

# Views of Psycho-Oncology Health Professionals on Priority Psycho-Oncology Research Questions

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## **For which topic were research priorities identified?**

psycho-oncology health

## **In which location was the research priority setting conducted?**

Australia - Australia; Australia - New Zealand

## **Why was it conducted at all?**

Rapid progress has been made in the field of psycho oncology in recent years. In particular, psycho-oncology research methodology and design has reached greater levels of sophistication, with an accompanying shift in policy focus that places greater emphasis on making improvements to psychosocial care delivery across the health system. However, evidence highlights ongoing deficiencies in psychosocial care for cancer patients and the availability of guidelines and protocols to guide clinical care.

## **What was the objective?**

to canvass the views of health professionals working in psycho-oncology in Australia regarding current priority areas for research in psycho-oncology

## **What was the outcome?**

a list of 12 research areas

## **How long did the research prioritization take?**

No information provided.

## **Which methods were used to identify research priorities?**

focus group; interview

## **How were the priorities for research identified exactly?**

Step 1: 10 focus groups and 2 interviews: participants were asked to identify priority areas for psycho-oncology research and were prompted for further ideas and clarification. Step 2: data processing: thematic analysis, total of 12 priority areas identified

## **Which stakeholders took part?**

Researchers and clinicians active in psycho-oncology. Focus groups and interviews: 55 participants.

## **How were stakeholders recruited?**

Focus group participants were a convenience sample of psychologists, social workers, nurses and other health professionals working in cancer across all Australian states and territories. Potential participants were identified from the PoCoG membership and through contacts from state and territory Cancer Councils.

## **Were stakeholders actively involved or did they just participate?**

Stakeholders were mere participants of the research prioritization process; they were not actively involved in the process.