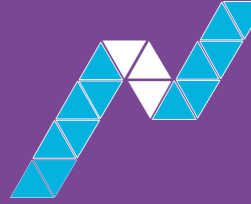


Pancreatic Summit Newsletter

October 2017



Pancreatic Cancer Summit
Friday 24th November 9am-1pm
RACV Club Melbourne
[Register your interest to attend](#)

What are Victorian Tumour Summits?

Victorian 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. This program facilitates state-wide dialogue about the pathways of care and is one of the strategies to support consistent implementation of Optimal Care Pathways.

What are the Optimal Care Pathways?

The Optimal Care Pathways detail key principles and recommendations for optimal care at critical points in the cancer continuum, from prevention and identification through to survivorship or end-of-life care. The pathways describe current best practice, based on clinical guidelines, consensus statements, care pathways, standards and evidence to support optimal care at each stage.



[Pancreatic cancer OCP](#)

Who is involved in the pancreatic summit?

A clinical working party, co-chaired by Prof Christopher Christophi and Mr Charles Pilgrim, was convened to guide the summit planning, oversee data analysis and refine recommendations after the summit.

Clinical representatives from health services within each ICS are invited to attend. Organisations with a stake in improving pancreatic cancer care outcomes and experience of care will also be represented at the event.

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

What data will be presented?

The working party has identified key points of enquiry for data analysis:

- **Outcomes** including incidence, mortality, and survival compared across Victoria.
- **Treatment patterns** for patients with pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma, including utilisation of treatment.
- **Hospital volumes of surgery** of major pancreatic resections across Victoria.

Data sources

Victorian Cancer Registry (VCR)

Hospital in-patient data (VAED)

Radiotherapy data (VRMDS)

What does this mean for you?

Clinician participation in the summit is critical. At the summit, participants will have the opportunity to:

- **Review data** on multi-disciplinary clinical practice and outcomes across the state.
- **Identify variations** in care that are unwarranted and important to address.
- **Agree on state-wide priority areas** through facilitated group discussion.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The Victorian Cancer Registry tells us that **5 year survival for pancreatic cancer is 6%**
[Source: Cancer in Victoria Statistics and Trends 2015](#)

What happens after the summit?

The priorities from the summit will be used to inform implementation of the Pancreatic Optimal Care Pathway overseen by DHHS - CSD. This program supports Victorian public health services to provide consistent, high quality care as described in the Optimal Care Pathway.

Ongoing clinical engagement in addressing priority variations under this program is supported by local Integrated Cancer Services.

We are building a Victorian Tumour Summits community to share examples of improvement efforts and keep up with the progress of post-summit activities.

Have a question? Contact [Amy Sutherland](#) 9496 3213