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Cancer Services Network National Demonstration Program

(CanNET) Evaluation Tool

General practitioner (GP) survey

Background information

Cancer is a major concern for our community and a national health priority area. Although Australia's cancer survival rates are very good by world standards, there are significant inequities for specific population groups, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and people living in rural, regional and remote Australia. Thus, there remain opportunities to produce better outcomes and quality of life by improving the organisation and delivery of cancer control services across the spectrum of care. In order to address these issues, Cancer Australia has provided funding for the Cancer Services Network National Demonstration (CanNET) Program (from February, 2007 to May, 2009).

The CanNET program aims to improve outcomes and reduce disparities in outcomes for people affected by cancer by providing high quality, clinically effective and coordinated cancer services across Australia. The model for the CanNET program was drawn largely from the 'Managed Clinical Networks' that have been successfully implemented by the National Health Service in Scotland and England. The key elements of CanNET are:

- Active consumer engagement to ensure that cancer services reflect the views of people directly affected by cancer
- Formalised linkages between health professionals working in regional, rural and remote areas and those in major metropolitan cancer services to: enable consumers to have as much of their treatment as close to home as safely possible; develop systems and process to improve clinical expertise; and, encourage best use of physical and intellectual resources across the network.
- Promotion of multidisciplinary care to ensure that there is an integrated team approach to health care in which medical and allied health care professionals consider all relevant treatment options and collaboratively develop an individual treatment plan for each patient. This element of the program will also involve developing better mechanisms to engage primary care as a valid part of the cancer control team and a Directory of Services to help consumers and primary care providers locate their nearest multidisciplinary cancer assessment and treatment team
- A framework to support continuous professional development
- Enhanced communication and data systems that span traditional organisational boundaries and provide more accurate and timely information about patient care and treatment and enhance continuity of care for patients
- Development of a system that provides information to assist with quality improvement activities

Seven cancer networks have been established through the CanNET program - one in each state and the Northern Territory.

Siggins Miller has been engaged by Cancer Australia to undertake the national evaluation of the CanNET program. As part of this evaluation, Siggins Miller is conducting a brief GP survey. As you have been identified as a GP within the geographical boundaries of the one of the cancer networks, we would like to invite you to contribute to the evaluation of the CanNET program by completing the GP survey. It should take approximately 5 -10 minutes to complete this brief survey.

Your participation in this process is entirely voluntary and you may withdraw your participation at any time, for any reason. All the information you provide will remain confidential and will be reported only in a de-identified aggregate form in the evaluation report. If you have any questions or concerns about the evaluation and/or your participation in the GP survey, please feel free to contact Dr Crissa Sumner-Armstrong from Siggins Miller on (07) 3374 2801 or crissa@sigginsmiller.com.au.

We appreciate the value of your input and time and thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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14. Do you have any suggestions about how the improve the joint management of cancer patients between primary and tertiary care?	
15. Did you participate in any cancer related CPD activities in the past 12 months?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
16. Are you aware of the Cancer Learning website that was recently launched by Cancer Australia? (Website: http://www.cancerlearning.gov.au/)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (Thank you for completing this survey)
17. Have you used the Cancer Learning website?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (Thank you for completing this survey)
18. How useful did you find the Cancer Learning website?	1 2 3 4 5 Not at all useful Very useful

Thank you for completing this survey