Maximising Cancer Prevention and Early Detection

A cancer control system that seeks to eliminate racism, re-orientates care delivery and ensure effective, affordable, and equitable cancer care.

2-year goals and actions

- Increase national uptake of advanced technology and infrastructure
- Develop and implement integrated, trauma-aware, healing-informed oncology approaches for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

5-year goals and actions

- Develop and implement national standards for reporting Indigenous status in cancer care
- Establish a national framework for networked, coordinated, and equitable access to culturally safe and responsive cancer care systems

10-year ambitions

- A cancer control system that seeks to eliminate racism, proactively reduces institutional and systemic racism, and addresses broader determinants of health

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 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 workforce that drives innovation, and capable multidisciplinary workforce that is working at the top of their scope of practice and is supported to deliver high-quality cancer care

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

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

- Establish ongoing place-based engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to understand emerging needs across the cancer care continuum
- Implement strategies to embed culturally safe care within cancer-related services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

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

- Strengthen the policy and regulatory environment to address known modifiable lifestyle factors and social, cultural, commercial and environmental determinants of health
- Expand access to culturally safe and responsive immunisation programs to reduce risk of cancers, including in partnerships with Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services and community-led priority population groups
- Implement new, and improve existing, evidenced-based, risk-stratified cancer screening programs
- Develop a policy framework for genomics in cancer control across the cancer care continuum

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

- Access to culturally safe prevention and screening approaches to reduce cancer risk is improved, and culturally safe and responsive cancer care screening programs are developed

- Deliver cancer prevention and promotion activities, including healthy lifestyles, immunisation, and population screening, co-designed and tailored to a range of settings
- Strengthen cancer prevention in broader health strategies and public health partnerships
- 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
- Undertake ongoing assessment of the evidence for risk-based, cost-effective population screening

- Strengthen health literacy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through co-designed health promotion and lifestyle strategies for cancer prevention

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 re-directing re-orientation of health service systems, including training and distribution of cancer health workforce

- Personalised models of navigation in cancer care systems that deliver optimal cancer care and better outcomes
- Networked high-quality comprehensive health service systems that standardise the delivery of culturally safe and responsive care

3-year goals and actions

- Develop and implement a national framework to standardise the development, evaluation and uptake of Optimal Care Pathways (OCPs), including for priority population groups
- Develop a national framework for coordinated, distributed comprehensive cancer care, to facilitate provision of services as close as safely possible to where patients live. This will build on the success 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 care is provided

4-year goals and actions

- Develop and implement an agreed national data collection framework to improve accessibility, consistency and comprehensiveness of integrated data assets
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5-year goals and actions

- Nationally agreed frameworks for collection and reporting of comprehensive cancer data, and implementation of new technology and telehealth
- National strategies developed to enhance clinical and culturally safe care systems for the elimination of systemic racism and institutional and racial discrimination across cancer services

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

- National strategies developed to enhance culturally safe care systems
- Collaborative partnership and cross-sector approaches are developed and enhanced at the system, service and individual level; individual, cultural and institutional racism and discrimination across cancer services are identified and addressed

6-year goals and actions

- Collaborative partnership and cross-sector approaches are developed and enhanced at the system, service and individual level
- Strengthen collaborative relationship 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
- Build on existing capacity of the primary cancer workforce to collaboratively and sustainably support the needs of consumers
- Evaluate and extend cultural safety training programs for cancer service providers, including through community-based partnerships with priority population groups

7-year goals and actions

- Establish ongoing place-based engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to understand emerging needs across the cancer care continuum
- Implement strategies to embed culturally safe care within cancer-related services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

- Expanding integrated, trauma-aware, healing-informed care delivery and standards through leadership, collaboration and co-design processes

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

8-year goals and actions

- Expand the use of technology and virtual care
- Develop a national framework for networked, coordinated, and equitable access to culturally safe and responsive cancer care systems

9-year goals and actions

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