

***Dr Gillian Mitchell***

Dr Gillian Mitchell is a practicing clinical oncologist and the Director of the Familial Cancer Centre at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre in Melbourne. She has both clinical and research commitments

**Clinical role:** At the FCC I assess and manage people at high risk of developing cancer, women with breast cancer who are using the family risk information to help them chose the most appropriate cancer treatment. I also treat breast cancer using both chemotherapy and radiotherapy at the Peter Mac's East Melbourne and Box Hill breast oncology clinics

**Research role:** My research focus is to find better ways of identifying people at familial risk of cancer and to target cancer screening and treatments more effectively using the genetic information. In both of these roles it is essential that genetic testing is widely available and I see that there will be an even greater demand for genetic testing to help direct the most appropriate cancer treatment for individual patients as we continue to discover the genetic basis of cancer over the coming years.