

# Information Needs of Cancer Health Care Professionals (HCPs) Grampians Region, Victoria

## Executive Summary

An online survey was recently conducted by Grampians Integrated Cancer Service (GICS) in order to inform a data provision activity for cancer health care professionals in the Grampians Region of Victoria. 71 responses were received.

## Aim

The survey results will enable GICS to provide and target information that is not publicly accessible to benefit those who work with people affected by cancer. The information will be presented in various forms via the GICS website and in report format to groups of professionals with similar information needs.

## Key Messages from the survey

- 1) 44% stated that they did not have access to all the information they needed (of 59 responses)
- 2) In order of priority, the types of information which would be seen as helpful to local cancer healthcare professionals includes:
  - Cancer incidence data
  - Outcome data
  - Service availability
  - Activity over time
  - Population data
  - Mortality data
  - Multidisciplinary discussion rates
  - Service plans
  - Screening rates
- 3) Types of data currently used varied by individual respondents irrespective of the type of healthcare professional who responded, indicating that most data types are valuable to some of each health professional type.

## Next steps: For GICS

GICS will make available information to support cancer services planning and monitoring to services as indicated in the attached table.

## Next steps: Health Services

Health Services to note the availability of information for planning and quality monitoring purposes and disseminate as appropriate.

Health Services to note and utilise the attached data access policy which will also be accessed via the GICS website: [www.gics.com.au](http://www.gics.com.au)

## Information provision plan based on preferences of respondents:

Information Type	Specification	Data Source(s)	Timeframe/Mode
1) Cancer incidence data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Malignant cancer incidence by tumour stream</li> <li>▪ Malignant cancer incidence by site (e.g. pancreas)</li> <li>▪ Incidence by LGA</li> </ul>	VCR Consolidated notifications data VCR Consolidated notifications data VCR Consolidated notifications data	Feb 2017 via GICS website update
2) Outcome data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 30 day readmission rate following excisional surgery by tumour type</li> <li>▪ Return to theatre</li> <li>▪ Anastomotic leak (colorectal)</li> <li>▪ Re-do excisions</li> <li>▪ 30 day mortality</li> <li>▪ Other complications during admission</li> </ul>	VAED  VAED VAED VAED VAED & VCR VAED	April 2017 via individual reports to Health Services' CEOs
3) Service availability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Services by health service</li> </ul>	Health Service Capability Frameworks/Reports/ other	May 2017 via GICS website update
4) Activity over time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Types of diagnostic and treatment procedures by health service per month</li> <li>▪ Other activity</li> </ul>	VAED  VAED	July 2017 via GICS website updates for public services only. Via confidential reports to private health services.
5) Population data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Population by LGA</li> <li>▪ Predicted change over time by LGA</li> </ul>	ABS	August 2017 via GICS website updates
6) Mortality data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Survival over time by tumour stream/type</li> </ul>	VCR	September 2017 via GICS website updates
7) Multidisciplinary discussion rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Percentage of incidence discussed at a local MDM by tumour stream</li> </ul>	VCR, MDMone	October 2017 via GICS website updates
8) Service plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Existing and planned service capacity by health service</li> <li>▪ Service types available in the region by campus</li> </ul>	Health Service Delivery Plans	October 2017 via links to relevant website updates
9) Screening Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cancer screening rates for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bowel</li> <li>▪ Breast</li> <li>▪ Cervical</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	National Bowel Ca Screening BreastScreen National Cervical Ca Screening	Links on GICS website will be provided/updated as new reports are made available

