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Professor Michael Friedlander honoured with the Medical Oncology Group of Australia-Novartis Oncology Cancer Achievement Award

The Medical Oncology Group of Australia (MOGA) is pleased to announce that Professor Michael Friedlander, Director of the Department of Medical Oncology at Sydney's Prince of Wales Hospital, has been awarded the Medical Oncology Group of Australia-Novartis Oncology Cancer Achievement Award 2007. Since 1999 this Award has been presented to a scientist, clinician or health care professional that has made an outstanding contribution to the control of cancer in Australia.

Associate Professor Bogda Koczwara, MOGA Chair states, "Australia leads the way in many areas of internal medicine, including our professional specialization of Medical Oncology. This Award honours the outstanding contribution that Professor Michael Friedlander has and continues to make to clinical academic leadership. His career is distinguished by an extensive research and publication record that includes acting as an advisor to Government and places on the editorial boards of two international gynaecological cancer journals. Professor Friedlander's first major contribution to Oncology was as a PhD when he pioneered the use of DNA analysis as a prognostic factor in human tumours. He subsequently became an international leader in gynaecological oncology, establishing the Australasian Trials Group and in 2004 was elected President of the International Gynaecological Cancer Society. Professor Friedlander has also developed an interest in hereditary cancer and assisted in establishing one of the NSW hereditary cancer services. An active clinician with a busy full-time practice, Professor Friedlander has displayed a holistic approach to cancer throughout his career, encouraging psychosocial research and, has most recently been addressing the needs of premenopausal women with breast cancer."

The Cancer Achievement Award 2007 will be formally presented to Professor Friedlander as part of the Annual Scientific Meeting of MOGA in Melbourne on Friday 3 August. On this occasion Professor Friedlander will deliver a special presentation on aspects of his work.

MOGA is the peak professional body representing Medical Oncologists in Australia and a Special Society of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians as well as the Clinical Oncological Society of Australia. Medical oncology is a sub-specialty of internal medicine devoted to the investigation, diagnosis and management of people with cancer including preventative and palliative medicine.

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