Head and neck cancer describes a range of cancers that occur in the throat (pharynx and larynx), nose, sinuses and mouth. This year, around 630 Western Australians will be diagnosed with some form of head and neck cancer. In recent years, evidence has been accumulating that implicates HPV as an important carcinogen in a subset of head and neck cancers (oral cavity and oropharyngeal squamous cell cancers). Studies show that about 60–70% of cancers of the oropharynx may be linked to HPV. Many head and neck cancers can also be attributed to lifestyle factors (including smoking, excess alcohol consumption, poor diet and excess sun exposure); therefore altering these behaviours can play a role in reducing the number of head and neck cancers diagnosed.

This free seminar will provide an update for general practice on the prevention and early detection of head and neck cancers, as well as an overview of treatment options and the ongoing needs of patients.

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**To register:** Registrations are essential.

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Learning outcomes
At the end of this session, participants should be able to:

- Provide an overview of head and neck cancers
- Summarise key changes to the demographics of head and neck cancer in Australia
- Identify important risk factors for head and neck cancer
- Summarise treatment options for head and neck cancers
- Describe the management of side effects of treatment
- Identify the psychosocial impacts of head and neck cancers, and the support services available to patients
- Summarise the role of the Cancer Nurse Coordinator

*Please note these learning outcomes are subject to change

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The Bendat Parent & Community Centre
36 Dodd Street, WEMBLEY

Parking options
Free on site and on street parking is available on Dodd St.

Directions
If you’re travelling by car and heading South on the Mitchell Freeway, exit at Hutton St and continue south down Frobisher St/Harborne St.

If you’re heading North on the Mitchell Freeway, take the Powis St Exit to the left.

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