



## WA Cancer Plan 2020 – 2025

### Implementation Update May 2021

#### Background

The WA Cancer Plan 2020-2025 was launched by the Minister for Health, Hon. Roger Cook in February 2020. The plan provides direction for WA to achieve a well-coordinated, consumer focused cancer control system and to improve cancer outcomes for Western Australians.

Quarterly updates are provided to inform stakeholders on progress and opportunities for engagement.  
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#### Implementation

The WA Cancer Plan 2020-2025 was designed to be realised by many organisations and individuals across WA including Health Service Providers (HSPs), the Department of Health, non-government organisations, research organisations, community, leaders in cancer control and research and health professionals.

**Priorities for implementation** have been determined. These include a focus on the following areas:

- Developing state-wide leadership for resolving cancer issues that span across entities
- Improving access to supportive and psychosocial care
- Improving care and its delivery for those surviving cancer or living with cancer on a long-term basis
- Improving access and outcomes for Aboriginal people and those living in rural and remote areas
- Improving cancer data collections and their utility
- Find cancer early for those at increased risk of inherited cancers
- Providing reliable information to empower consumers decision making
- Embedding Optimal Care Pathways and multidisciplinary team meetings
- Developing genomic and personalised medicine capacity for cancer diagnosis and treatment in WA
- Improving access to clinical trials for cancer patients.

#### Governance

The Department of Health welcomes Dr Tom Ferguson to the position of Medical Director, Cancer. Dr Ferguson has commenced in the role initially 1 day per week and will be leading the establishment of a **WA Cancer Strategic Leadership Group** to guide and monitor implementation and evaluation of the WA Cancer Plan 2020-2025. Membership, roles and responsibilities for the leadership group will be announced shortly.

#### Evaluation

An **Evaluation Framework** to assess the effectiveness of the WA Cancer Plan 2020-2025 in achieving its objectives has been developed. The new **WA Cancer Strategic Leadership Group** will consider ways to monitor the many activities underway across WA to implement the WA Cancer Plan and to assist with its evaluation and reporting.

#### Further Information

Please visit the WA Cancer Plan website:

[https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/U\\_Z/WA-Cancer-Plan](https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/U_Z/WA-Cancer-Plan)

Or contact the Department of Health's Cancer Network via email to:

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