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The Priority-driven Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme (PdCCRS)

What is the PdCCRS?

- The Priority-driven Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme (PdCCRS) is an annual national research grants scheme which funds:
 - Three-year project grants, or
 - One-two year project grants from young researchers.
- Cancer Australia developed the PdCCRS to provide a national approach to the funding of cancer research in identified priority areas.
- PdCCRS three-year project grants are designed to support research which will have a direct impact on clinical practice, policy and patient outcomes.
- The PdCCRS brings together Cancer Australia and other funders of cancer research in partnerships which help coordinate and maximise investment in cancer research across Australia.

Purpose

- The PdCCRS funds research which can help reduce the impact of cancer in the community and improve outcomes for all Australians affected by cancer.
- The PdCCRS funds priority-driven cancer research projects which are:
 - Outcomes and impact focused
 - Translatable into clinical practice, policy and/or further research, and which,
 - Promote collaboration between cancer researchers to build Australia's cancer research capacity
 - Foster consumer participation in cancer research, from design to implementation.

PdCCRS Research priorities

- Each funding partner identifies its own research priority areas.
- Cancer Australia's research priorities are evidence-based, and were developed in consultation with advisory groups and approved by the Minister for Health and Ageing.

How the scheme operates

- Cancer Australia has joined with the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) to facilitate registration and assessment of PdCCRS applications.
- Grants are assessed in a two-step process:
 - Step 1 – NHMRC assesses grant applications for scientific quality, significance / innovation and track record,
 - Step 2 – Grant Review Committees constituted by Cancer Australia and its Funding Partners review applications for outcomes and impact, translation, collaboration, and consumer involvement.
- NHMRC endorses grant applications funded through this scheme in recognition of scientific merit.

Awarded grants 2007-11

- 171 grants awarded - \$61.2 million
- Cancer Australia has funded or co-funded 87% of these grants
- \$36.7 million has been contributed by Cancer Australia
- \$24.5 million has been contributed by Funding Partners
- 70% of the grants have a direct focus on clinical practice, policy and patient outcomes.

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