



## Victorian Tumour Summits: fact sheet

### **What are tumour summits?**

Tumour summits are clinician led forums to identify unwarranted variations in tumour based clinical practice and cancer outcomes that could be addressed through state-wide action.

At each summit clinicians are asked to review data on cancer treatment planning and delivery across Victorian public and private health services and agree 1-2 short-term priorities for collective action.

This work will be supported by the local Integrated Cancer Services through engagement with their cancer multidisciplinary teams.

The Oesophagogastric Tumour Summit is fifth in a series of tumour specific events.

### **Summit format**

Each summit follows a format of:

- *Data presentation* – showcasing multidisciplinary clinical practice, performance and clinical outcomes across the state
- *Facilitated group discussion* – identifying important variations in care and outcomes
- *Agreement on priority areas for improvement* - explicit agreement on where variation or gaps exist and which ones are the most important to address from clinicians' point of view, in the short-term of one-to-two years.

Optimal Care Pathways and relevant tumour specific evidence based guidelines are used to describe the required standard of care. Data analyses prepared for the summits are documented sufficiently to ensure that further validation of gaps can be undertaken at ICS and health service levels.

### **Who is organising the summits?**

This is an initiative of the Victorian Integrated Cancer Services delivered in collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services - Cancer Strategy and Development section (DHHS-CSD) and Cancer Council Victoria - Clinical Network (CCV-CN).

Multidisciplinary tumour stream specific working parties are formed to guide the planning of each summit, oversee data analysis and presentation and guide the refinement of recommendations. The summit recommendations may include a list of areas for improvement prioritised at the summit, a suggested course of action and monitoring of progress.

After the summit, the tumour stream working party members are asked to continue their involvement as clinical champions in driving post summit action. Smaller, task focused working parties may be formed to undertake specific pieces of agreed work.

Each summit will be supported by a team comprising a project manager and administration officer employed via Integrated Cancer Service directorates and a data analyst based at the DHHS-CSD.

For more information on summits please check [this link](#) or contact [Amy Sutherland](#), Project Officer 9496 3213 (Mon-Wed).