utility in Cancer. The Consortium has an international multidisciplinary membership of 18 health economists, oncologists, psychologists, behavioural scientists, psychometricians and biostatisticians from Australia, UK, Europe, Canada and USA.

In this presentation, Prof Madeleine King (founding Chair of the MAUCa Consortium) and Dr Daniel Costa (MAUCa Project Officer) will outline the aims, methods and preliminary results of Stage 1 of the QLQ component of MAUCa, which is funded by an NHMRC Project Grant 2010-2012.