What

The VCCC Alliance and Barwon Health are piloting a state-wide supra-network PEN-TEST Multidisciplinary Meeting (MDM) to discuss cases of rare and less common cancers such as penile cancer and testicular cancer.

Why

Rare and less common cancers account for approximately 25% of all cancer diagnoses and are often associated with low survival rates. Cancer diagnosis may be delayed due to the complexity and rarity of the cancer. Disease biology may be more aggressive and there may be little quality evidence to guide the treatment of cancer subtypes or limited lines of therapy for people with advanced disease.

People with rare and less common cancers are:

* More likely to receive subsequent cancer treatment at a different location from where their initial treatment was provided.
* More likely needing to travel for a second opinion review.
* More likely needing to travel for specialist care.

The PEN-TEST MDM aims to improve outcomes for people with penile or testicular cancer by:

• Facilitating multidisciplinary discussions with experts in penile and testicular cancer.

• Providing a second opinion for complex cases.

• Increasing awareness of and access to clinical trials, including registry-based

trials.

• Supporting local clinicians and local care where appropriate.

• Reducing the travel and cost burden for people from regional Victoria.

When

The first PEN-TEST MDM is scheduled for Monday 15 January 2024, from 4-5pm (held online).

Eleven fortnightly meetings are scheduled for the pilot period, which ends on 30 June 2024.

Who

**Co-chairs**

**Mr Benjamin Thomas**
Urological Surgeon

Monash Partners Comprehensive Cancer Consortium (MPCCC), Peninsula Health, Royal Melbourne Hospital

**Dr David Campbell**

Medical Oncologist

Barwon Health

Referrals

The PEN-TEST MDM uses the QOOL-Vic MDM software program to receive referrals, document the meeting, and manage patient information securely.

If already registered in QOOL-Vic:

* Log in and select ‘PEN-TEST Rare Cancer MDM’ in My Services (email Barwon Health or QOOL-Vic if ‘PEN-TEST Rare Cancer MDM’ doesn’t appear in the drop-down list).
* Enter patient referral information.
* Upload the completed consent form and imaging and histopathology reports.

If **not** registered in QOOL-Vic:

* Complete the attached QOOL-Vic User Access Agreement and email it to Barwon Health.
* Register in QOOL-Vic (see QOOL-Vic Instructions for Registering).
* Complete the steps listed above.

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