

Hume RICS Strategic Plan 2013-2014

Priority	Goal	Strategic Direction
Partnerships and Collaboration	Foster meaningful partnerships to enhance service planning and effect appropriate access to cancer services	Develop meaningful linkages and maintain strong working relationships within the cancer and health sector and broader community, including primary health
		Ensure effective and meaningful engagement of consumers to ensure that the planning and delivery of cancer services are responsive to consumer needs
		Collaborate and share information and experiences across Hume RICS, with Vic Integrated Cancer Services, relevant health Services and clinicians and the Department of Health.
Multidisciplinary Care	Implement best practice models of cancer care	Establish and strengthen effective multidisciplinary team meetings for tumour streams with relevant providers
		Build effective links between metropolitan and regional ICS teams ensuring integrated multidisciplinary and supportive care
		Advocate that wherever consumers are treated in the Hume region, they will receive the appropriate services underpinned by evidence based protocols
Reducing Variance in Care	Support health service providers to ensure care is consistent and of a high standard	Utilise Patient Management Frameworks and local Patient Pathways Mapping to guide service improvement
		Increase research opportunities and consideration of eligibility for and access to clinical trials
		Benchmark using local and state data against similar services
		Collaborate in the development and enhancement of software and electronic communication systems to support cancer service improvement
Care Coordination	Improve the effectiveness of cancer care through system coordination and integration	Strengthen systems and processes to ensure person centred care which enables consumers to be treated as close to home as possible whilst maintaining quality and safety of care
		Support the seamless transfer of care (discharge planning) between health service settings
		Strengthen information sharing and linkages between service providers
Supportive Care	Build capacity to support and empower patients, carers and their families throughout their cancer journey	Endorse a culture which recognises the importance of supportive care for patients, carers and their families
		Continue to support the implementation of supportive care screening into routine practice
		Support service providers to develop referral pathways and linkages in order to address supportive care needs
		Develop and support models of follow up care and survivorship, including for AYA and paediatrics
		Endorse the philosophy of Wellness