



Consumer Position Position Number CNP 100051

National Breast Cancer Foundation *BreastScreen* Victoria Demonstration
Project Management Committee (DPMC)
Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre

The Role of the Committee

To provide advice, guidance and expertise to the Chief Investigator in all aspects of the establishment and operation of the NBCF *BreastScreen* Cohort Demonstration Project.

The Cohort Project aims to establish a long term resource to support research into breast cancer and other health issues important to women. Health information will be gathered from women who agree to participate in the Cohort Project. Information will also be gathered from their medical records. Each woman will be asked to allow the Cohort Project to collect left over tissue from the Pathology department should she develop breast cancer and need surgery or biopsy. Some women will be asked to give a small blood sample. All the information and specimens that a woman donates will be made available to a wide range of research projects without the woman giving her consent for each individual project. Each woman will be given an individual identifying number which will be used to label all the information and specimens she provides, thus protecting her privacy.

It is vital that consumers have input to all aspects of The Project establishment and operation to ensure this collaboration between women and researchers will be enduring and successful.

The Role of the Consumer

Consumers will be asked to offer opinions on the development of recruitment protocols, documentation, access to the resource; in short, all aspects of the pilot recruitment and then the full operation of the Cohort Project.

Commitment Required

Duration of appointment	1 year
Date of first meeting	1 March and then June (date to be determined)
Time of first meeting	TBC
Meeting location or first meeting	Central Melbourne (either BreastScreen Head Office, Carlton or Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, East Melbourne)

Meetings will be held quarterly. Mutually suitable days and times will be set by the members. In addition, the Chief Investigators will hold Work in Progress meetings on a fortnightly basis to which all members of the DPMC are invited. There will be teleconferencing facilities set up at each meeting so all members can phone in to participate if that suits them better. The quarterly DPMC meetings are scheduled for 2 hours and the Work in Progress meetings scheduled for 1 hour.

Selection Criteria

The consumer should be able to represent the needs of the 'average woman'. It will be important that the Consumer representative can act as the conduit for feed-back on issues of relevance to the establishment and management of the Cohort Project so that The Project can proceed as a true collaboration with women. It would be helpful for the Consumer representative to be aware of, or have some connection to, various groups within the community to enable good communication with a range of women.

Recruitment Procedure

Women identified as potential consumer representatives would be welcome to meet with the Manager of the Cohort Project to discuss the Project in detail. We also welcome the input of the Health Issues Centre in identifying a suitable representative. Dr Tere Dawson is working closely with us in conducting some Consumer Workshops and would be a valuable resource in identifying a suitable consumer member.

Support Offered

All travel expenses, eg parking fees, taxi or public transport charges, will be reimbursed on the day of travel for consumer representatives.

If you are interested in applying for this position please complete attached application form and forward to Assunta Morrone at Health Issues Centre.

a.morrone@healthissuescentre.org.au

If you would like more information please contact Assunta Morrone
☎ (03) 9479 3520

EOI close: 29/3/2010

Consumers who respond to positions advertised by HIC participate as a general consumer/carer nominee and NOT as a representative of Health Issues Centre. (Hence, the views they express will be their own, not necessarily those of Health Issues Centre).

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Applications received:
Consumers Nominated:
Action Taken:



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