

# 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.

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## 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 aim to:
  - ▶ fund research in tumour areas that place a high burden of disease on the Australian community;
  - ▶ fund applied research projects that directly relate to the identified priorities of Cancer Australia and/or its Funding Partners; and
  - ▶ fund research that can directly improve cancer outcomes by influencing clinical practice, policy and/or care.

## 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.



## 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 team quality and capability.
  - ▶ 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 - 2014

- ▶ 265 grants awarded - \$92.00 million
- ▶ Cancer Australia has funded or co-funded 80% of these grants
- ▶ \$53.35 million has been contributed by Cancer Australia
- ▶ \$38.65 million has been contributed by Funding Partners.

