

Raising awareness of supportive care in cancer (Clinicians)

Do you provide support and advice for people affected by cancer?

The Cancer Nursing Research Group at the University of Melbourne, and the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services, are carrying out a study to:

- gain a better understanding of consumers and clinicians' understanding of and their preferred language for supportive care in cancer;
- develop new consumer-informed and delivered supportive care resources to raise awareness of the value and importance of supportive care; and
- develop a communication skills video delivered by consumers to support clinicians to have a supportive care conversation and make appropriate referrals.

The expertise and voice of those who deliver supportive care is crucial to developing relevant and useful resources.

The study involves taking part in 1 or 2 focus group meetings at a date and time convenient to you. The focus groups will last for no longer than 1.5 hours. We anticipate there will be about 5-10 people in each group.

You may take part in any one of the following clinician focus groups as convenient to you:

- **Friday 25th May 2018** (2pm to 3.30pm) Department of Health and Human Services (Melbourne CBD)
- **Friday 1 June 2018** (12pm to 1.30pm) Seminar Room, Warrnambool Community Health
- **Monday 18th June 2018** (8.30am to 10.00am) ENT Training Room, Monash Health

You can also choose to take part in a combined clinician and consumer focus group meeting on **Friday 29th June 2018** (1pm to 3.30pm) at the Department of Health and Human Services, Melbourne CBD (Training Room 2.21, Level 2) where we will bring consumers and clinicians together to agree preferred language for supportive care in cancer.

We are also looking for people who would like to take part in the development of new video resources, to help people affected by cancer better understand the importance of supportive care and how to access it, and to further support clinicians to embed supportive care as a component of day to day cancer care and treatment.

If you would like to know more about the study or would like to take part, please contact:

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Thank you for taking the time to consider our study.