

News Bite

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Fellowship Funded

Dr Nicholas Zdenkowski is a Calvary Mater Newcastle Clinical Research Fellow in the Department of Medical Oncology where he completed his training in 2012.

Nick was successful in obtaining a Clinical Research Fellowship as part of a Hunter New England Local Health District and University of Newcastle collaboration. The partnership provides funding so clinicians are able to spend a substantial proportion of their time on research, as well as continuing their active clinical work.

Nick's research is a three year project looking at optimising the use of neoadjuvant (pre-surgical) chemotherapy and endocrine therapy for operable breast cancer. This will allow Nick to complete his PhD and integrate clinical research into standard medical care, ensuring best evidence is translated into best practice.

During his training at the hospital, Nick completed a Clinical Diploma of Palliative Care and has since completed a Graduate Diploma in Clinical Epidemiology.

He worked for three years as a research Fellow with the Australia and New Zealand Breast Cancer Trials Group, working on a program of local, national and international breast cancer research.

As well as his busy work/study schedule, Nick has three young children, is renovating his house, and in his spare time bakes sourdough bread and rides his mountain bike.



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