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The Australian Cancer Plan: *Setting the policy context for the future of BreastScreen Australia*



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AUSTRALIAN CANCER PLAN

The Australian Cancer Plan



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Addresses **all cancers**, with a focus on addressing disparity of experience and outcome

Developed using a **comprehensive stakeholder engagement strategy**

Optimal Care Pathways as national standards to help consumers **navigate** the health system smoothly

Focuses on 10 **priority population groups** at risk of poorer cancer outcomes and experiences

Will be **reviewed** after the 2- and 5-year marks to ensure it is on track to meet the 10-year ambitions

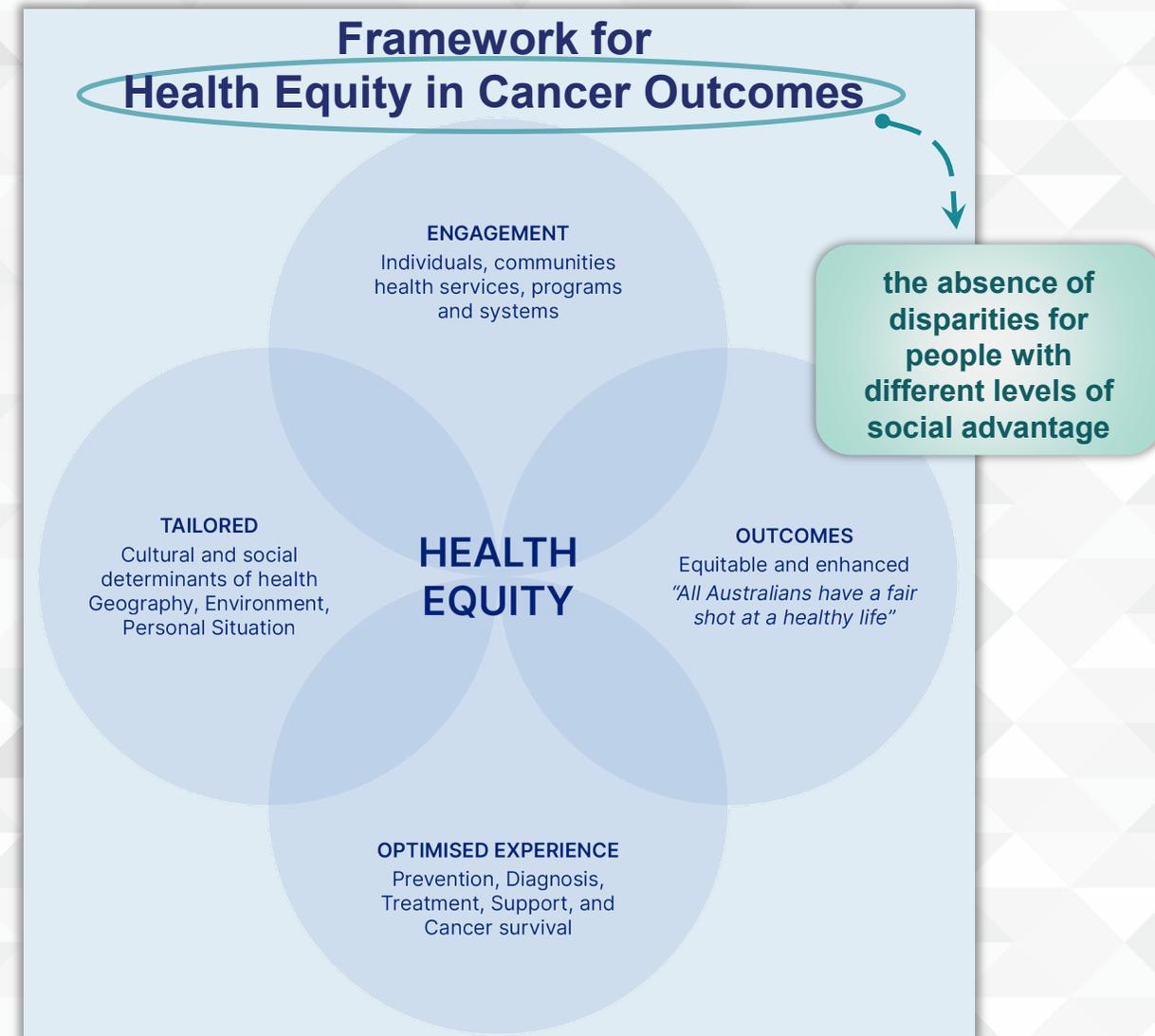
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Equity is central to the Australian Cancer Plan



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-  Achieving world-class cancer outcomes and experiences for **all Australians**
-  Engaging and empowering individuals
-  Targeted focus and support for priority population groups
-  Co-design approach to health systems to accommodate different cultural, socioeconomic, geographic, environmental and personal needs
-  Enhancing the experience of consumers, including their carers and families across the care continuum
-  Adopting a partnership approach



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Australian Cancer Plan

Strategic Objectives and 10-year ambitions

Maximising Cancer Prevention and Early Detection

A cancer control system that seeks to eliminate racism, proactively reduces cancer risk and supports all Australians to access personalised, evidence-based cancer prevention and early detection strategies

Enhanced Consumer Experience

People affected by cancer are partners in culturally safe, equitable and responsive cancer care, and health services and systems are trusted and supported for optimal experience, quality of life and cancer outcomes

World Class Health Systems for Optimal Care

Integrated, coordinated, data-driven, high-quality health service systems that consistently deliver optimal cancer care and excellence in outcomes

Strong and Dynamic Foundations

A modern, fit for purpose cancer control infrastructure, advanced by the innovative application of technology, research and data to improve Australia's cancer outcomes

Workforce to Transform the Delivery of Cancer Care

An engaged, capable and future-focused cancer workforce that is culturally safe and responsive, well-equipped, well-supported and driven by collaboration, continuous improvement and diversity to enable the best care for all Australians affected by cancer

Achieving Equity in Cancer Outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People

Supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge, strength and sovereignty in a health system that achieves equity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people affected by cancer

5-year goals and actions

Culturally safe prevention and screening approaches to reduce cancer risk are embedded, and evidence-based and personalised cancer prevention and early detection strategies are incorporated into standard of care

Personalised models of navigation in cancer care are widely available to all Australians affected by cancer – engaging consumers in culturally safe, equitable and responsive cancer care, and driving re-orientation of health service systems, including training and distribution of cancer health workforce

Networked high-quality comprehensive cancer care systems that deliver optimal cancer care and better outcomes

A national cancer data ecosystem supporting evidence-based, innovative models of care which incorporate national uptake of advanced technology and infrastructure, underpinned by world-class research and a clinical trials landscape in which all Australians have equal access

Strategies implemented to enable a culturally safe, responsive, and capable multidisciplinary workforce that is working at the top of their scope of practice and ability to deliver high-quality cancer care

Priority is given to accountability for the delivery of culturally safe services by all health professionals; training opportunities and support programs are established for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health professionals in the cancer sector

Strengthen the policy and regulatory environment to address known modifiable lifestyle factors and social, cultural, commercial and environmental determinants of health

Evaluate, adapt and scale nationally integrated care navigation models across the cancer care continuum

Integrate Optimal Care Pathways (OCPs) as routine cancer care using a monitoring and evaluation system that links the implementation of OCPs to patient outcomes and experience

Design and embed patient reported experience and patient reported outcomes into national performance monitoring and reporting for all providers, to assess services for all population groups and establish an evidence base

Implement a cancer care workforce pipeline that meets demand for optimal cancer care, with diversity measures in training, recruitment and talent management to ensure the cancer workforce represents the diversity of patient populations

Establish ongoing place-based engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to understand emerging needs across the cancer care continuum

Expand access to culturally safe and responsive immunisation programs to reduce risk of cancers, including in partnership with Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services and community-led priority population groups

Require health services to provide co-designed, culturally responsive resources to enable healthcare providers to communicate respectfully with consumers

Establish an Australian Comprehensive Cancer Network (ACCN) to ensure connectivity and sharing of expertise between Comprehensive Cancer Centres, other cancer services, regional hospitals, community and primary care. The establishment of an ACCN will increase equity of access across services for all patients, deliver cancer care close to home, and monitor evidence-based system performance

Expand access to digitally enabled cancer care to improve equity and access to quality cancer care, particularly in regional, rural and remote areas

Assist the sector to support all cancer care practitioners to work at the top of their scope of practice, increase retention and ensure ongoing access to continuing professional development

Implement strategies to embed culturally safe care within cancer-related services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

Implement new, and improve existing, evidenced-based, risk-stratified cancer screening programs

Ensure multidisciplinary cancer care teams for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are trauma-aware and healing-informed

Improve equitable access to evidence-based, innovative models of integrated multidisciplinary care across the cancer continuum

Explore and test innovative approaches to health service funding models to address areas of need, and system improvement, in virtual care

Routinely integrate cultural safety training programs for cancer service providers, including through community-based partnerships with priority population groups

Support national coordination and implementation of a plan to recruit, train and retain the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cancer care workforce

Develop a policy framework for genomics in cancer control across the cancer care continuum

Improve sustainable approaches to improve access to accepted, traditional healing practitioners within cancer services to enable an integrated, trauma-aware, healing-informed oncology approach for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

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Expand the use of technology and virtual care to increase access for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and to support communities across the cancer care continuum

Support national coordination and implementation of a plan to recruit, train and retain the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cancer care workforce

Improve access to and uptake of health assessments through Medicare for cancer prevention and early detection for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

2-year goals and actions

Access to culturally safe prevention and screening approaches to reduce cancer risk is improved, and evidence-based and personalised cancer risk assessment strategies are identified

Person-centred models of integrated navigation in cancer care are nationally defined, co-designed, developed and tested with consumers, to incorporate culturally safe cancer care

Frameworks for high-quality comprehensive health service systems established to deliver better cancer care and improved outcomes

Nationally agreed frameworks for collection and reporting of comprehensive cancer data, and implementation of new technologies into routine cancer care, with a focus on research priorities that drive innovation and fast-track opening of cancer clinical trials in Australia

National strategies developed to enhance clinical and cultural safety training and accreditation processes, build workforce diversity, expand multidisciplinary roles and determine retention strategies

Collaborative partnership and cross-sector approaches are developed and enhanced at the system, service and individual level; individual and institutional racism and discrimination across cancer services are identified and addressed

Deliver cancer prevention and health promotion activities, including healthy lifestyles, immunisation, and population screening participation, co-designed and tailored to a range of settings

Develop a national framework for and implement integrated multi-channel, multi-disciplined navigation models that ensure the right support at the right time for every consumer across the cancer continuum

Develop and implement a national framework that standardises the development, update, evaluation and uptake of Optimal Care Pathways (OCPs), including for priority population groups

Develop an agreed national cancer data framework to improve accessibility, consistency and comprehensiveness of integrated data assets

Identify current and emerging workforce undersupply in line with cancer workforce modelling and other national health workforce strategies, and initiate planning with the sector towards building future workforce capacity and capability

Embed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices in policymaking on cancer prevention, care delivery and standards through leadership, collaboration and co-design processes

Strengthen cancer prevention in broader health strategies and public health partnerships

Improve availability of co-designed, tailored information and care for consumers to improve health literacy and reduce cancer-related stigma

Develop a national framework for networked, distributed comprehensive cancer care, to facilitate provision of services as close as safely possible to where patients live. This will include the role of Comprehensive Cancer Centres to enhance patient outcomes, strengthen transparency and accountability, and drive continuous improvements for all patients across the network regardless of where the care is provided

Ensure targeted and innovative research investment into areas of unmet and emerging need; and improve clinical trial design and equitable access

Build on existing capability of the primary care workforce to collaboratively and sustainably support the needs of consumers

Strengthen collaboration with service providers, regulatory authorities and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cancer workforce to establish clear accountability for culturally safe care and compliance with national standards

Promote translational research on the impact of social, cultural, commercial and environmental determinants of health on cancer outcomes for priority populations to inform policy and practice

Support health services to provide co-designed, culturally responsive resources to enable healthcare providers to communicate respectfully with consumers

Implement innovative, evidence-based and cost-effective models of care for people living with and beyond cancer

Identify opportunities to improve equitable cancer care through the digital health ecosystem

Evaluate and extend cultural safety training programs to cancer service providers, including through community-based partnerships with priority population groups

Establish and enhance collaborative partnerships with communities and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-led organisations

Undertake ongoing assessment of the evidence for risk-based, cost-effective population cancer screening

Develop and refine integrated care models to maximise access to high-quality, timely and evidence-based palliative and end-of-life care, including voluntary assisted dying

Lead a national approach to identifying and reporting indigenous status in cancer care

Establish Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-led initiatives which strengthen Indigenous Data Sovereignty and governance of cancer data

Identify priority areas of need for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cancer care workforce and develop a plan to recruit, train and retain the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cancer care workforce

Establish and enhance collaborative partnerships with communities and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-led organisations

46 actions in the Plan

Actions were tested and refined through extensive consultation

Actions aim to support all people affected by cancer

16 actions to improve equity of outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people



Maximising Cancer Prevention and Early Detection



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2 years



Prevention, screening and health promotion activities and partnerships...

...responsive, tailored, in-language and delivered in a wide range of settings, such as rural communities, correctional facilities, and online

Co-designed, community-led and culturally safe activities



Ongoing assessment of the evidence for risk-based, cost-effective population screening...

...to ensure programs are continuously improved, relevant, and aligned to the current evidence base

5 years



Improved access and standard of care

Improvements to existing evidence-based, risk-stratified, cancer screening programs supported by a Genomics Framework



Policy changes to address determinants of health



Involving engagement with priority population groups, ensuring a strengths-based approach

10 years

A cancer control system that seeks to **eliminate racism**, proactively reduces cancer risk and **supports all Australians** to access **personalised**, evidence-based cancer prevention and early detection strategies

Enhanced Consumer Experience



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2 years

Co-designed and accessible navigation models



Tailored information for consumers



Improve health literacy and reduce cancer-related stigma

Inform and involve people in their own care and respect and respond to the preferences, needs and values of consumers, their carers and families

Culturally responsive resources for health care providers

Cultural training programs

Co-designing tailored resources with priority population groups



5 years

Navigation widely available for all Australians



Multi-channel, multi-disciplined navigation models that ensure the right support at the right time for every consumer across the cancer continuum

Consistent culturally responsive care

Develop national guidelines on culturally responsive resources



Ensure care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are trauma-aware and healing-informed

10 years

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Achieving Equity in Cancer Outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People



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2 years

Leadership

Meaningful partnerships and engagement



Develop new and strengthen existing partnerships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and health services

Embed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices in policymaking

Accountability for culturally safe care

Compliance with national standards

Addressing racism and discrimination



At an individual and institutional level

5 years

Ongoing place-based engagement



Flexible engagement on Country or close to communities



Yarning circles with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stakeholders, peak organisations, community groups and individual representatives

Understand the unique needs of communities



Culturally safe, trauma-aware, healing-informed care embedded within cancer-related services

Nationally consistent strategies and guidelines are co-designed with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

10 years

Supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge, strength and sovereignty in a health system that **achieves equity** for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people affected by cancer



Implementation of the Plan

Implementation is a **shared responsibility** requiring leadership and collaboration across the cancer control sector with a **wide range of partners**

We invite the sector to consider opportunities to **lead, fund and partner** in implementing actions within the Plan



Call to action

Information from the sector will inform **monitoring and evaluation** of the Plan



<https://canceraus.engagementhub.com.au/implementation-plan-activities>



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