

Victorian Cancer Survivorship Program Steering Committee - Terms of Reference

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Background

Advances in cancer treatment has led to a significant increase in the number of people being cured and living with cancer. Cancer survivorship is increasingly recognised as a distinct phase of cancer care. Survivorship care, as defined by the Institute of Medicine (USA), is 'the phase of care that follows primary treatment' and includes the following essential elements:

- rehabilitation
- surveillance for cancer recurrence
- detection of, and intervention for, late consequences of cancer and its treatment
- health promotion
- psychological support
- evaluation and intervention for socioeconomic consequences of cancer and its treatment.

Action area four of *Victoria's Cancer Action Plan 2008-2011* (VCAP) focuses on supporting patients and their carers throughout their cancer journey. The VCAP milestones for cancer survivorship are:

- We will establish a state-wide program that trials patient-centred models of survivorship care by 2011.
- By 2012 we will provide evidence of training of the cancer workforce in supportive care screening processes and survivorship awareness.

The state-wide program will be known as the Victorian Cancer Survivorship Program (VCSP), which will be implemented through the Integrated Cancer Services (ICS). The ICS will work with key stakeholders across the acute and primary/community care sectors to trial and evaluate cancer survivorship models of care.

Cancer and Palliative Care has also committed funding to the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre for the establishment of the Australian Cancer Survivorship Centre (ACSC) to support the development and implementation of the VCSP through provision of resources, training, consultation and advice on cancer survivorship care.

Objective

To provide advice and direction for the successful development and implementation of the VCSP.

Scope

The role of the committee is to:

- support the development of program objectives, measures and deliverables
- review and respond to activity reports provided by the ACSC Director and Program Manager
- advise on the development and implementation of survivorship models of care
- support the development of an evaluation framework to determine effectiveness of cancer survivorship initiatives

Term of office: Until 31 July 2011
Accountable to: Cancer and Palliative Care, Department of Health
Meetings: Quarterly
Membership: Maximum of 8 members

Chair: Consumer organisation representative

Members:

X1 Cancer and Palliative Care, Department of Health (Executive Sponsor)

X2 ICS (metropolitan and rural)

X1 PICS

X1 Cancer Council Victoria

X1 General Practice Victoria

X1 Consumer

In attendance:

ACSC Director and Manager

Project Manager, Supportive Care, Cancer and Palliative Care

**The Executive Sponsor will be the decision-maker, based on advice from members of the Steering Committee

Reporting: Cancer and Palliative Care, Department of Health

Information: Update from the Steering Committee to be provided to the Victorian ICS governance group and Victorian ICS network group