

**Guidance for Improving
Supportive and
Rehabilitative Care for
Adults with Cancer in
New Zealand**
Submission Booklet

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Introduction

There are some key questions we would like you to think about and comment on as you read this draft document.

Your feedback is important, so please take this opportunity to have your say.

You can provide comment by making a submission on your own behalf or as a member of an organisation. Your comments need not be restricted to the questions asked in this document. The Ministry welcomes all feedback.

How to Have Your Say

There are two different ways you can make a submission:

1. Print this booklet, write down your comments and post them to:

**Cancer Team
Supportive Care Submissions
Ministry of Health
PO Box 5013
Wellington**

2. Download this booklet and email your submission to:

emma_hindson@moh.govt.nz

All submissions are due by 5 pm, Tuesday 28 October 2008.

Background

Supportive care and rehabilitation encompasses ‘the essential services to meet the physical, emotional, nutritional, informational, psychological, sexual, spiritual, and practical needs throughout a person’s experience with cancer’. Evidence shows that when people experiencing cancer receive good social, psychological, and cultural support, their quality of life improves.

The aim of this draft guidance document is to improve the quality of life for people affected by cancer, by improving access to and quality of supportive care in New Zealand. The document provides clear objectives based on the best evidence and suggests best practice service approaches that will service to ensure that adults with cancer, their families/whānau have access to essential support and rehabilitative care they may require throughout the various stages of cancer, from diagnosis onwards.

It is important that this guidance reflects up-to-the-minute evidence and covers all the relevant issues relating to supportive care for people affected by cancer in New Zealand. It is also important that the objectives and recommendations are appropriate for the sector, as these will be the drivers for action when implementing the guidance. We also seek a steer on priority recommendations, so we can get a clear picture of what needs to happen, now.

Submission Form: Draft Supportive Care Guidance

Submissions close at 5 pm on Tuesday 28 October 2008.

This submission was completed by: _____ (name)

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Other *(please specify)*

Please indicate which sector(s) your submission represents:

(You may tick as many boxes as apply)

Consumer

Family/whānau

Academic/research

Māori

Pacific

District Health Board

Education/training

Local government

Provider

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Non-government organisation

Professional association

Other *(please specify)*

Please return only *one* copy of your submission no later than 5 pm, **Tuesday 28 October 2008.**

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All submissions will be acknowledged by the Ministry of Health, and a summary of submissions will be sent to all those who request a copy.

Do you wish to receive a copy of the summary of submissions?

Yes

No

The summary will include the names of all those who made a submission, unless individuals request that their name not be published by ticking/marking the box below:

I **do not** give permission for my name to be listed in the published summary of submissions.

Your submission may be requested under the Official Information Act 1982. If this happens, the Ministry of Health will release your submission to the person who requested it. However, if you are an individual (not an organisation), the Ministry will remove your personal details from the submission if you tick/mark the box below:

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Review Questions

Overview

Is there anything you strongly disagree with in this document?

Yes No

If yes, please give reasons

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3. Will this guidance be useful in your day-to-day practice?

Yes No If no, please give reasons

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4. Do you have any further comments you wish to make on this chapter?

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Chapter 2: Information

(refer to page 13)

5. Do you agree that the main issues for provision of information relating to cancer supportive care in New Zealand are fairly summarised in this chapter?

Yes

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Chapter 3: Interpersonal Communication

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10. Do you agree that the main issues for the delivery of interpersonal communication relating to cancer supportive care in New Zealand are fairly summarised in this chapter?

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If no, please give reasons

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Chapter 5: Social Support

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20. Do you agree that the main issues for the provision of social support relating to cancer supportive care in New Zealand are fairly summarised in this chapter?

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If no, please give reasons

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Chapter 6: Complementary and Alternative Medicine

(refer to page 40)

25. Do you agree that the main issues for Complementary and Alternative Medicine relating to cancer supportive care in New Zealand are fairly summarised in this chapter?

Yes

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27. Do you agree with the recommendations for this chapter?

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Chapter 7: Support for Living Long-term with Cancer

(refer to page 47)

30. Do you agree that the main issues for living with cancer long-term in New Zealand are fairly summarised in this chapter?

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Chapter 9: Co-ordination of Cancer Support

(refer to page 57)

40. Do you agree that the main issues for co-ordination of cancer support in New Zealand are fairly summarised in this chapter?

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42. Do you agree with the recommendations for this chapter?

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43. Which recommendation/s do you see as a priority for immediate action?

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Thank you for taking the time to review this draft document.