



### Background

Since its inception in 1976, education and professional development activities have always been a core component of the Clinical Network program. Professional development initiatives have focused on improving clinician knowledge relating to best-practice care and issues that affect patients receiving cancer care. Professional development activities have been delivered in a range of formats including forums, research/conference updates by guest presenters, information and education sessions, and hosting international visitors.

The continued promotion of best-practice and evidence-based care has been identified as a strategic goal of the Clinical Network (2016-2019). Professional development events will be part of the Clinical Network’s program of work. Clinicians will also be provided opportunities to inform best-practice care through input on guideline reviews and submissions, which has been an increased focus for the Clinical Network in recent years.

### Purpose

#### The promotion of best-practice, evidence-based cancer care.

Objectives	Strategies
To contribute to informing and disseminating the evidence relating to cancer care.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide opportunities for clinicians to come together for networking, information exchange, priority setting and driving action.</li> <li>2. Enable the Clinical Network membership to develop and/or disseminate best-practice evidence by informing treatment guidelines and resources that contribute to advances in clinical practice.</li> <li>3. Provide education opportunities to members and key stakeholders via a range of methods.</li> <li>4. Identify and progress strategic opportunities that enable evidence-informed practice e.g. exploring links between clinical and population-based registries.</li> <li>5. Undertake and/or promote participation in research that will inform the evidence relating cancer control.</li> <li>6. Develop partnerships with key internal and external stakeholders.</li> </ol>

### Outcomes

The proposed outcomes of the Evidence and Education program are:

1. Clinical guidelines/resources and submissions are informed by clinicians, contributing to improved uptake and implementation of guidelines/resources and submission outcomes.
2. Clinical Network is a key mechanism for clinicians to receive information and inform best-practice care.
3. Increased clinician engagement with Cancer Council, including increased number of Clinical Network members.
4. Cancer Council is as an up-to-date, evidence-based organisation.