

Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Standards of Care Workshop

12.00-3.00 pm, Friday 27 February 2015

Miramar Golf Course Conference Centre, 1 Stewart Duff Drive, Miramar, Wellington

RSVP to info@ayacancernetwork.org.nz by Monday 16 February 2015

The AYA Cancer Network Aotearoa and the Ministry of Health are holding an initial workshop to discuss the development of Standards of Care that recognise the unique preferences, values and needs of 12-24 year olds diagnosed with cancer and ensure they receive timely, good quality care along the cancer management pathway.

Current survival rates for AYA cancer in New Zealand are below international comparisons. The Government has allocated additional resource for an initial two years to ensure these young people get the support and care they need.

One of the first steps identified to improve outcomes for this population, is the development of age-specific standards that describe the level of service that 12-24 year olds should have access to.

These standards will sit alongside the eleven Tumour Standards that the Ministry of Health has developed for bowel, breast, gynaecological, lung, lymphoma, head and neck, melanoma, myeloma, sarcoma, thyroid and upper gastrointestinal cancers. They will also complement service standards established by the National Child Cancer Network.

This initial meeting will discuss the purpose of developing age-specific standards, what those standards might look like and the process that will be followed to ensure wide consultation and agreement across the sector.

You will have the opportunity to express your interest in being involved in a Working Group to develop the standards and to suggest others who may be able to provide valuable input.

This meeting is open to all service providers involved in the delivery of care to 12-24 year olds diagnosed with cancer and their whānau. We are hoping to have representatives from across all regions and professions including nurses, doctors, social workers, dentists, pharmacists, psychologists, dieticians, educators, counsellors and allied health and patient and whānau support professionals.

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