

About the Statement

Cancer Australia, the Government's national cancer control agency, aims to reduce the impact of cancer, address disparities and improve outcomes for people affected by cancer, by leading and coordinating national, evidence-based interventions across the continuum of care.

In line with Cancer Australia's Strategic Plan 2014-2019, *Cancer Australia Statement – Influencing best practice in breast cancer*, has been developed to improve cancer outcomes and inform effective and sustainable cancer care.

Multidisciplinary cancer care is considered a cornerstone of best practice. The Statement supports patient-centred, multidisciplinary cancer care, and is intended to complement the nationally endorsed *Optimal care pathway for women with breast cancer* and relevant clinical practice guidelines.

The Statement highlights key appropriate and inappropriate breast cancer practices across the cancer care continuum. It provides health providers, patients and policymakers with the evidence supporting effective and best practice care, to deliver value to the patient and the health system.

Introduction to the Statement

Video of Introduction to the Statement

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The identification of the breast cancer practices in the Statement was achieved through a systematic approach to assessment, underpinned by a process of collaboration, participation and engagement of key clinical groups, including medical colleges, and consumers. The Statement is based on best available evidence and supported by expert clinical and consumer advice.

The Statement represents agreed priority areas which, if implemented, would support appropriate breast cancer care and reduce unwarranted variations in practice.* As such, the value of the Statement will be realised in informing and influencing wise decision-making at the health system, clinician and individual patient levels.

* The practices comprising the Statement should be considered in the context of clinical judgement for each patient.

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