Breast Surgery

In collaboration with Breast Surgeons of Australia and New Zealand Inc. (BreastSurgANZ), for the first time in Australasia, Sydney Medical School is launching a vocational degree in breast oncology and oncoplastic surgery.

The degree is designed and delivered by leading Australian and New Zealand clinicians and academics, with contributions from key international experts. The degree is delivered largely online in a flexible format with online lectures and podcasts, surgical videos and other educational resources supplemented by webinars. It is anticipated that OSCE examination assessments will be used. It is designed to compliment the Level 1 and 2 Oncoplastic Breast Surgery practical courses run by BreastSurgANZ.

The course will provide breast surgeons with the latest in-depth knowledge of breast oncology and breast surgical and oncoplastic techniques. It will compliment post-fellowship training (PFT) offered by BreastSurgANZ. It is suitable for Fellows in training and practising breast surgeons.

The Graduate Certificate consists of 4 units of study and is only available for part-time study. The course can also be undertaken at Master level with the addition of core and elective units of study.

The course will enable you to:

- refine your clinical judgement in choosing surgical options for your patients
- prepare you for the subtle complexities of contemporary multidisciplinary breast cancer care
- expand your knowledge and introduce you to areas in need of research
- introduce you to a network of peers and senior colleagues nationally and internationally
- enable you to stand out from your peers
- complement BreastSurgANZ requirements for PFT

Graduate Certificate 24 credit points
Master 48 credit points
Admission to Graduate Certificate of Surgery or Master of Surgery (Breast Surgery)

This course is designed for Fellows of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in General Surgery or equivalent, who are training or have completed training, in breast surgery. It is expected that this course or equivalent will become a standard part of post-fellowship training in breast surgery. Depending on level of experience, established breast surgeons may choose to undertake some or all of the stream specific units and this can be negotiated on an individual basis. Some units of study can also be undertaken as a short course.

### Compulsory units

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### Optional elective units include

- Introductory Biostatistics: 6
- Bioethics, Law and Society: 6
- Qualitative Health Research: 6
- Clinical Research Development and Practice: 6
- Leadership in Medicine: 6
- Quality and Safety in Health Care: 6
- Translating Best Practice into Care: 6
- Other units of study from the Master of Surgery: 6

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**Associate Professor Sanjay Warrier:** is a breast surgeon at the Royal Prince Alfred Institute of Academic Surgery, Sydney Medical School, University of Sydney, Chris O’Brien Lifehouse and The Mater Hospital. Sanjay is a VMO at BreastScreen NSW, is a member of the ANZBCTG and is on the executive committee of BreastSurgANZ. Sanjay is passionate about patient care, teaching and research and he is the current Chairman of Post-Fellowship Training for BreastSurgANZ. He has presented at national and international conferences.