

Victorian Paediatric Integrated Cancer Service: Our direction: 2022-2024

Who are we?

The Victorian Paediatric Integrated Cancer Service (PICS) is funded by the state Government to lead a networked paediatric cancer care system in Victoria. We are part of the Victorian Integrated Cancer Services.

We achieve our goals through working with the Victorian primary diagnostic and treatment centres for children and adolescents:

- The Royal Children's Hospital
- Monash Children's Hospital;
- the state-wide paediatric radiation therapy service:
- Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre;
- and our regional shared care partner health services.

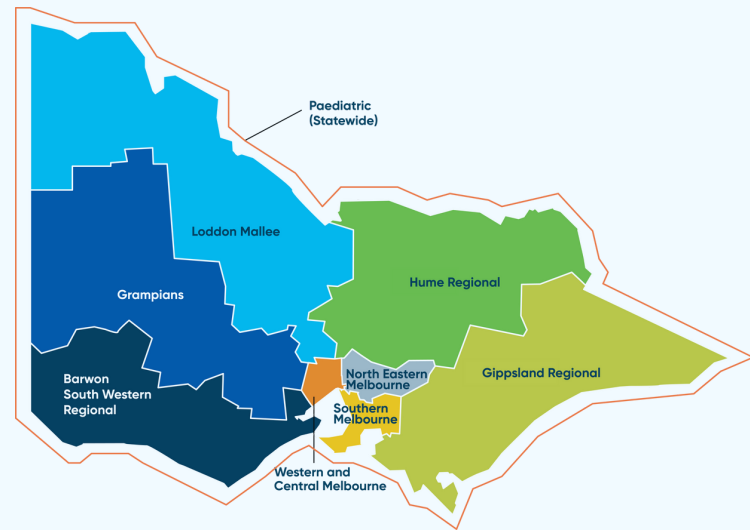
Our role

To improve patient experiences and outcomes, by driving equitable access to consistent, high-quality cancer care.

Our vision

Paediatric cancer care will be family-centred and evidence-based for all children and adolescents receiving care in Victoria.

Our network



To perform our role, we:

- CONNECT** Building relationships between providers, health services and sectors in Victoria, to facilitate equitable access to paediatric cancer care
- PROVIDE** Delivering an integrated statewide survivorship program for all children and adolescents following cancer treatment, across metropolitan and regional areas
- COORDINATE** Building regional capability and capacity through PICS Regional Outreach and Shared Care Program's onsite education and clinics, and coordination of the delivery of low-complexity care
- INFORM** Developing family-focused supportive care resources
- STANDARDISE** Developing and delivering education forums and clinical resources to facilitate standardisation of best practice paediatric cancer care across our network
- TRANSLATE** Providing data analysis services to translate data into organisational knowledge, and support statewide health services research and improvement
- CO-CREATE** Engaging with consumers and clinicians to co-create service improvement projects and programs of work
- EVALUATE** Evaluate completed service improvement projects and program changes to ascertain the impact locally, and potential for impact at scale
- EMBED** Working with health services to implement project recommendations in a sustainable and effective way
- MONITOR** Systematically monitoring processes and outcomes of cancer care to improve system-wide performance

Our strategic priorities

<p>Facilitate high quality survivorship care for all children and adolescents following cancer care in Victoria, and develop the Victorian Childhood Cancer Survivorship Registry to improve workforce knowledge.</p>	<p>Improve the adoption of quality cancer care closer to home by supporting implementation of standardised programs.</p>	<p>Facilitate high quality supportive care for children and adolescents across their cancer pathway.</p>	<p>Support Victorian health services to provide safe, consistent, equitable care through the expansion of our statewide Regional Outreach and Shared Care Program.</p>
<p>Measure of success: Evidence of standardised services available to all Long Term Follow-up Program patients, and evidence of timely, consistent access to clinics.</p> <p>Evidence of improved data collection, availability and use pertaining to paediatric cancer survivorship and late effects of treatment.</p>	<p>Measure of success: Year-on-year growth of cancer services delivered via home-based or care closer to home programs.</p>	<p>Measure of success: Supportive care policy review and implementation state-wide. Evidence of family-focused PICS supportive care resources becoming embedded in practice.</p>	<p>Measure of success: Consistent and widespread delivery of ROSCP paediatric oncology nursing and medical education across the state.</p> <p>Evidence of development and implementation of appropriate and effective repatriation pathways.</p> <p>A 'palliative radiotherapy closer to home' feasibility study and recommendations endorsed by the network with an agreed implementation plan.</p>
<p>Improve equity of access to clinical and supportive care trials, and support cancer services research.</p>	<p>Drive implementation of the Adolescent and Young Adult and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Optimal Care Pathways.</p>	<p>Update the Paediatric Oncology Care Pathways, and monitor and communicate health service alignment with optimal cancer care.</p>	<p>Assess and monitor service capability to deliver low complexity care to children and adolescents with cancer, across Victoria.</p>
<p>Measure of success: Evidence of improved clinical and supportive care trial data collection, availability and use across the network.</p>	<p>Measure of success: Evidence of improved patient experience for adolescents and young adults, and Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander children and adolescents receiving cancer care.</p>	<p>Measure of success: A standardised monitoring and reporting system is in place, with evidence of routine communication of results with our partner health services.</p>	<p>Measure of success: Delivery of an updated Service Capability Framework (SCF). Evidence of routine monitoring with any unwarranted variation from the SCF communicated via appropriate channels.</p>