Optimal Cancer Care Pathways

The pathway for cancer patients undergoing diagnosis and treatment for cancer is complex and poorly comprehended by those involved. It usually involves multiple health care providers and covers a range of institutions.

**The OCPs are designed to be adopted nationally**

Optimal care pathways have been developed in consultation with the clinical community and consumers to:

- Reflect emerging areas of practice
- Improve patient experiences
- Map this journey for specific tumour types to foster an understanding of the whole pathway.
- Support the delivery of optimal care at critical points throughout the patient journey
  - including optimal timeframes for referral, to treatment
  - and optimal communication between the specialist and primary practitioner, and between clinician and patient/their carer(s).

**Step 1:**

- **Quick reference guide**

**Step 2:**

- **Optimal care pathway for lung cancer**

**Step 3:**

- **Optimal care pathway for hepatocellular carcinoma**

**Step 4:**

- **Optimal care pathway for oesophagogastric cancer**

**Step 5:**

- **Optimal care pathway for breast cancer**

**Step 6:**

- **Optimal care pathway for colorectal cancer**

**Step 7:**

- **Optimal care pathway for melanoma**

**Step 8:**

- **Optimal care pathway for prostate cancer**

**Step 9:**

- **Optimal care pathway for high grade glioma**

**Step 10:**

- **Optimal care pathway for ovarian cancer**

**Step 11:**

- **Optimal care pathway for endometrial cancer**

**Step 12:**

- **Optimal care pathway for breast cancer**

**Step 13:**

- **Optimal care pathway for head and neck cancer**

**Step 14:**

- **Optimal care pathway for oesophagogastric cancer**

**Step 15:**

- **Optimal care pathway for acute myeloid leukaemia**

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**Resources**

**Clinical OCPs and quick reference guides**

Developed by multidisciplinary expert groups for healthcare professionals and administrators.

“**What to expect**” – **Information sheets**

To assist patients and carers navigate the care pathway at point of diagnosis and beyond.

- colorectal cancer
- hepatocellular carcinoma
- lymphoma
- lung cancer
- melanoma
- squamous cell carcinoma and basal cell carcinoma
- pancreatic cancer
- prostate cancer
- high grade glioma
- ovarian cancer
- endometrial cancer
- breast cancer
- head and neck cancer
- oesophagogastric cancer
- acute myeloid leukaemia

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**Available for download**

Clinical OCPs are available at:

The interactive consumer web portal with printable PDFs is now live at:
- www.cancerpathways.org.au