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# Biologically Targeted Radiotherapy: utilising imaging biomarkers to characterise tumour heterogeneity for precision radiation therapy

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Prof Annette Haworth. Institute of Medical Physics, School of Physics, University of Sydney, NSW Intra-tumoral heterogeneity is largely ignored in radiation therapy (RT) treatment planning. Imaging biomarkers derived from quantitative MRI (qMRI) enable voxel-wise mapping of biological characteristics, providing an opportunity to

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**Speaker: Annette Haworth**



**Prof Haworth is the Director of the Institute of Medical Physics at the University of Sydney** and the course coordinator for the medical physics postgraduate program. She has more than 25 years experience as a clinical medical physicist having previously worked at the Peter MacCallum

Cancer Centre in Melbourne Australia before moving to Sydney in 2016.

Annette's research interests have focused on novel approaches to brachytherapy and radiotherapy treatments, in particular using quantitative imaging for biological optimization of treatment planning and treatment response.

**Abstract:**

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