The Head and Neck Cancers Optimal Care Pathway aims to improve patient outcomes by facilitating consistent cancer care based on a standardised pathway of care.

What does the data say about head & neck cancers in Victoria?

- **37%** of patients started adjuvant therapy within 6 weeks of surgery.

Data source: VCR, VAED VRMDS 2012-2016

- The statewide average for documented MDM discussion is 86%.

Data source: Cancer Services Performance Indicators audit 2017

- Prevalence of malnutrition is **31%**.

Data source: Malnutrition in Victorian Cancer Services Point Prevalence Study 2016, n = 109
Incidence of oropharynx & base of tongue cancers is increasing

Data source: VCR 2008-2016

Patients with cancer of the hypopharynx have poorer survival

Data source: VCR 2012-2016, n = 3823

What other data will be presented?

- Referral pathways
- Treatment pathways
- Timeliness of care
- Survival by treatment type

Incidence of head & neck cancers is decreasing

Data source: VCR 2012-2016, n = 3823

Median age at diagnosis: 65

71% of patients are MALE

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