Research & Innovation Forum
Cancer Research Outcomes

Identifying key themes and priorities to inform the development of the research component of the WA Cancer Plan 2020 - 2025.

Key Priorities and Initiatives

5 research themes were presented to delegates. For each of the themes the following were identified by participants to be priority areas for cancer research.

**Policy and Practice**
- Increase engagement of the community and front line staff at the onset of research to aid implementation of findings.
- Provide clear mechanisms for translation of research findings into clinical practice.
- Address areas of under investment in cancer, especially for prevention.
- Ensure an independent and transparent process for setting, addressing, and implementing priorities.

**Partners**
- Build meaningful partnerships between consumers, researchers and clinicians to understand their needs.
- Facilitate philanthropy partnerships coming together to fund strategic projects and provide critical mass.
- Facilitate network interaction via a transparent register of research activity, increased access to clinical trials, support for community education and informed participation and outcomes.

**People**
- Support early and mid-career researchers through funding and mentoring, to grow the next generation of researchers to become leaders in the field.
- Support development of bioinformatic capacity across organisations
- Develop research mentoring programs.
- Provide a secure career structure for cancer researchers.

**Platforms**
- Integrate molecular pathology and genomic sequencing for cancer patients in a timely and effective manner, and continue to incorporate new data generated by new technologies.
- Develop a “one-stop online shop” for community members that includes the latest statistics, clinical trials, support programs and other research and services.
- Update and enhance cancer data collections with staging and treatment data.
- Establish a state wide MDT database.

**Future Proofing**
- Greater focus on prevention and early diagnosis.
- Development and support of a data set that will support present and future research.
- Establishment of survivorship clinics.
- Setting a cancer research agenda across the continuum of care.
- Facilitate clinical trials and research (must be easier to do than not to do).

Forum Evaluation

**What was most valuable?**
Being exposed to a range of different perspectives, opportunity for discussion, networking and collaboration.

**What can we do better?**
Allocate more time for discussion and adopt a simplified process for prioritisation of discussion points and for the registration.

100% participants agreed they were given the opportunity to actively contribute to the cancer research session and the session provided an opportunity to network.

The majority of participants agreed that the presentations (82%) and the facilitated discussions (88%) were interesting and a valuable use of their time.