

Cancer Council Australia

Cancer Council Australia's key public policy priorities over the past three months include increasing participation rates in Australia's National Bowel Screening Program, along with a range of other public health, clinical and supportive care issues.

A highlight of Cancer Council's guidelines work (see below) over the period was its submission to the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) of new draft guidelines for the prevention, early detection and management of colorectal cancer. The project involved a systematic review, which included 77,596 published papers across all clinical questions. Notably, draft recommendations in the population screening chapter included promoting increased participation in the current age cohort (50-74) as the most cost-effective way to increase program benefits compared with extending the age range at either end.

In clinical and supportive care policy, and of particular relevance to this edition of *Cancer Forum*, Cancer Council is increasingly focused on the relationship between out-of-pocket patient costs, psychosocial distress, variations in clinical outcomes and overall inequity. Cancer Council is undertaking a survey of health professionals as part of a scoping exercise to better understand how financial distress impacts on clinical and consumer decisions and observed levels of distress in patients.

Cancer Council is also promoting greater prioritisation of health systems research, including in relation to current policy activity, such as the Senate inquiry into research for poor-survival cancers and the NHMRC reform agenda. In February, Cancer Council established a new principal Health Services Advisory Committee to provide independent advice on these and other clinical policy matters.

Since the last issue of *Cancer Forum*, Cancer Council has responded to the following consultations, including jointly with the Clinical Oncology Society of Australia on clinical matters:

- Australian Government Department of the Environment and Energy Ministerial Forum on Vehicle Emissions - Discussion Paper 'Better fuel for cleaner air', March 2017
- Commonwealth Department of Health consultation on the draft National Health Genomics Framework, March 2017
- Senate Select Committee inquiry into funding for research into cancers with low survival rates, March 2017
- Therapeutic Goods Administration consultation on proposed process and post-market requirements for provisional approval pathway for prescription medicines, May 2017
- Australian Government Department of the Health - Social and Cultural Determinants of Indigenous Health Consultation, May 2017.

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Clinical Guidelines Network

Cancer Council aims to produce concise, clinically relevant and up-to-date electronic clinical practice guidelines for health professionals, accessible on its wiki platform at wiki.cancer.org.au. For more information, or to be added to the mailing list for notification of guidelines open for public consultation or guidelines launches, please email guidelines@cancer.org.au.

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Cancer Council Australia guidelines

Guidelines in development

Guideline	Status
Clinical practice guidelines for the prevention, diagnosis and management of lung cancer	Public consultation for second set of prevention and diagnosis draft content is open from 3 July to 30 July 2017. The third set of systematic reviews and draft content development is in progress.
Clinical practice guidelines for the diagnosis and management of melanoma	Public consultation for second set of draft content was held Jan/Feb and content is being finalised. Email guidelines@cancer.org.au to be notified when the final content is published. Further systematic reviews are in progress and the third set of draft content will be made available later this year.
Clinical practice guidelines for the prevention, early detection and management of colorectal cancer	The guidelines were open for public consultation from 10 March to 8 April 2017. Feedback from the public and NHMRC has been considered and the guidelines will be tabled for principal NHMRC committee comment/approval in mid-July.
Clinical practice guidelines for surveillance colonoscopy	Guidelines revision commissioned by Department of Health and systematic review updates are underway.
Basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma (and related lesions) – a guide to clinical management in Australia	Guidelines revision commissioned by Department of Health.

Published guidelines

Guideline	Last updated
National Cervical Screening Program: Guidelines for the management of screen detected abnormalities, screening in specific populations and investigation of abnormal vaginal bleeding	Launched in March to prepare for the transition to the renewed National Cervical Screening Program in December 2017.
Clinical practice guidelines for PSA testing and management of test-detected prostate cancer	August 2015
Clinical practice guidelines for the diagnosis and management of Barrett's oesophagus and early oesophageal adenocarcinoma	September 2014
Clinical practice guidelines for the treatment of lung cancer	December 2012 (update in progress)

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Management of apparent early stage endometrial cancer	March 2012
Clinical practice guidelines for surveillance colonoscopy	December 2011 (update in progress)
Clinical practice guidelines for the management of adult onset sarcoma	February 2015
Clinical practice guidelines for the management of locally advanced and metastatic prostate cancer	April 2010

Clinical Oncology Society of Australia guidelines

Guidelines in development

Guideline	Status
Guidelines for the safe prescribing, dispensing and administration of systemic cancer therapy	Public consultation was held 29 May to 23 June and content is being finalised.

Published guidelines

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Clinical practice guidelines for tele-oncology	December 2015
Diagnosis and management of gastroenteropancreatic neuroendocrine tumours guidance	August 2012
Evidence-based practice guidelines for the nutritional management of adult patients with head and neck cancer	August 2013
Early detection of cancer in AYAs	May 2012
AYA cancer fertility preservation	September 2012
Psychosocial management of AYA cancer patients	June 2012

Other guidelines

Guideline	Last updated
Cancer pain management	August 2013