

Investigating symptoms in lung cancer: a guide for general practitioners

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Welcome to the first edition of the quarterly newsletter for the "*Investigating symptoms in lung cancer: guide for general practitioners*" project. Our aim for this project is to support general practitioners to manage people who have or may have lung cancer and promote the early referral to a specialist multidisciplinary team.

About the Project

The project involves three phases. Phase one includes three parts:

- The **development of an evidence based Guide** for general practitioners (GPs) on the effective investigation and management of people who have or may have lung cancer.
- The guide will be supplemented by a **National Directory of multidisciplinary teams**, an online education activity and promotional material to support uptake and use of the guide.
- A report comprising **recommendations for the development of educational and supportive resources**.

In phase two, education and promotional material will be developed to support the uptake and use of the Guide. In phase three the educational activity will be implemented, distributed and sustained. The project is being guided by a Steering Group comprising key stakeholders, clinicians, researchers and consumers.

Project Update

The Guide is being developed using the ADAPTE framework¹ for guideline adaptation. This novel framework provides a systematic approach to develop an evidence based guide that is appropriate for the Australian context. A multidisciplinary expert advisory panel has been convened to oversee the development of the Guide and excellent progress has been made towards crafting a draft of the Guide.

The team has also commenced development of the National Directory. We thank CanNET representatives and others from around Australia for being generous with your time and information.

Timelines

December 2012 – Consultation on the draft guide

February 2012 – Publish the Guide and directory and provide recommendations for educational and supportive resources

December 2012 – Develop educational and promotional material to support uptake of the guide and directory

March 2013 – Fully costed Implementation and sustainability plan

Meet the Team

Steering Group

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