

Pancreatic Tumour Summit

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 treatment planning and delivery across Victorian public and private health services and agree on priorities for improvement. The [Optimal Cancer Care Pathways](#) (OCPs) as well as relevant clinical guidelines are used to describe the standard of care. The Pancreatic Tumour Summit is the sixth in a series of tumour specific events held since 2014.



[Pancreatic cancer OCP](#)

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
- **Agree on priorities for improvement** - explicit agreement on where variation or gaps exist and which ones are the most important to address from clinicians' perspective, in the short term of 1-2 years

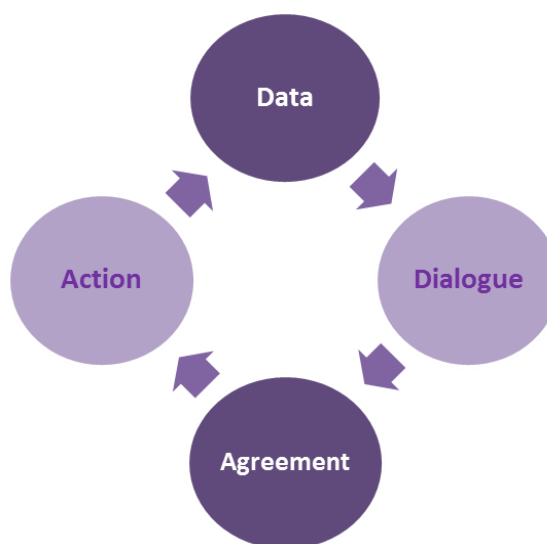


Multidisciplinary clinicians agree on priorities for state-wide improvement

Who is organising the summit?

This is an initiative of the Victorian Integrated Cancer Services (ICS) delivered in collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services - Cancer Strategy and Development unit (DHHS-CSD) and Cancer Council Victoria's - 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 prioritised for improvement, as well as agreed indicators or measurements for monitoring progress.



What happens after the summit?

After the summit, the 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 guide specific pieces of work undertaken through the OCP implementation program.

The OCP implementation program supports Victorian public health services to provide consistent, high quality care as described in the OCP. Data analyses prepared for the summits are documented so that further validation of gaps can be undertaken at the ICS and health service levels. DHHS-CSD oversees the program and ICS are responsible for resourcing service improvement.

Each summit is supported by a team comprising project management, administration and data analysis.

For more information on summits [visit the website](#) or contact [Amy Sutherland](#) 9496 3213