



## Cancer Voices SA August 2013 eBulletin

In this eBulletin we alert you to a variety of activities, articles and publications that may be of interest to you or people affected by cancer. Feel free to forward this on to others.

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### Cancer Voices Australia – national level activities

#### - **2013 Election Issues for Australians affected by cancer** (pdf)

We ask politicians for their stance on issues concerning people affected by cancer such as:

- 'No' to patents over naturally occurring human genetic material
- accredited standards for public and private cancer clinical care

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#### - **Cancer Voices Australia CVA July 2013 Update** (pdf) featuring progress in:

'Say No to Gene Patents Campaign', Review of chemotherapy funding arrangements, Reporting of Waiting times for elective cancer surgery,

[Read more...](#)

### Cancer Voices SA

***'Raising a voice' - through Advocacy, Involvement, Awareness & Information.***

#### Cancer Voices SA [Community NoticeBoard](#)

provides notices of events or opportunities to 'give back' using your cancer experience to inform policy and research through forums, surveys, interviews etc. Join in!



#### **Events:**

[Breast Cancer Community Conversation](#) - 21st Aug 2013 at Adelaide Town Hall, 5.45-7pm (run by National Breast Cancer Foundation)

[Meet Bowel Cancer researchers](#) - 22nd Aug 2013, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, 10-11.30am (organised by Queen Elizabeth Hospital researchers with Cancer Voices SA)

#### [Chemotherapy services Funding - 23 Aug 10-2pm, Consumers Health Forum community consultation](#)

\*\*A very important opportunity for Cancer Voices members to have their say about Chemotherapy funding and delivery of services. Cancer Voices Australia has played an active advocacy role on this issue over the last 6 months. See more in the [Cancer Voices](#)

[Australia July 2013 News Update.](#)  
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FREE [Cancer Community Forum](#) on **Sunday 10th November, 12.30-6pm at Adelaide Convention Centre**. Hear from cancer experts and survivors, and join in the discussions.  
**12.30-4pm: COSA Consumer Forum**,  
(COSA - [Clinical Oncology Society of Australia](#))  
**4.00-6pm: ENGAGE Community Forum** ([read more ...](#))  
ENGAGE - a community information and involvement initiative of the [Gastro-Intestinal Cancer Institute](#))

CANCELLED: [Cancer Care Centre](#) Conference on Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Aug at Tusmore, but check out their regular program of activities at [www.cancercarecentre.org.au](http://www.cancercarecentre.org.au) .. oncology massage, men's, women's and carers support groups, meditation, juicing, Resource Centre & more...

### **Get involved:**

Cancer survivors [Physical Activity and Diet study](#) for those who are not very physically active - a 12 week program which includes online resource.

[Women with gynaecological cancers](#) - survey of issues and needs. \*\*\*

**Gay men with prostate cancer** - 2 studies, phone interview or online survey:\*\*\*

[Prostate cancer in gay and bisexual men & partners - study](#)

[Concerns of gay men living with prostate cancer](#)

\*\*\* With just 30 mins of your time you can help 'make a difference' for others in the future.

[PSA testing for Prostate Cancer in Asymptomatic Men: Information for Health Practitioners](#)  
**DRAFT for review.** NHMRC has undertaken a review of the scientific evidence and drafted a summary of this evidence for health practitioners. By providing balanced information on both the potential benefits and harms of PSA testing in asymptomatic men, the document aims to assist health practitioners in their discussions with men and their families. You are invited to make a submission on the draft. **Closes 20<sup>th</sup> Aug 2013 5pm AEST.**

[Roles In Clinical Trials - How Can Consumers Be Involved?](#)  
[Read more...](#)

Sign up to the [Flinders Charter of Cancer Survivorship](#).

### **Information:**

Recent articles and reports relevant to cancer

[Access to cancer medicines in Australia](#) – July 2013. A report commissioned by Medicines Australia (representing the pharmaceutical industry in Australia) and conducted by Deloitte.

[Lung Cancer](#) –July 2013 [Cancer Forum](#). the official journal of [Cancer Council Australia](#) and the [Clinical Oncology Society of Australia](#).

[Stigma – breaking the vicious cycle](#) July 2013 in CancerWorld, online magazine produced by the European School of Oncology.

How would you rate on a “stigma index” that includes views such as:

- Treatment and support are useless for someone with cancer
- I would feel uncomfortable being friends with someone with cancer
- People can only blame themselves for getting cancer
- I would feel isolated/alone if I received treatment for cancer
- If my spouse had cancer, I would consider leaving him/her.

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We encourage you to be proactive in your own health care, and take the opportunity to contribute ideas and personal experiences which might lead to benefits for others.

Best wishes for good health



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