

Call for Expressions of Interest (ITA 1314-02) ***Piloting of a Testicular Cancer Data Set Specification (DSS)***

In a joint project, Cancer Australia and Andrology Australia are developing a Testicular Cancer Dataset Specification (DSS) which will become a nationally recommended standard for clinical testicular cancer data collection. The underlying goal of the project is to provide data standards to improve outcomes for testicular cancer patients by increasing quality and length of life through improved understanding of testicular cancer care.

Through stakeholder consultation a draft dataset of approximately 50 items has been developed. In order to determine the feasibility of collecting the dataset in a clinical setting we are now seeking Expressions of Interest from hospitals and cancer treatment centres involved in testicular cancer diagnosis and treatment for their involvement in the piloting of the proposed Testicular Cancer DSS in the second half of 2014.

- The primary purpose of the pilot is to assess the feasibility of prospectively collecting the Testicular Cancer DSS items by obtaining information on the rate of data-item completion and the suitability of the data dictionary definitions during the pilot project period.
- The pilot will focus on the ability to collect each data item including percentage of data item completion, time taken for collection of the DSS, method of collection, and issues/barriers to collection.
- Data collection will be undertaken prospectively over a 6 month period between June and December 2014. Sites will also be expected to be involved in a scoping exercise prior to data collection and will be required to complete a report after data collection.
- No individual patient data will be required by Cancer Australia, only an overview of data item completion will be required.

Up to three sites will be involved in the project, and it is expected that sites would treat approximately 30 newly diagnosed testicular cancer patients per year, as a minimum patient number requirement. Sites involved in data collection will receive funding in the form of a grant to cover all costs involved in the pilot up to a maximum of \$22,000 (GST inclusive)¹. Under this budget threshold, for applicants shortlisted for the round 2 application process, inclusion of retrospective data collection (in addition to the minimum patient number requirement) may also be considered, to ensure that sufficient information is gained from the pilot to adequately assess the feasibility of collecting the DSS and the availability of the data items in clinical settings. A basic online data collection tool can be made available to sites by Cancer Australia if required.

Hospitals or Centres interested in applying must address the evaluation criteria in the format outlined in Attachment A. Sites will be short-listed based on these criteria, and short-listed sites will be contacted to complete a more detailed application prior to final selection.

For any further information please contact Dr Christine Biondi, A/g Manager, Data on: christine.biondi@canceraustralia.gov.au ph: (02) 6217 9811

Applications/ expressions will close at **5:00pm** Eastern Daylight Time on **March 5, 2014**

¹ Due to recent changes to the A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999 (GST Act) from 1 July 2012, a payment will not be subject to GST if all of the following apply:

- the payment is made by a government related entity (GRE) to another government related entity for making a supply;
- the payment is covered by an appropriation under an Australian law or is made under a specified intergovernmental health reform agreement;
- the payment satisfies the non-commercial test.

As a consequence of these amendments to the GST Act, GST will no longer be included in instances where all of the above requirements are satisfied

Attachment A

Expression of Interest Application Requirements and Criteria

Please complete the below form to apply for consideration of your site to be part of the testicular cancer Dataset Specification pilot project. All applications should be submitted by email (not exceeding 5MB in size) in both their original and PDF format to Simeon Jones, Senior Project Officer, Data, Cancer Australia (email: simeon.jones@canceraustralia.gov.au). Cancer Australia has no obligation to accept a late application, and any decision by Cancer Australia will be final.

Funding may be used for both staff and infrastructure costs relating to the project.

Short-listed sites will be contacted to complete a more detailed application prior to final selection.

Due Date for Submission:

5.00pm Australian Eastern Daylight Savings Time on **March 5, 2014**

Hospital/treatment centre name		State	
Name of lead clinician			
Position of lead clinician			
Contact details of lead clinician			
Name of site liaison			
Position of site liaison			
Contact details of site liaison			
Amount of funding sought (GST exc.)*			
Briefly describe the role your site has in Testicular Cancer Care			
Number of newly diagnosed testicular cancer patients treated at your site during 2013			

*Note: this may include the cost of retrospective data collection as appropriate. Please specify if retrospective data is to be included and if so, the number of retrospectively collected cases which would be expected to be included.