CANCER SCREENING RESOURCE KIT FOR PRIMARY CARE

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1. GENERAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE	LINK
Cancer Screening Hub Information on the three national cancer screening programs and eligibility, ways to improve screening, and patient resources. *Cancer Council Victoria*	https://screeningresources.cancervic.org.au
National Cancer Screening Register information for healthcare practitioners *National Cancer Screening Register*	https://www.ncsr.gov.au/content/ncsr/en/healthcare-providers.html
National Cancer Screening Register Healthcare Provider Portal Guide For further assistance, you can call the contact centre on 1800 627 701 *National Cancer Screening Register*	https://www.ncsr.gov.au/content/ncsr/en/healthcare-providers/RegisterAccess/hcp-portal-user-guide.html
HealthPathways HealthPathways is a free web-based portal for use by clinicians at the point of care and to access evidence-based, locally accessible patient pathways. *Primary Health Networks*	https://vtphna.org.au/care-pathways-and-referral/
Optimal Cancer Care Pathways The optimal cancer care pathways (OCPs) map the patient journey to promote quality cancer care. The resources identify critical points along the care pathway and the recommended care at each point. • Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Optimal Cancer Care Pathway • Breast Cancer Optimal Cancer Care Pathway • Colorectal Cancer Optimal Cancer Care Pathway • Optimal Care Pathway for Women for Cervical Cancer • PACED (Implementing Pathways for Cancer Early Diagnosis) resources *Endorsed by the National Cancer Expert Review Group, Cancer Australia, Cancer Council Australia, and the Australian Health Ministers Advisory Council*	https://www.cancervic.org.au/for-health-professionals/optimal-care-pathways
Cancer Screening Quality Improvement Tool Kit 2019 This Tool Kit has been developed as a resource to support the early detection of bowel, cervical and breast cancer by strengthening your team-based approach to cancer screening within primary health care settings. *Murray PHN, North Western Melbourne PHN and Western Victoria PHN*	https://nwmphn.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Cancer-Screening-QI-Toolkit.pdf

1. GENERAL RESOURCES (CONTINUED)

RESOURCE	LINK
NWM PHN Primary Care Quality Improvement Activities Quality improvement templates are available for general practices to improve patient outcomes and deliver best practice care. There are cancer screening QI templates available for breast, bowel and cervical screening *North Western Melbourne PHN*	https://nwmphn.org.au/qi-activities/
Pen CAT4 Recipes: Cancer Screening – Reminder Workflow These cancer screening quality improvement recipes support practices to establish and monitor cancer screening participation rates, identify and send invitations and reminders to eligible patients, and engage under-screened and never-screened patients. *PenCS*	https://help.pencs.com.au/display/CR/Cancer+Screening+-+Reminder+Workflow

2. BOWEL SCREENING

CLINICAL RESOURCE	LINK
National Bowel Cancer Screening Program (NBCSP) website *Australian Government Department of Health*	https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/national-bowel-cancer-screening-program
NBCSP Participant Screening Pathway *Australian Government Department of Health*	https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/national-bowel-cancer-screening-program-participant-screening-pathway
Clinical practice guidelines for the prevention, early detection and management of colorectal cancer *Cancer Council Australia*	https://wiki.cancer.org.au/australia/Guidelines:Colorectal_cancer
Ordering NBCSP FOBT kits *National Cancer Screening Register*	https://ncsr.gov.au/content/ncsr/en/healthcare-providers/RegisterAccess.html
Victorian Colonoscopy Categorisation Guidelines These guidelines outline the optimal categories for prioritising colonoscopy patients in Victoria and provide key information required from referring clinicians. *Victorian Department of Health and Human Services*	https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/about/publications/policiesandguidelines/colonoscopy-categorisation-guidelines
Colonoscopy referral information form This form provides the essential information referrers must include to facilitate a referral for a colonoscopy procedure. *Victorian Department of Health and Human Services*	https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/about/publications/formsandtemplates/colonoscopy-referral-information-form
GP Referral Guide for Lynch syndrome risk assessment *Cancer Council Victoria*	https://www.cancervic.org.au/downloads/health-professionals/general-practice/GP-referral-guide-for-lynch-syndrome-risk-assessment.pdf

PATIENT RESOURCE	LINK
Information for participants about bowel screening and an instructional video about the NBCSP Home Test Kit *Cancer Council Australia*	http://www.bowelcancer.org.au/

3. BREAST SCREENING

CLINICAL RESOURCE	LINK
Breast screening information for health professionals *BreastScreen Victoria*	https://www.breastscreen.org.au/health-professionals/
When to recommend a screening mammogram OR refer diagnostically *BreastScreen Victoria*	https://clara.breastscreen.org.au/intranet/documents/21/1997/BSV_Screening_V_Diagnostic.pdf
GP Recommendation Pad A digital version of BreastScreen Victoria's GP Recommendation Pad which provides information to help patients book a breast screen appointment. *BreastScreen Victoria*	https://clara.breastscreen.org.au/intranet/documents/21/3242/BSV_Referral_Pad.pdf
Position Statement on Breast Density and Screening within the BreastScreen Australia Program Please be aware that BSV does not measure or report on breast density. See the position statement for further information on breast density and screening. *Australian Government Department of Health, endorsed by the BreastScreen Australia Program Management Group*	https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2020/10/breastscreen-australia-position-statement-on-breast-density-and-screening-breastscreen-australia-2020-position-statement-on-breast-density-and-screening.pdf
Breast/chest screening for trans and gender diverse people *BreastScreen Victoria*	https://www.breastscreen.org.au/community-support/trans-and-gender-diverse-people/
Women with a previous diagnosis of breast cancer Eligible Victorians can return to the BSV program five years after a breast cancer diagnosis (with consultation from specialists) *BreastScreen Victoria*	https://clara.breastscreen.org.au/intranet/documents/21/356/BSV_Past_history_fact_sheet.pdf

3. BREAST SCREENING (CONTINUED)

CLINICAL RESOURCE	LINK
Family history of breast screening: referral and management summary for GPs Clients complete a questionnaire before their BSV appointment to inform their level of risk based on family history. When a participant is at moderate or high risk, BSV will provide GPs with an information sheet based on the participant's responses. GPs are encouraged to complete a risk assessment with these participants prior to specialist referral to ensure accuracy. *BreastScreen Victoria*	https://clara.breastscreen.org.au/intranet/documents/21/109/BSV_Family_history_of_breast_cancer_information_for_GPs.pdf
BreastScreen Victoria's family history policy *BreastScreen Victoria*	https://www.breastscreen.org.au/breast-cancer-and-screening/your-breast-cancer-risk/family-history/
eviQ Referral guidelines for breast cancer risk assessment and consideration of genetic testing *Cancer Institute NSW*	https://www.eviq.org.au/cancer-genetics/referral-guidelines/1620-breast-cancer-referring-to-genetics
GP Referral Guide for BRCA1 and BRCA2 risk assessment *Cancer Council Victoria*	https://www.cancervic.org.au/downloads/health-professionals/general-practice/GP-referral-guide-for-BRCA1-and-BRCA2-risk-assessment.pdf

PATIENT RESOURCE	LINK
Patient resource: What is the difference between a screening and a diagnostic mammogram fact sheet *BreastScreen Victoria*	https://clara.breastscreen.org.au/intranet/documents/21/106/BSV_%20Difference_between_screening_and_diagnostic_%20mammogram.pdf
My Journey Online Breast Cancer Network Australia (BCNA) provides support to people who have a positive diagnosis. BSV recommends those with a positive diagnosis to contact BCNA. BSV registers clients for the 'My Journey Online' tool. We encourage GPs to promote this resource as well as link patients in with a local breast care nurse. *Breast Cancer Network Australia*	https://www.bcna.org.au/understanding-breast-cancer/resources/my-journey-online-tool/

4. CERVICAL SCREENING

CLINICAL RESOURCE	LINK
National Cervical Screening Program website for healthcare practitioners *Australian Government Department of Health*	https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/national-cervical-screening-program/providing-cervical-screening
National Cervical Screening Program: Guidelines for the management of screen-detected abnormalities, screening in specific populations and investigation of abnormal vaginal bleeding *Cancer Council Australia*	https://wiki.cancer.org.au/australia/Guidelines:Cervical_cancer/Screening
National Cervical Screening Program resources for healthcare practitioners *VCS Foundation*	https://www.vcs.org.au/pathology/for-practitioners/renewal-documents/
HPV Self-Collection Information Information for healthcare professionals and screening participants about self-collection. This includes patient self-collection instruction cards in multiple languages. *VCS Foundation*	https://www.vcs.org.au/pathology/hpv-self-collection/
Female Genital Cutting (FGC) and cervical screening: A guide for practitioners *Cancer Council Victoria and Women's Health West FARREP Program*	https://www.cancervic.org.au/downloads/health-professionals/cervical-screening/fgc-card.pdf
Sexual assault and cervical screening: A guide for practitioners *CASA Forum and Cancer Council Victoria*	https://www.cancervic.org.au/downloads/health-professionals/cervical-screening/casa-nurses-card.pdf
Fact sheet: Starting cervical screening at age 25 is safe *VCS Foundation*	https://www.vcs.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/17281_VCS_ScreeningU25_ART.pdf

4. CERVICAL SCREENING (CONTINUED)

NURSE RESOURCE	LINK
Nurse Ambassador Program This program includes workshops that increase skills and knowledge in cancer screening and prevention activities, with a focus on understanding the barriers and enablers in working with underscreened communities. *Cancer Council Victoria*	https://www.cancervic.org.au/for-health-professionals/cervical-screening-providers/nurse-ambassador-program
Nurse Cervical Screening Provider Certification Information about Victorian cervical screening training providers and Nurse Cervical Screening Provider certification requirements. *Cancer Council Victoria*	https://www.cancervic.org.au/for-health-professionals/cervical-screening-providers/nurse-cervical-screening-provider-certification
Cervical screening provider directory Cervical screening provider directory on Cancer Council Victoria's website where women and people with a cervix can find a screening provider to meet their needs. This directory allows people to search for cervical screening providers by location, gender of nurse and/or screening provider, language spoken and/or disability access. Nurse Cervical Screening Providers and GPs can add their practice into the directory. *Cancer Council Victoria*	https://www.cancervic.org.au/cervical-screening-test/providerdetails.asp

PATIENT RESOURCE	LINK
What do my cervical screening results mean? *VCS Foundation*	https://www.vcs.org.au/pathology/for-women/resources/
Caring for your health: cervical screening A short video in plain English about the importance of cervical screening. *Cancer Council Victoria and Multicultural Centre for Women's Health*	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UqBC1stTQ14
Cervical Screening Provider Directory This is a directory to help women or people with a cervix to find a screening provider to meet their needs. They can search on criteria such as bulk billing, female providers, languages spoken, sensitive sexual assault trained, LBGTIQ, and disability access. *Cancer Council Victoria*	https://www.cancervic.org.au/cervical-screening-test/where.asp
Cervical screening is important for all women Brochure about cervical screening, including information for those who have experienced Female Genital Cutting. Also available in different languages: Amharic, Arabic Farsi, Hararic, Oromo, and Somali. *Cancer Council Victoria*	https://d1wn6bc0rfm7u5.cloudfront.net/files/CC-Self-Collection-brochure-FINAL.pdf

5. ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SCREENING

CLINICAL RESOURCE	LINK
'Ask the Question' project resources Resources for general practices, including: • Training video for staff • Cultural awareness self-audits and information • Poster about asking the question • Acknowledgement of country poster • Suggested social media posts *Murray PHN (video by Sista Girl Productions / Inner North West Primary Care Partnership)*	https://www.murrayphn.org.au/portfolio-view/asking-question/
'One simple question could help you close the gap' *Australian Institute of Health and Welfare*	https://www.aihw.gov.au/getmedia/502680f6-b179-42fa-be71-8fd5d793d8d8/indigenous-identification-DLbrochure.pdf.aspx
Video: Increasing cervical screening participation amongst Aboriginal communities *Cancer Council Victoria*	https://youtu.be/FIznrCxBXB4
Women's Business flip chart An interactive resource used to explain cervical screening to women and people with a cervix from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds. *Cancer Council Victoria*	https://d1wn6bc0rfm7u5.cloudfront.net/files/Aboriginal-cervical-flip-chart.pdf
'Talking to community about cancer screening' online training course Free course comprised of self-paced modules taking approximately 30 mins to complete each. These support aboriginal health workers to reach Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities with cancer screening messages. *Cancer Council Victoria*	https://screeningresources.cancervic.org.au/communities/aboriginal-or-torres-strait-islander-communities/talking-to-community-about-bowel-and-cervical-screening
The Beautiful Shawl Project A collaborative model that provides a safe and empowering screening experience for Aboriginal women. Local community artists produce beautiful screening shawls for Aboriginal women to wear during screening, and to keep afterwards. *Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation and BreastScreen Victoria*	https://www.vaccho.org.au/beautiful-shawl-project/ https://www.breastscreen.org.au/community-support/aboriginal-people/
Information and resources on providing effective, culturally safe primary health care *Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation*	https://www.racgp.org.au/the-racgp/faculties/atsi/cultural-safety

5. ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SCREENING (CONTINUED)

CLINICAL RESOURCE	LINK
Korin Korin Balit Djak: Aboriginal health, wellbeing and safety strategic plan 2017 – 2027 *Victorian Department of Health and Human Services*	https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/publications/korin-korin-balit-djak
COVID-19 fact sheets for Aboriginal patients, staff and cultural safety A series of factsheets providing Aboriginal cultural safety guidance to health services during COVID-19: • Aboriginal cultural safety in public health services • Aboriginal patients accessing public health services • Aboriginal employees in public health services • 'Asking the question' and COVID-19 testing poster *Victorian Department of Health and Human Services*	https://fac.dhhs.vic.gov.au/news/covid-19-fact-sheets-aboriginal-patients-staff-and-cultural-safety
'Flushed – A Coonie Could Save Your Life! – Teaser' Toiler humour is performed alongside important information about cancer prevention in a stand-up comedy show for the Victorian Koori community by Denise McGuinness, 2010 Deadly Funny winner. This 38-second teaser directs viewers to the full comedy show video. *Cancer Council Victoria*	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PATcmKySFcw Full video available at: https://www.cancervic.org.au/aboriginal-communities

6. ENGAGING WITH UNDERSCREENED COMMUNITIES

CLINICAL RESOURCE	LINK
Health Translations website Search by topic, e.g., 'cancer screening', for translated health information for patients. *Centre for Culture, Ethnicity and Health*	https://www.healthtranslations.vic.gov.au/
Cancer Screening Hub: Resources Free, downloadable resources to help underscreened communities prevent, understand and manage the impact of cancer. Examples include: • Brochures, fact sheets and videos for patients • Translated information in up to 20 languages • Posters for your waiting room • Template GP endorsement letter *Cancer Council Victoria*	www.screeningresources.cancervic.org.au/resources
Bowel screening educational resources Includes a 'Bowel Health and Screening' Flipchart and Facilitator Manual designed as tools to assist in providing education on bowel cancer and bowel cancer screening to women and men from different cultural backgrounds. *Cancer Institute New South Wales*	https://www.cancer.nsw.gov.au/prevention-and-screening/screening-and-early-detection/bowel-cancer-screening/bowel-screening-educational-resources
Breast screening educational resources Includes a 'Breast Health and Screening' Flipchart and Facilitator Manual designed as tools to assist in providing education on breast cancer and breast cancer screening to women and men from different cultural backgrounds. *Cancer Institute New South Wales*	https://www.cancer.nsw.gov.au/prevention-and-screening/screening-and-early-detection/breast-cancer-screening/breast-screening-educational-resources
Cervical screening community education resources Includes a 'Cervical screening – taking care of your health' Flipchart and Facilitator Manual designed to support those providing information on cervical cancer and cervical screening to women from different cultural backgrounds, particularly those eligible to participate in the National Cervical Screening Program (NCSP). *Cancer Institute New South Wales*	https://www.cancer.nsw.gov.au/prevention-and-screening/screening-and-early-detection/cervical-screening/cervical-screening-community-education-resources
Toolkit for engaging under-screened and never-screened women in the National Cervical Screening Program *Australian Government Department of Health*	https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/national-cervical-screening-program-toolkit-for-engaging-under-screened-and-never-screened-women
Cancer Screening for People with Disabilities: A guide for general practice *Cancer Council Victoria*	https://d1wn6bc0rfm7u5.cloudfront.net/files/A4_flip_chart_8pp-2022-02-10.pdf

6. ENGAGING WITH UNDERSCREENED COMMUNITIES (CONTINUTED)

CLINICAL RESOURCE	LINK
Breast/chest screening for trans and gender diverse people *BreastScreen Victoria*	https://www.breastscreen.org.au/community-support/trans-and-gender-diverse-people/
LGBTIQ+ inclusive general practice – examples of best practice *Victorian Department of Health and Human Services*	https://www.health.vic.gov.au/populations/inclusive-general-practice
Caring for your health: Cervical Screening flipchart in plain English A flipchart in plain English for community health workers to facilitate culturally safe conversations about cervical screening. *Cancer Council Victoria and Multicultural Centre for Women's Health*	https://d1wn6bc0rfm7u5.cloudfront.net/files/CALD-cervical-screening-flip-chart.pdf
Female Genital Cutting (FGC) and cervical screening: A guide for practitioners *Cancer Council Victoria and Women's Health West FARREP Program*	https://www.cancervic.org.au/downloads/health-professionals/cervical-screening/fgc-card.pdf
Sexual assault and cervical screening: A guide for practitioners *CASA Forum and Cancer Council Victoria*	https://www.cancervic.org.au/downloads/health-professionals/cervical-screening/casa-nurses-card.pdf

7. SCREENING DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

CLINICAL RESOURCE	LINK
Impact of COVID-19 on cervical cancer screening *Australian Government Department of Health*	https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/national-cervical-screening-program/providing-cervical-screening/the-role-of-health-professionals-in-the-national-cervical-screening-program#impact-of-covid19-on-cervical-cancer-screening
Home-Based HPV Self-Collection You can now offer a home self-sampling kit to under and never-screened patients during a telehealth consultation. This initiative aims to ensure under-screened groups are not disproportionately affected by the Victorian lockdown restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic. *VCS Foundation*	https://www.vcs.org.au/pathology/hpv-self-collection/home-based-hpv-self-collection/
Breast screening and coronavirus *BreastScreen Victoria*	https://www.breastscreen.org.au/coronavirus/
Bowel screening during COVID-19 *Australian Government Department of Health*	https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/national-bowel-cancer-screening-program/getting-a-bowel-screening-test/bowel-screening-during-covid-19
Cancer Screening and COVID-19 in Australia A report looking at the impact of COVID-19 on cancer screening over the first half of 2020. *Australian Institute of Health and Welfare*	https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports/cancer-screening/cancer-screening-and-covid-19-in-australia/contents/how-has-covid-19-affected-australias-cancer-screening-programs

PRACTICE RESOURCE	LINK
COVID-19 fact sheets for Aboriginal patients, staff and cultural safety A series of factsheets providing Aboriginal cultural safety guidance to health services during COVID-19: • Aboriginal cultural safety in public health services fact sheet • Aboriginal patients accessing public health services fact sheet • Aboriginal employees in public health services fact sheet • 'Asking the question' and COVID-19 testing poster *Victorian Department of Health and Human Services*	https://fac.dhhs.vic.gov.au/news/covid-19-fact-sheets-aboriginal-patients-staff-and-cultural-safety

7. SCREENING DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC (CONTINUED)

PATIENT RESOURCE	LINK
"Don't delay your cancer screening" video Video from Dr Brett Sutton, Victorian Chief Health Officer, encouraging Victorians not to put off cancer screening appointments. We encourage you to put this on your website and social media channels. *Victorian Department of Health and Human Services*	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DBg2qoCqjLU
"Don't Delay" campaign resources Encourage your patients not to delay cancer screening appointments or to put off speaking to their doctor about symptoms. We encourage you to use these resources when communicating with patients on your website and social media channels. *Cancer Council Victoria*	https://www.cancervic.org.au/get-support/covid-19/dont-delay/assets.html
Bowel screening during COVID-19 *Australian Government Department of Health*	https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/national-bowel-cancer-screening-program/getting-a-bowel-screening-test/bowel-screening-during-covid-19

CPD Education

Cervical Screening, HPV and Self-Collection: Clinical Education Course
4-hour education activity for GPs & Nurse Cervical Screening Providers.
CPD points available: RACGP: 40 points | ACRRM: 3.5 PDP hours, 1 performance review | APNA: 4hrs | ACN: 4hrs
https://gpex.com.au/course/cervical-screening-hpv-and-self-collection/

Referrals to Familial Cancer Centres for BRCA 1 and BRCA 2 testing
1-hour education activity to help practitioners identify patients that require referral to a familial cancer centre.
https://www.thinkgp.com.au/education/brca1-and-brca2-testing

Referrals to Familial Cancer Centres for Lynch syndrome risk assessment
1-hour education activity to help practitioners identify patients that require referral to a familial cancer centre.
https://www.thinkgp.com.au/education/lynch-syndrome

The Trans GP Module
1-hour education activity covering the diverse terminology, experiences, health issues, standards, and referral pathways with respect to trans, gender diverse, and non-binary (TGDNB) clients.
https://nwmphn.org.au/for-primary-care/trans-gp-module

ACCESS MORE EDUCATION ON CANCER SCREENING HERE:

Cancer Council Victoria Online Learning
https://www.cancer.org.au/health-professionals/resources/online-learning

Australian Centre for the Prevention of Cervical Cancer Education for Practitioners
https://www.vcs.org.au/pathology/for-practitioners/education/