

# Clinical Engagement Program

The Clinical Engagement Program within the Cancer Institute NSW provides an opportunity for key health system stakeholders to actively participate in developing system-wide reporting and identifying focus areas for quality improvement.



## Who we are

The Clinical Engagement Program facilitates the delivery of clinical engagements, such as clinical advisory groups, and small consultations. Through these engagements the program is able to incorporate clinician advice in the way data are analysed, interpreted, contextualised and presented.

Clinical engagement has to date informed the development of more than 70 clinical indicators for the Reporting for Better Cancer Outcomes (RBCO) program. These indicators highlight variation and support quality improvement in cancer care delivery across NSW.

The Clinical Engagement Program sits within the Strategic, Quality and System Performance team alongside the Cancer Institute's System Engagement and RBCO programs.

We partner with subject matter experts working across all areas of cancer care delivery, at any level. Our engagement activities are open to anyone working in the private or public sector who is interested, which may include (but is not limited to):

- Cancer care specialists (e.g. surgeons, medical oncologists, radiation oncologists)
- General practitioners
- Nurses
- Allied health workers
- Project managers/officers
- Researchers/academics
- Care coordinators
- Aboriginal health workers.

The Clinical Engagement Program provides a unique opportunity to collaborate with a broad range of peers from various professional backgrounds, organisations and locations to improve cancer outcomes.



## Who we work with

Since its inception in 2017, the Clinical Engagement Program has worked with more than 500 stakeholders across NSW, and more recently, the ACT. This includes representatives from 22 local health districts, Specialty Health Networks and Primary Health Networks, and seven professional organisations.

In 2024, 100 unique stakeholders were engaged in Clinical Advisory Groups and consultations, covering 12 topic areas and tumour streams.

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One in three stakeholders engaged were from regional or rural local health districts

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## Why we need your help?

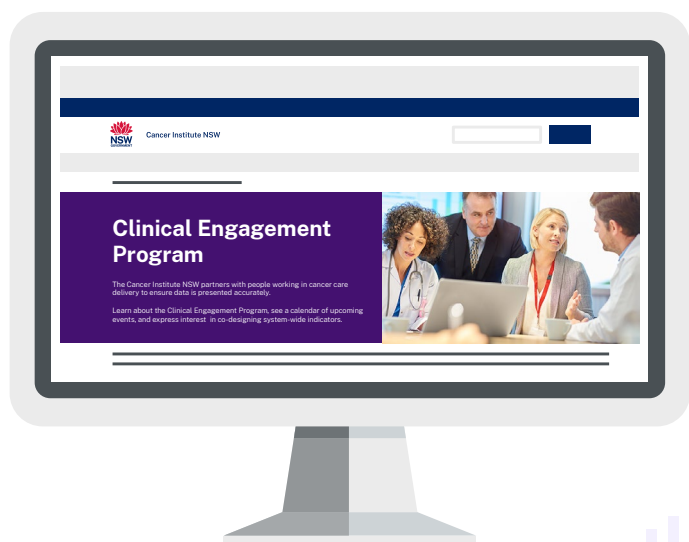
Engaging stakeholders is critical to the program's success. We rely on expert advice and experience in cancer services to identify problem areas, focus on appropriate topics, sense check any data analyses, and gain a more holistic view of the data that is presented.

This allows the program to co-design new and clinically relevant indicators that are of value to clinicians and the health system as a whole.



## Ways we engage

We hold a mix of one on one consultations, small working groups, larger Clinical Advisory Groups and written feedback. All meetings are offered virtually on Microsoft Teams to increase accessibility and are 30 to 60 minutes in duration.



Upcoming engagements can be found on the Clinical Engagement Program webpage at [cancer.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/supporting-cancer-care/clinical-engagement-program](https://cancer.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/supporting-cancer-care/clinical-engagement-program)

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