

Cancer is estimated to be the leading cause of burden of disease and injury in Australia in 2010.

On average, 1 in 2 Australians will develop cancer and 1 in 5 will die from it before the age of 85 years.

eviQ Cancer Treatments Online is a free, Australian web-based clinical information system providing evidence based, peer reviewed point-of-care cancer treatment protocols and information.



CANCER IN AUSTRALIA

The numbers of new cancer cases has more than doubled between 1983 and 2007, and it is anticipated that this will continue to increase.

Cancer accounted for approximately three of every ten deaths registered in Australia in 2007, making it second only to cardiovascular disease, as the most common cause of death.

Survival prospects for those diagnosed with a reportable cancer have improved, due to better diagnostic methods, earlier detection and improvements in treatment. However brain and lung cancer have seen very little change in 5-year relative survival rates, which remain low at 19-20% for brain cancer and 9-12% for lung cancer.

IMPLICATIONS FOR GENERAL PRACTICE AND PRIMARY HEALTHCARE

Increasing numbers of GPs are now being involved in the care of cancer patients, due to greater numbers of patients and long-term survivors living in the community.

Cancer Australia identified a need for GPs and practice and community nurses to access quality cancer treatment information, including side effects, and have funded a collaboration with the Cancer Institute NSW to use its existing clinical resource, eviQ, in the primary healthcare setting.

eviQ now houses a specialist area for busy GPs, community nurses and other primary care health professionals, with free access to treatment protocols, side effects, clinical considerations and safety alerts, an opioid conversion calculator; immediate management of febrile neutropenia and cancer genetics content.

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eviQ is designed to be useful at point of care, and contains a primary health care content area, with tumour specific information; clinical links; and quick links.

TUMOUR SPECIFIC INFORMATION



- treatment protocols
- side effects
- clinical considerations and safety alerts
- types and staging
- genetics

CLINICAL LINKS



- clinical devices
- clinical trials
- immediate management of febrile neutropenia
- frequently asked questions
- safe handling of antineoplastics and management of oral chemotherapy.

QUICK LINKS



- cancer service directories
- communication and referrals
- cancer education
- MBS item numbers
- statistics and reports
- resources and links

Opioid Conversion Calculator



eviQ has launched an easy to use opioid conversion calculator, providing clinicians with an online tool to allow accurate conversion of one opioid regimen to an approximately equianalgesic dose of another.

NEW!

REGISTER NOW!

Register online now for a free, individual password.

Once you have selected register – select health professional as your role – then answer yes to “are you working in primary health care”?

Visit www.eviQ.org.au to register.

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