

Angelina Mercuri and Alison Brown – RT makeup artists



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Angelina Mercuri and Alison Brown completed their training as radiation therapists in 2005. They met while undertaking their internships at the Austin Radiation Oncology Centre. Although they only worked together for a year, with Alison moving to Radiation Oncology Victoria in 2006, and Angelina remaining at the Austin until she moved to Peter MacCallum this year, a strong friendship was forged.

One of the many hobbies they have shared is their interest in makeup application and techniques. In 2008, they decided to take this interest more seriously, with both completing a short course in fashion and wedding makeup at Swinburne University. As the name suggests, the focus of this course was on special occasion makeup, and was specifically targeted for those interested in becoming freelance makeup artists.

In January 2009 they launched 'aaglamourlooks', a small business/hobby specialising in wedding and special occasion makeup artistry. Through the creation of a website

(www.aaglamourlooks.com), business cards and through recommendations, they have worked together as mobile makeup artists for a variety of events, weddings, engagements, formals and debutantes.

They say that, in their makeup work, clients are often surprised by their scientific background, and their radiation therapy occupation. On several occasions, they have come across people who have been touched by cancer and who find it comfortable to relate their experiences and personal journeys to them. They have directly seen the benefits of programmes such as *Look Good Feel Better* in the workplace, and have even been involved in the wedding/special occasion preparations of fellow colleagues.

Whilst Angelina and Alison enjoy their work in makeup, their true passion remains in their careers as radiation therapists, with both continuing to work fulltime and undertaking their makeup activities in their spare time. They find it a great work-life balance.

IGRT School Sydney, Australia

COURSE DATES 2010

11–12 June

3–4 September

26–27 November

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We are very pleased to announce that the Radiation Oncology Department at Royal North Shore Hospital (RNSH) has become the first in the Southern Hemisphere to be formally accredited as a Varian teaching centre. The RNSH Oncology Department joins a group of centres around the world, including centres in The UK, Europe and China to receive such accreditation.

RNSH is offering an IGRT Course designed for Varian Clinac and OBI/CBCT users. In particular the school is designed for Radiation Therapists, Physicists and Radiation Oncologists who are involved in the clinical implementation of Image Guided Radiation Therapy.

The course content is intended to provide lecture and training that will ensure an efficient, optimum use of IGRT for patient care. The course will provide clinical application in theory and practice focussing on clinical cases that demonstrate the benefits of using IGRT for a patient's treatment. Specific topics include IGRT Clinical Rationale; Clinical workflow using Varian systems; using OBI 2D/2D imaging; using OBI – CBCT and OBI quality assurance. The school will provide practical hands-on training using the latest versions/models of Varian Clinac®, OBI, Eclipse TPS and ARIA Oncology Information System.

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