

Optimal Cancer Care Pathways

Methodology overview



Development team

The development of optimal cancer care pathways is being led by a Project Steering Committee (including clinicians, consumers and health administrators) with support from tumour specific working groups. All activities are being supported by a project manager based at the Cancer Council Victoria.

Creation

The Project Steering Committee has developed a new template for the optimal cancer care pathway based on the current Patient Management Frameworks. The revised template draws on evidence from local, national and international guidelines and policies. Where evidence was insufficient, expert opinion from the Project Steering Committee was used to inform the template.

Throughout development, the revised template has been subjected to internal and external review by experts from across the cancer continuum including clinical leads from the Integrated Cancer Services, the Cancer Council Victoria's Clinical Network and appropriate consumer organisations. All feedback has been reviewed by the Project Steering Committee.

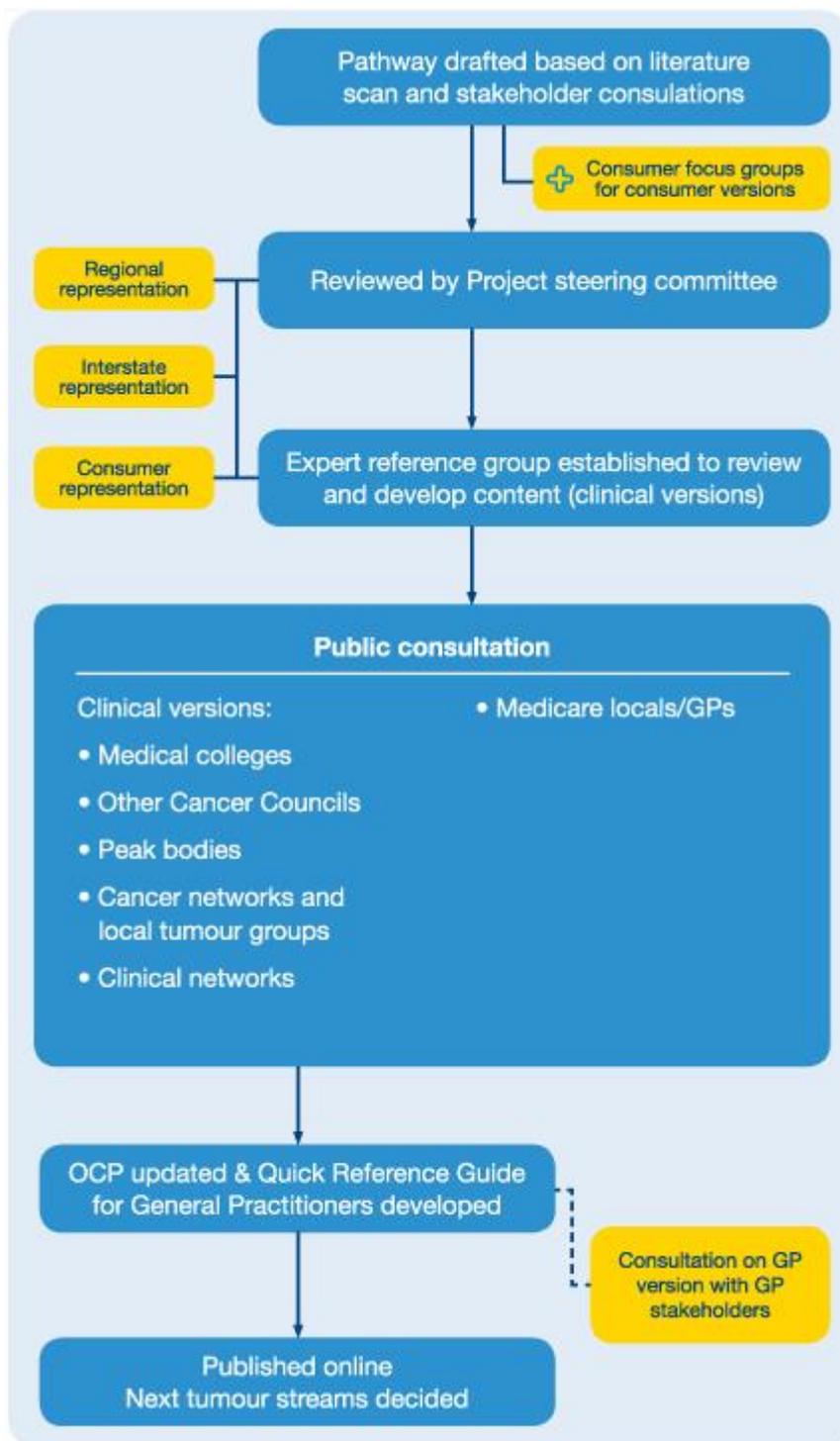
Working group review

The revised template has been populated for the following tumour streams by tumour specific expert working groups, using a consensus driven approach: Colorectal cancer, lung cancer, prostate cancer, hepatocellular carcinoma, ovarian cancer, high grade glioma, pancreatic, and Hodgkin lymphoma and diffuse large B-cell lymphomas.

A working group typically includes representatives from specialities across the cancer journey such as primary care providers, surgeons, medical oncologist, radiation oncologists, palliative care physicians, nurses and allied health professionals. Depending on the tumour type, other cancer specialists are involved in the working groups as required.

External stakeholder review

Each pathway goes through a period of public consultation. The broad public consultation process is set out here.



Feedback on the optimal cancer care pathways is welcome. Please send comments to Alexandra.philpott@cancervic.org.au

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