Snapshot summary
Smoking cessation in cancer services: baseline evaluation 2019

ASK – ADVISE – ACT
While many patients with cancer in NSW are asked if they smoke, just over half are advised to quit, but only a few are referred to Quitline or offered NRT.

- **ASK**: 71% of patients were asked if they smoke
- **ADVISE**: 56% of smokers were advised to quit
- **ACT**: 15% of smokers were offered referral to Quitline
- 13% of smokers were offered with NRT

**TOOLS & RESOURCES**
More than half of clinicians who responded (55%) reported that there was a lack of available resources to support smoking cessation brief interventions.

**TRAINING**
- 79% of clinicians who responded reported inadequate training on how to deliver a brief intervention
- 55% of clinicians who responded did not feel confident to deliver a brief intervention
- 56% of clinicians who responded did not know how to make a referral to Quitline

**ORGANISATIONAL SUPPORT**
More than a third (37%) of clinicians who responded do not feel supported by their organisation to deliver smoking cessation interventions.

**LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE**
Cancer services report that LHDs are making good progress in setting up leadership and governance structures for smoking cessation.

**AUTOMATED QUITLINE REFERRAL**
Half of the clinicians who responded mentioned that electronic medical record systems didn’t easily facilitate the recording or provision of interventions.

References: