

# GICS Vision: Improving patient experiences and outcomes by connecting cancer care and driving best practice

## Strategic Goal 1: A Networked Cancer System

1.1 Link health services involved in cancer care, and work with these services and health professionals to align priorities

- ◆ Participation in BRICC governance group
- ◆ Implement the Grampians Regional chemotherapy plan recommendations
- ◆ Participate in planning processes for the reconfiguration of VICS
- ◆ Enhance engagement across private/public, acute and community based service provision
- ◆ Run a GICS forum
- ◆ Transition the administration of Ballarat based MDMs to the BRICC
- ◆ Enhance collaboration with BSWRICS and the Western Alliance
- ◆ Continue investigation of co-location opportunities for GICS with relevant organisations

1.2 Strengthen linkages between metropolitan and regional cancer service providers

- ◆ Formalise the referral pathway for ovarian cancer in the GR
- ◆ Ensure ongoing participation in VICS projects
- ◆ Investigate data sharing and analysis opportunities (eg BIOGRID, or ECO) across the VICS
- ◆ Support the implementation of statewide MDM software solution (QOOL)

1.3 Engage consumers and communities in the work of GICS

- ◆ Work with the Consumer Advisory Group to produce podcasts for people living with cancer
- ◆ Utilise social media to engage consumers in cancer project work across the Grampians
- ◆ Expand the membership of the GICS Consumer Advisory Group
- ◆ Pilot my Cancer Care Record across health services in the Grampians & evaluate
- ◆ Ensure consumer engagement is considered in very GICS project plan
- ◆ Implement a community ambassador program in the Grampians
- ◆ Strengthen relationships with cancer support groups across the region



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## Strategic Goal 2: High Quality Cancer Care

2.1 Implement the Optimal Care Pathways including improvements to multidisciplinary care, supportive care and care coordination

- ◆ Continue to raise awareness of lung and colorectal OCPs
- ◆ Continue partnership work with the PHN in OCP implementation
- ◆ Improve MDM processes through implementing the recommendations from the Better MDMS for Grampians plan, and action areas arising from OCP analysis
- ◆ Ensure appropriate referrals of individuals and families by GPs and specialists to familial cancer services
- ◆ Support hcps to identify symptoms of cancer early and provide appropriate advice and timely referral to testing/assessment for lung, CRC and prostate
- ◆ Support the BHS Lung Redesign project
- ◆ Support processes to improve colonoscopy access across the region
- ◆ Undertake point prevalence survey for supportive care screening
- ◆ Review use of the SC tool across the region & develop common processes
- ◆ Build & refresh supportive care skills and competency in supportive care approaches
- ◆ Support the pilot program for telehealth and survivorship in the Wimmera Southern Mallee
- ◆ Support health services in the analysis of cancer related data.
- ◆ Communicate supportive care service directory across the region
- ◆ Communicate outcomes of the Cancer Service Improvement projects to stakeholders

2.2 Analyse available data and information of relevant clinical evidence/innovation and disseminate it to drive quality improvement

- ◆ Support health services in the analysis of cancer related data
- ◆ Undertake the statewide Cancer Service Performance Indicators audit and disseminate results

2.3 Support providers to apply cost benefit considerations to care/service planning and delivery

- ◆ Incorporate cost benefit perspectives in GICS led projects

2.4 Continue statewide tumour summits to drive consistent cancer care across tumour streams

- ◆ Support implementation of PCOR into Grampians
- ◆ Implement recommendations of models of care report that target quality of life issues for Victorian men with prostate cancer (report due in April)
- ◆ Support involvement of regional clinicians in tumour summit meetings/workshops
- ◆ Improve % of OG cases with MDM treatment planning in 2017

2.5 Continue to drive improvements in the patient experience of cancer

- ◆ Implementation of Wimmera Southern Mallee cancer plan, and identify sustainability options
- ◆ Support GR staff to run self management programs
- ◆ Participate in the Ophelia phase 2 health literacy project, and disseminate findings across the Region
- ◆ Develop consumer information about availability of local chemotherapy
- ◆ Undertake cancer patient experience surveys across the region (using the CCV validated tool)
- ◆ Evaluate the Cancer Conversations Grants program and implement a second round (within available resources)

2.6 Continue to support workforce development initiatives

- ◆ Evaluate the co-funded oncology nurse educator role between GICS and BHS
- ◆ Support & facilitate workforce development opportunities across the region

## Strategic Goal 3:

### A research informed cancer care system

3.1 Encourage providers to participate in clinical trial programs

- ◆ Encourage discussion of patient involvement of clinical trials in MDMs

3.2 Support health services research

- ◆ Support & coordinate health services to apply for grants funding relating to cancer care
- ◆ Support VICS conference to be successful

3.3 Foster robust evaluation of cancer programs, models of care and ICS initiatives

- ◆ Ensure evaluation of all GICS led projects
- ◆ Ensure evaluation of projects funded by Cancer Conversations Grants process

