Victorian cancer policy towards optimal care

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Victorian cancer reform agenda

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

Health Service Statements of Priority

Primary Health Networks

iPACED

Cancer Plan

Data Analysis

Tumour Summits

Service Redesign

Integrated Cancer Services

Consumer Voice

Optimal Care Pathways

Patient information videos
web pages

Victorian Tumour Summits web pages
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
- An additional 3 tumour stream OCPs under development – for release 2018
- Interactive web portal for consumers [www.cancerpathways.org.au](http://www.cancerpathways.org.au)
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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