

Victorian cancer plan 2024-2028

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Priority 1: Consumers engaged as partners

Do you want to give feedback on Priority 1: Consumers engaged as partners?

Required

Yes

No

Question 1: Do you agree or disagree that a priority for the Victorian cancer plan 2024-2028 should be 'Consumers engaged as partners: Victoria's cancer pathway is designed to meet the diverse and intersecting needs of people affected by cancer, families, carers and communities?'

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Question 2: Do you agree or disagree that the following opportunities to engage consumers as partners should be included in the Victorian cancer plan 2024-2028?

An opportunity is a broad theme that has a good chance for improving the priority.

Improve how consumers understand and reduce their risk of cancer and navigate the cancer pathway to access equitable care and have their unique needs met.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Improve access to cancer services and care for priority population groups by taking an intersectionality approach.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Improve the ability of the cancer system to hear consumer voices to inform their own care, and act on service delivery and system design.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Question 3: Do you agree or disagree that the following actions to engage consumers as partners should be included in the Victorian cancer plan 2024-2028?

An action is a detailed activity that can be done to achieve the opportunities.

Monitor and assess consumers' experiences of care in a culturally safe way and embed findings into care to improve service delivery and system design.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Improve and promote the delivery of health information to people affected by cancer, their families and their carers so they can access, understand and act on it when they are ready.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Improve understanding of the importance of supportive care across a consumer's journey, including building on early work (e.g. social return on investment) of the value of supportive care across a patient's journey.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Identify and act on specific priorities for age-related populations, for example paediatric, adolescent and young adult, and older people.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Support implementation of the Aboriginal Cancer Journey Strategy.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Identify and act on specific priority population groups

For example: age-related populations (paediatric, adolescent and young adult, and older people); LGBTIQ+ people; people with disability.

- Agree
- Disagree

Unsure

To deliver integrated care, consumers continue to inform the design (health service operations, quality improvement and research) across the cancer pathway, including for all priority populations identified.

Agree

Disagree

Unsure

Embed and spread lessons about effective communication skills for all health providers delivering cancer care to ensure they are effectively listening and responding to the needs of consumers and partner with consumers.

Agree

Disagree

Unsure

Consumers have options in how they access cancer services, whether it's in person or through telehealth.

Agree

Disagree

Unsure

Implement the Partnering in healthcare framework to improve partnering with consumers to achieve better outcomes.

Agree

Disagree

Unsure

Question 4: Please add any comments about this priority, the opportunities and the actions.

Limit to 150 words - Please do not include any personal information in your responses that may identify you or another individual.

The term 'partner' is ambiguous. Define what effective partnership means to benefit cancer care delivery, e.g., partners in health for shared decision-making, or advisory and advocacy roles.

Opportunities to improve consumer-centred care:

- formalise channels to improve translation and accessibility of patient information between different areas of the health system
- ensure continued support for telehealth services
- ensure funding for mobile cancer screening services
- increase access to genetic testing services
- consider mental health during all stages of cancer care
- deliver standardised care whilst still recognising and addressing individual patient needs.

Activities, systems, structures to improve consumer engagement:

- increase utilisation of consumers in the design, development and running of consumer-centred care strategies and projects
- increase consumer advocacy at all levels of cancer pathways
- establish a Victorian peak cancer consumer body to bring the expertise of a lived experience to strategy and policy (VCCC Alliance ideally placed to play a role)
- provide education and mentoring for consumers to help bridge the gap between new and experienced consumer advocates.

Priority 2: Access across the cancer pathway (for integrated care)

Do you want to give feedback on Priority 2: Access across the cancer pathway (for integrated care)? Required

Yes

No

Question 5: Do you agree or disagree that a priority for the Victorian cancer plan 2024-2028 should be Access across the cancer pathway (for integrated care): Victorians have timely access to high-quality and high-impact prevention, early detection, treatment, clinical trials and support services.

Agreed

Disagree

Unsure

Question 6: Do you agree or disagree that the following opportunities to improve access across the cancer pathway (for integrated care) should be included in the Victorian cancer plan 2024-2028?

An opportunity is a broad theme that has a good chance for improving the priority.

Reduce unwanted variation in care and outcomes across the cancer care pathway.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Provide care closer to home across the cancer pathway where safe to do so, enabled by clear referral pathways between providers.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Contribute to system design for wellbeing, and health system reform directions, to ensure optimal health and wellbeing outcomes.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Question 7: Do you agree or disagree that the following actions to improve access across the cancer pathway (for integrated care) should be included in the Victorian cancer plan 2024-2028?

An action is a detailed activity that can be done to achieve the opportunities.

Increase efforts to reduce the proportion of Victorians diagnosed with potentially preventable cancers.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Ensure equitable access to screening and diagnostic services for priority populations.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Increased use of risk stratification for timely access to screening services for people with a higher risk of cancer.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Improve planning and access to supportive care, palliative care and end-of-life care to best deliver on person-centred care, taking into account the role of carers and families, cultural, life-course and other population criteria.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Provide services and models of care that are person-centred (including culturally safe and competent) to respond to diverse needs.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Facilitate equitable access to clinical trials to address disparities across priority groups

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Support use of the Cancer Service Capability Framework to ensure safety and quality in cancer service delivery.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Support development and implementation of the National Lung Cancer Screening Program.

- Agree
- Disagree

Unsure

Support implementation of the Victorian Aboriginal Cancer Journey Strategy.

Agree

Disagree

Unsure

Support implementation of the Victorian Aboriginal Health, Medical and Wellbeing Research Accord.

Agree

Disagree

Unsure

Improve communication about and awareness of financial implications of care across the cancer pathway, including accommodation and travel costs.

Agree

Disagree

Unsure

Upskill health professionals in rural and regional areas to ensure a skilled workforce where they are needed most.

Agree

Disagree

Unsure

Support Victoria's regional cancer centres to deliver quality and accessible care closer to home.

Agree

Disagree

Unsure

Create environments that enable people to eat well and be active across the lifespan, in places where people learn, live, work and play.

Agree

Disagree

Unsure

Continue to focus on survivorship care including shared care models with primary health and other models of care that improve access to survivorship care.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Question 8: Please add any comments about this priority, the opportunities and the actions.

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Additional considerations include:

- increase investment in community health services for prevention and screening program (current system assumes people come to the health service leading to inequity of access)
- ensure medical records are linked to optimise and streamline coordinated care
- provision of hub and spoke models of coordinated care between major metropolitan hospitals and regional cancer services
- improve the effectiveness of telehealth usage, e.g., stratification of appropriateness (follow up versus delivery of a cancer diagnosis appointments)
- awareness of the non-linear nature of the 'cancer pathway'; delayed diagnoses, recurrence, and metastases may require people to move in and out of the 'pathway'.

Priority 3: Workforce

Do you want to give feedback on Priority 3: Workforce? Required

- Yes
- No

Question 9: Do you agree or disagree that a priority for the Victorian cancer plan 2024-2028 should be Workforce: Victoria's health workforce is supported to deliver world leading cancer control, services and care

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Question 10: Do you agree or disagree that the following opportunities to support and enhance the workforce should be included in the Victorian cancer plan 2024-2028?

An opportunity is broad theme that has a good chance for improving the priority.

Contribute to the workforce elements of train, recruit and retain to ensure safe, quality care in a person-centred health system.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Leverage new service models to better use skills and experience to enable care.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Question 11: Do you agree or disagree that the following actions to support and enhance the workforce should be included in the Victorian cancer plan 2024-2028?

An action is a detailed activity that can be done to achieve the opportunities.

Strengthen the knowledge and competence of the primary and community care workforce, including allied health professionals, around cancer prevention, early detection and care.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Support health professionals to systematically screen people and improve early diagnosis of cancers.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Create a learning environment for health professionals to analyse and discuss evidence to improve and standardise care.

- Agree
- Disagree

Unsure

Strengthen referral pathways to specialist care, including familial cancer centres for inheritable cancers.

Agree

Disagree

Unsure

Improve workforce knowledge, skills and involvement in providing routine survivorship care across cancer care systems, including enabling consumers to engage in their care as a partner.

Agree

Disagree

Unsure

Expand end-of-life care and palliative care skills and advance care planning education across the cancer workforce.

Agree

Disagree

Unsure

Support the cancer research and clinical trial workforces to leverage Commonwealth and industry funding, including increasing the number of PhD-trained clinician researchers across the cancer pathway.

Agree

Disagree

Unsure

Pilot models of care that deliver effective multidisciplinary care - for example, through refined use of telehealth, and nurse or allied health-led models of care across the care pathway including pre- and post-treatment phases.

Agree

Disagree

Unsure

Explore opportunities for expanded scope of practice in primary care to support prevention and early detection efforts (e.g. the role of nurses).

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Assess and support the workforce and system requirements to deliver lung cancer screening across the cancer pathway.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Explore opportunities to leverage the prevention and population health workforce in local public health units.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Explore training and upskilling of bi-lingual health professionals and other care givers to support multicultural communities.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Question 12: Please add any comments about this priority, the opportunities and the actions.

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Additional considerations include:

- ensure workforce equipped to implement risk stratification for 1) prevention and screening, and 2) treatment options
- support workforce to place more emphasis on personalised cancer care, including 1) treatment (over treatment or de-escalation), 2) shared decision making on treatment options, and 3) access to novel therapies, genomic testing, and clinical trials
- develop alternative workforce models that utilise community health, workforce reallocation, consumer peer support and personal care support workers
- ensure workforce is supported to address complex care needs of all priority populations through resources that can be embedded into 'business as usual'
- innovate and improve systems and operating environments to enable the workforce to provide equitable access to treatment and care

Priority 4: Intelligence, data and technology

Do you want to give feedback on Priority 4: Intelligence, data and technology

Required

- Yes
- No

Question 13: Do you agree or disagree that a priority for the Victorian cancer plan 2024-2028 should be Intelligence: Improve data and intelligence capabilities, and leverage existing assets, technology and research to strengthen the cancer pathway

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Question 14: Do you agree or disagree that the following opportunities to enhance the effective use of data and analysis, system and service models, and technology and research should be included in the Victorian cancer plan 2024-2028?

An opportunity is broad theme that has a good chance for improving the priority.

Ensure better (relevant and timely) access to data.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Improve linked datasets and the sector's capability to respectfully and safely handle data to meet current and future needs.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Support translational research and/or quality improvement initiatives that enable equitable and timely access to novel therapies and technologies.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Question 15: Do you agree or disagree that the following actions to enhance the effective use of data and analysis, system and service models, and technology and research should be included in the Victorian cancer plan 2024-2028?

An action is a detailed activity that can be done to achieve the opportunities.

Improve access and use of primary health care data to strengthen, for example, planning and evaluation of early detection and cancer supportive care.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Promote the use of dashboards to ensure easier access to timely and validated data such as the Statewide Cancer Indicator Platform (hosted by the Department of Health).

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Improve access to datasets that align with strategic priorities.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unreal

Further evolve monitoring and evaluation frameworks and tools to ensure active monitoring of cancer screening and control efforts

For example: The Victorian cancer plan monitoring and evaluation framework; The Victorian cancer screening framework; The Victorian Cancer Patient Experience Survey.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Advocate for better quality and consistency of patient experience and demographic data to be collected and used to support research, planning, service delivery and decision-making, such as data on sex and gender, Aboriginal status, disability status and cultural and linguistic diversity.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Ensure all relevant data collections are linked and available for analysis (e.g. incorporating a systemic anti-cancer therapy [SACT] minimum dataset, Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and other primary care data).

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Address barriers to equitable access of novel therapies.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Facilitate state-wide cancer research collaboration through shared resources, platforms and research infrastructure, data facilitation and partnerships.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Support implementation of gender equity policies in cancer research.

- Agree

Disagree

Unsure

Support the priority actions in the Victorian Aboriginal Cancer Journey Strategy that focus on achieving equitable access to treatment, therapies and clinical trials.

Agree

Disagree

Unsure

Support implementation of the Victorian Aboriginal Health, Medical and Wellbeing Research Accord to facilitate culturally safe and ethical Aboriginal research.

Agree

Disagree

Unsure

Question 16: Please add any comments about this priority, the opportunities and the actions.

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Additional opportunities and actions include:

- utilise data (intelligence) to understand the barriers to equitable access
- implement solutions (technologies) to address inequities and improve prevention and survivorship care
- increase investment to improve quality, quantity and classification of health service data collection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and culturally and linguistically diverse populations
- link state and national datasets to combine health and socioeconomic indicators for research into inequities in outcomes
- ensure data is accessible and optimised for use in research
- ensure research funded by the Department of Health to support the next Victorian Cancer Plan does not require payment for utilising Victorian Government managed datasets (current cost recovery model expensive)

Last question...

Question 17: Please include any additional comments you would like to make for the development of the Victorian cancer plan 2024-2028. This may include

other priorities that should be in the cancer plan and/or how to ensure equity of cancer outcomes for individuals and communities.

Limit to 200 words - Please do not include any personal information in your responses that may identify you or another individual.

The VCCC Alliance believes there is an important fifth priority to add – Research and Clinical Trials. It is vital to leverage and optimise the opportunities presented by Victoria’s strength in medical research. With the rapid acceleration of novel diagnostic modalities and new treatments, investing in research across the translational and clinical spectrum, and embedding clinical trials as standard of care for all Victorians, offers a key opportunity to transform outcomes.

We welcome the key focus on consumers, equity, workforce and data, which all have strong alignment with our current and future strategic direction and priorities. Goals and targets do not appear to have been a focus of the consultation process – we feel that a review of the short-term goals is warranted, and are well placed to offer support to review and develop, having recently focused on the development of an investment logic map to inform our Strategic Business Case 2024-28.

Further clarity and detail regarding the implementation of the VCP would be welcomed to ensure synergies and collaboration opportunities can be capitalised. Regarding timing and priorities, the VCP is well aligned with the implementation of the newly launched Australian Cancer Plan and this is critical.

As the first Australian Comprehensive Cancer Centre alliance, the VCCC Alliance is strongly positioned to assist in delivering both the state and national cancer plans.

Tell us about you

You are not required to respond to any of the following questions. You can submit your survey response without disclosing any personal information.

Role (select all that apply)

- Consumer (includes people, families, carers and communities who are current or potential users of health and cancer services)
- Advocate
- Medical Professional
- Nurse
- Aboriginal Health Worker or Liaison Officer
- Allied health provider
- Palliative care provider
- Pathology provider
- Pharmacy provider

- Health service/clinic/program administrator
- Research or tertiary education sector
- Health promotion
- Policy / Strategy / Commissioning
- Peak body or professional association
- Other, please specify below

Other, please specify

The Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre Alliance

Position title

Professor Grant McArthur, Executive Director

Age (respondents to choose from selections below)

- Under 18 years
- 18-25 years
- 26-40 years
- 41-55 years
- 56-70
- 71+ years
- Prefer not to say

General location (respondents to choose from selections below)

- Major metropolitan city
- Major regional city
- Regional Victoria
- Rural Victoria

What is your gender?

- Woman
- Man
- Non-binary
- Prefer to self-describe (see below)

Prefer not to say

Do you identify as LGBTIQ+?

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

Are you Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

Do you speak a language other than English at home?

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

Do you have a disability that impacts your ability to access cancer services?

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

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