

An overview of Specialist Cancer Centres

Specialist Cancer Centres is an initiative that aims to save more lives from cancer and inform where people receive cancer treatment.

Specialist cancer treatment centres

To achieve this, we collaborate with the health system and use the latest data and evidence to determine and promote hospitals that meet the criteria as a specialist centre.

The process involves:



- 1 reviewing the latest research evidence



- 2 analysing data from NSW hospitals and cancer centres



- 3 determining criteria, by cancer type, for specialist centres to be identified



- 4 seeking advice from clinical advisory groups at every step of the process.

Based on this, NSW hospitals and cancer centres that meet agreed criteria are identified and promoted as specialist centres on the Cancer Institute and Canrefer websites.

Criteria are determined using the latest evidence and engagement with multiple levels of the health system. Criteria are specific to cancer types, reviewed regularly and examples include:



access to specialist multidisciplinary cancer care teams



meeting minimum annual surgical caseloads



achieving good clinical outcomes



access to clinical trials.

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Cancers currently listed



Adrenocortical



Bladder



Breast



Colon



Complex head and neck



Gastric



Liver and cholangiocarcinoma



Lung



Neuroendocrine



Neurological



Oesophageal



Ovarian



Pancreatic



Penile



Peritoneal



Pregnancy and treatment



Rectal



Sarcoma

Hover over cancer type to see the criteria



Canrefer supports GPs and people with a suspected cancer and their families to search for multidisciplinary cancer care teams specialising in the treatment and care of specific cancers.

Specialised centres for the cancer types are listed on Canrefer. The aim is to support patients and families by showing which hospitals meet the criteria to be listed as a Specialist centre.

More information

Visit Specialist Cancer Centre
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