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Penelope is a highly regarded health professional with a Social Work background, who has worked in health services as a clinician and manager both locally and internationally. A passionate advocate of person centred care, Penelope is committed to ensuring that people are supported in accessing and having their healthcare needs met. Prior to taking up the role with in the Olivia Newton-John Cancer, Wellness and Research Centre Penelope lead the development of the State-wide Lymphoedema Service at Mercy Health in Victoria which was considered to be a leading best practice service. Penelope has held positions in the Australasian Lymphology Association including President, advocating for the delivery of improved services for people with lymphoedema, in particular, those experiencing this chronic condition following cancer treatment.

The opportunity to work at the ONJ Centre to lead a Wellness and Supportive Care Program has been an exciting experience, particularly being a strong advocate of the concept and power of the Wellness philosophy. Since taking on the responsibility for the program, the focus has been on growing the supportive care for patients and their families and striving for a truly integrated approach to cancer care within the ONJ Centre. Oncology Massage Therapy is a valued program within the Centre by clinicians and patients and Penelope has a strong commitment to continuing to build this service in the future.