

OCP Program Update

The Optimal Care Pathways (OCPs) for cancer care were nationally endorsed as the standard of care in 2015. These pathways describe the principles and components of cancer care from prevention and screening through to diagnosis, treatment, recovery and palliative care. In Victoria, a structured program of adoption is being led by the DHHS Cancer Strategy and Development Team and implemented across Victoria by the Integrated Cancer Services and Primary Health Networks. The program is closely aligned with the *Tumour Summits* where clinicians gather to review data and prioritise areas for action.

The 2017/2018 round of the OCPs program focuses on Prostate Cancer and the Oesophagogastric (OG) tumour streams, with recommendations from both the 2016 Prostate and Oesophagogastric Summits as key drivers for the planned program of work program and ultimate aim of positively impacting patient outcomes.

Southern Melbourne Integrated Cancer Service (SMICS) will work with local health services and the primary health networks to:

- optimise MDM presentation rates across both streams,
- ensure timeliness of care follows the recommended OCP guidelines for the OG stream,
- ensure prostate patients are routinely provided with the opportunity to explore treatment options,
- ensure prostate patients are given access to appropriate supportive care needs,
- raise GPs awareness of the new NHMRC PSA guidelines, and the risk factors, signs and symptoms associated with OG cancer
- and, to raise GPs awareness of the recommended referral pathways to specialist teams for OG diagnosis

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