

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 - 2012

- ▶ 209 grants awarded - \$71.83 million
- ▶ Cancer Australia has funded or co-funded 81% of these grants
- ▶ \$41.74 million has been contributed by Cancer Australia
- ▶ \$30.09 million has been contributed by Funding Partners.

