

Victorian cancer policy towards optimal care

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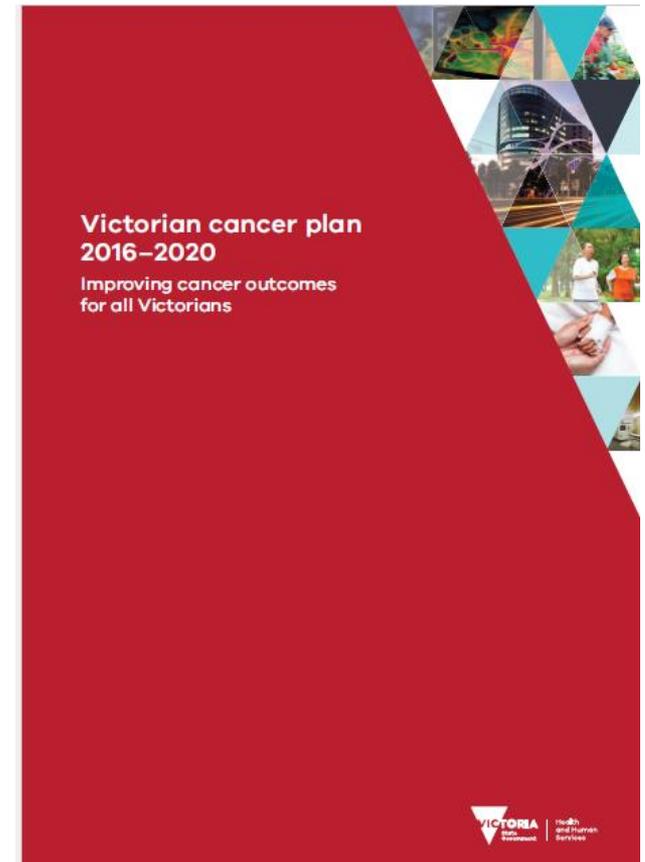
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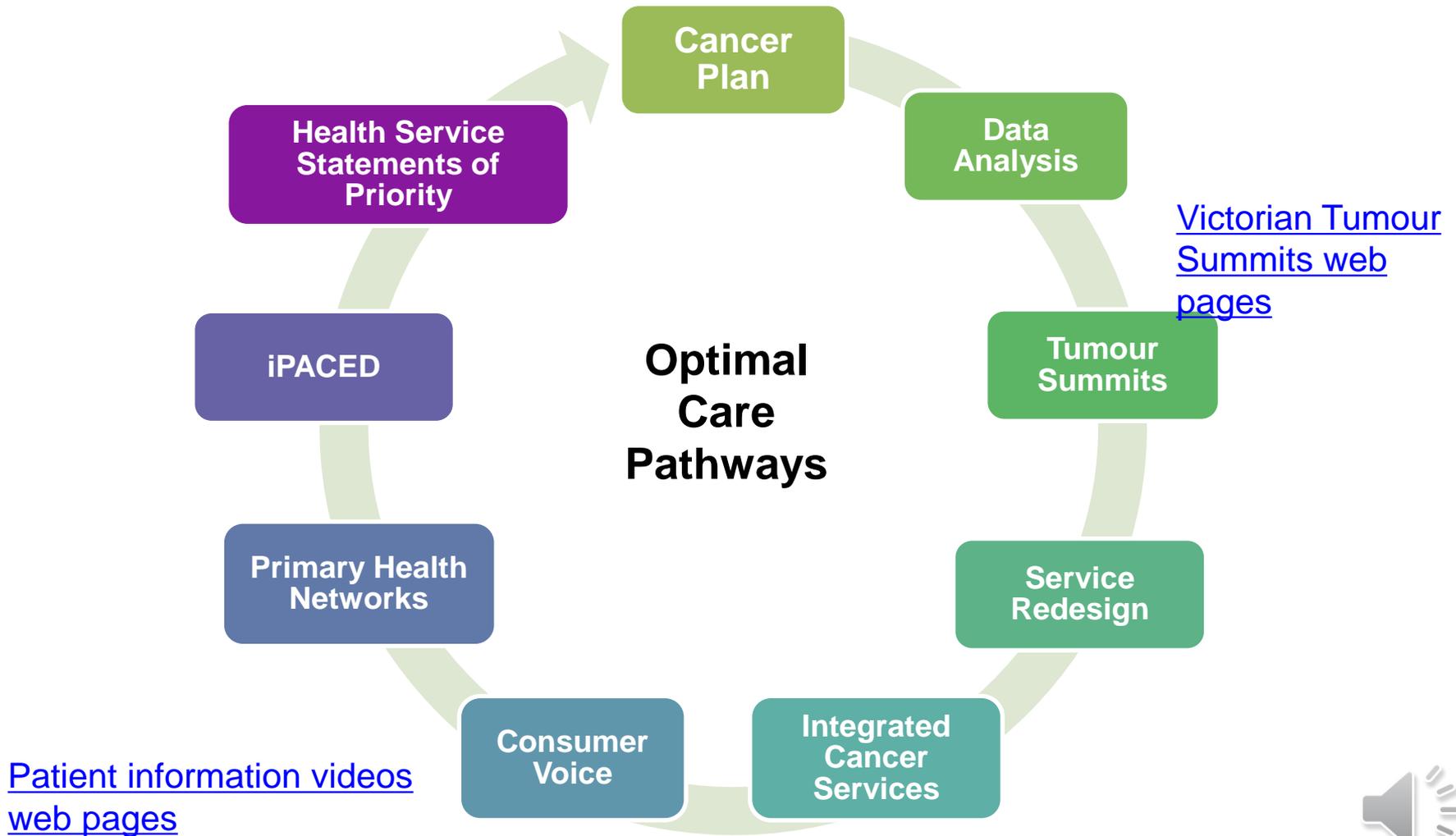
Victorian cancer plan principles

- Person-centered care
- Equitable access
- Prevention focused
- Care pathway focused
- Quality & safe care
- Evidence informed
- Sustainable system

Cancer plan released July 2016



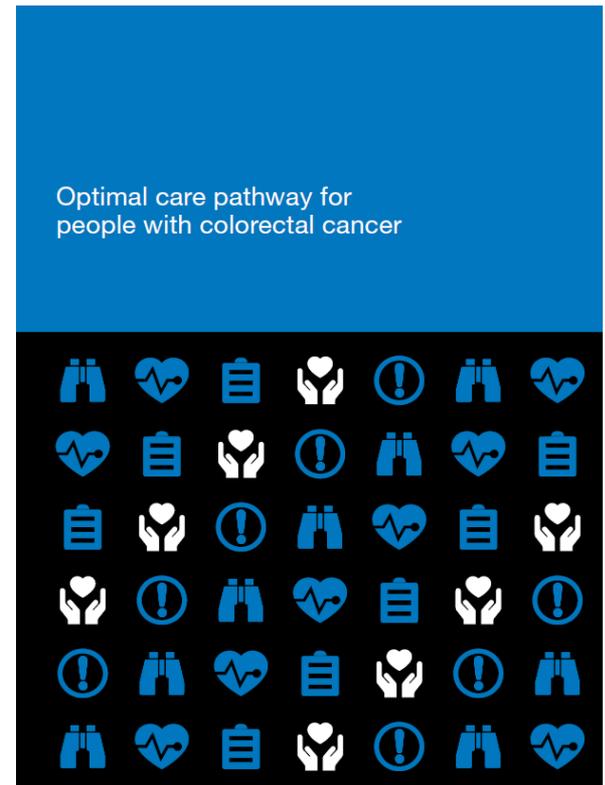
Reform program implementation



Optimal Care Pathways (OCPs)

- + General Practitioners '*Quick reference guide*'
- + Quick reference version for consumers '*What to expect – bowel (colon & rectal cancer)*'

- Key principles at key steps
- Reflect emerging areas of practice e.g. **optimal** supportive care, **optimal** timeframes
- Multidisciplinary expert working groups
- National consultation and endorsement
- For healthcare professionals and administrators



Optimal Care Pathways cont.

- National implementation underway
- Endorsed by NCERG, AHMAC, COAG, CA, CCA
- 15 OCPs across 10 tumour streams with consumer versions, and quick reference guides for GPs
www.cancer.org.au/OCP
- An additional 3 tumour stream OCPs under development – for release 2018

- Interactive web portal for consumers
www.cancerpathways.org.au



Pathways of care

Definition of a 'Pathway' compared with a "Clinical Practice Guideline"

- The pathway describes the structural characteristics of the care offered to a patient, the Optimal Care Pathway
- The Clinical Practice guideline (CPG) describes the care given at each 'node' or step on the pathway
- The pathways are about organisation, process, policy development and the creation of a framework of care
- The CPG is about professionalism and evidence based care delivery
- Both are essential for good patient outcomes, good patient experience and cost effective cancer care delivery

Optimal Care Pathways Review

- Review of all OCP is being planned to commence this year.
- The aim is to:
 - ensure alignment with new clinical practice guidelines
 - reconsider structure of OCPs to maximise impact on care
 - Incorporate measures to monitor impact

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