

# Plan on a page: Victorian cancer plan 2020–2024

## Principles

There are five core principles underpinning all action areas and priority focus areas to ensure Victorians have the best outcomes and experiences of cancer care:



**Person-centred care with equity of access and outcomes**

**Prevention across the care pathway**

**Quality and safe care**

**Evidence-informed**

**Sustainable system**

## System supports

### Workforce:

Ensuring a workforce that can meet the future needs of cancer prevention and care

### Intelligence:

Better access to and use of data and information to assure safety and drive continuous improvements

### Infrastructure:

Outcome-focused service models and research platforms that align with health reforms

### Innovation and Reform:

Supporting and systematic scaling-up of innovative practice across regions and for priority groups

### Integration:

Working together to deliver optimal care pathways

### Primary prevention

- Embed support to quit smoking as routine care across the health and human services system and continue tobacco reform activities
- Reduce the risk of developing skin cancer by increasing awareness and promoting sun protective behaviours
- Reduce the risk relating to environmental and workplace hazards
- Improve the uptake of healthy eating and physical activity to reduce cancer risk
- Reduce hepatitis-related cancers through ongoing vaccination and improving surveillance and follow-up treatment
- Increase HPV vaccinations to vulnerable groups of adolescents and those who miss vaccinations

### Screening and early detection

- Work with cancer screening partners to increase participation in population cancer screening programs
- Implement strategies to improve access to and participation in population cancer screening programs for Aboriginal Victorians and under-screened groups
- Improve access to services and care across the cancer screening pathway
- Improve public awareness of cancer symptoms to help early detection
- Support health professionals to improve early diagnosis of cancers and strengthen referral pathways to specialist care, including familial cancer centres for inheritable cancers

### Treatment

- Implement the optimal care pathway for Aboriginal people with cancer
- Implement and monitor performance against the optimal care pathways
- Monitor and assess patients' experiences of care in a culturally safe way
- Implement service capability frameworks to support better, safer care
- Support Victoria's regional cancer centres to deliver appropriate, accessible, high-quality and safe cancer care close to home

### Wellbeing and support

- Improve access to supportive care and help people manage some aspects of their own care
- Implement the *Victorian carer strategy 2018–2022* to recognise and support the important role of carers
- Build workforce knowledge and skills in survivorship care across cancer care systems
- Support early access to palliative care to manage symptoms and improve quality of life
- Expand end-of-life care and palliative care skills and advance care planning education across the cancer workforce

### Research

- Improve participation and reduce inequities in access to clinical trials
- Promote equitable access to emerging therapies, technologies and platforms
- Assist services to conduct and implement research across the cancer pathway
- Leverage funding to build a more inclusive cancer research workforce
- Support Aboriginal self-determination in the cancer research sector
- Promote effective collaboration across research organisations, health services, consumers and industry