

ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL BENCHMARKING INITIATIVE TO DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS IN CANCER CARE THROUGH PAN CANCER COMPARISONS

AIM:

The Australian Real World Evidence Network for Cancer (Pan Cancer Initiative) aims to streamline the collection and reporting of clinical and patient-reported data across the cancer care system. Through a unified approach to reporting consistent indicators across diverse cancer types, the initiative will enable comprehensive comparisons and assessments of cancer care performance. This effort uses standardised patient-reported measures (PRMs) and a collaborative approach to identify pan cancer clinical indicators. Benchmarked PRMs will support local quality improvement initiatives and enhance health system accountability.

METHOD:

In collaboration with CQRs, the Pan Cancer Initiative integrates clinical data with standardised PRMs, ensuring consistent indicators are developed and implemented across different cancer types. Additionally, this initiative incorporates technical and operational input from registries to develop real-time access to data through clinician-facing dashboards, allowing for an interactive view of performance. The approach emphasises stakeholder engagement to ensure the system aligns clinicians' needs and delivers actionable insights to drive quality improvement.

RESULTS:

The benchmarking initiative will establish a consistent framework for national comparisons of cancer care and PRMs across different cancer types, highlighting variations in care delivery and outcomes. By offering clinicians standardised performance data through on-demand dashboards, clinicians are empowered to make informed decisions and target areas for improvement. This initiative ensures that cancer care can be consistently evaluated and benchmarked, promoting transparency and high standards across the sector.

CONCLUSIONS:

This benchmarking initiative promises to significantly enhance the **transparency, consistency**, and **quality** of cancer care across Australia. By aligning clinical indicators and PRMs across cancer types, it creates a powerful tool for clinicians and healthcare providers to track, compare, and improve cancer care delivery.

