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## Seeking multicultural cancer patients and carers to help improve cancer information resources

For State-wide, regional and rural WA especially, and men: Community consultations on the cancer information needs of culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) consumers and carers will be held for men in particular 1st September, and all regional multicultural people 13th September 2022.

There are no cancer resources or publications specifically for culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) patients or carers for Western Australian regional communities, men specifically. A consultation discussion project aims to start the process to change that.

Health Consumers' Council (HCC) WA is seeking multicultural, ethnically and linguistically diverse people in the State's regional and rural areas, and men in particular across metro Perth, to discuss cancer information needs.

HCC is specifically **looking for CaLD people who have or had cancer – patients – or who are caring for, or cared for, a loved one with cancer to participate in discussions.**

HCC has partnered with the WA Department of Health Cancer Network to find out more about cancer information needs for CaLD communities in the State.

“The Department of Health has consulted with some consumers on this work as part of the WA Cancer Plan, but we'd like to speak particularly to **multicultural men** as they are the least consulted with group to date,” says Nadeen Laljee-Curran, Cultural Diversity Engagement Coordinator from the Health Consumers' Council.

“We'd like to discuss the information and resources that culturally and linguistically diverse people in WA were provided throughout their cancer journey, from diagnosis through to survivorship – about what was or was not helpful.”

The aim is to develop resources to improve the cancer journey experience for people in our multicultural communities and provide reliable cancer information to CaLD patients and carers.

According to the 2021 Census, despite approximately 30 percent of Western Australia's population born overseas and approximately 25 percent who speak a language other than English at home, there are few health resources for regional people, and men specifically.

"Are these resources required? Or is the issue more about how resources are shared?" asks Nadeen Laljee-Curran.

"We know that people from multicultural communities have lower cancer screening rates, later diagnosis, and higher incidence of poorer health outcomes than the mainstream population."

These findings are according to Health Networks, Clinical Leadership & Reform, Clinical Excellence Division, Department of Health 2022 report.

**There are two group discussions on cancer information needs taking place in the coming weeks with one focussed for multicultural men in Perth metro area, and the other for all multicultural people in regional and rural WA.**

*"What do **multicultural men (Perth metro area)** need to know about cancer and cancer treatment?"* is a face-to-face conversation, **Thursday 1 September, 5:30-8:30pm at Hillview Intercultural Community Centre, Bentley (or by private phone call).**

*"What do **multicultural people in the regions** need to know about cancer and cancer treatment?"* is an online conversation for multicultural people living in regional or remote WA, **Tuesday 13 September, 10am-12pm, online via Zoom (or by private phone call).**

The discussion will focus on information needs. Participants will not be asked about their personal medical experiences in detail. All personal data will be kept confidential. Participants will be paid.

Nadeen Laljee-Curran also says, "knowing that cancer is a difficult topic, we welcome those not comfortable with a group to arrange a one-on-one phone interview." For more information and to register, contact Nadeen at 08 9221 3422 or email [Nadeen@hconc.org.au](mailto:Nadeen@hconc.org.au). More at [www.hconc.org.au](http://www.hconc.org.au) under "Workshops and Events".

### **What do multicultural men need to know about cancer and cancer treatment?**

Date: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022

Time: 5.30pm – 8.30pm

Location: Hillview Intercultural Community Centre, Bentley

Provided: Male only safe space. Refreshments and participant payment

Suitable for: Men from a multicultural background, with experience of cancer (as patient or carer), living in Perth

Registration: <https://MulticulturalCancerMaleFeedback.eventbrite.com.au>  
or call 08 9221 3422 or email [Nadeen@hconc.org.au](mailto:Nadeen@hconc.org.au)

**Note: Knowing that cancer is a difficult topic, we also welcome those not comfortable with a group to contact Nadeen to arrange a phone interview: [Nadeen@hconc.org.au](mailto:Nadeen@hconc.org.au)**

## What do multicultural people in the regions need to know about cancer and cancer treatment?

Date: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Time: 10am – 12pm

Location: Online via Zoom (link upon registration)

Provided: Participant payment.

Registration: <https://multiculturalcancerregionalfeedback.eventbrite.com.au> or call 08 9221 3422 or email [Nadeen@hconc.org.au](mailto:Nadeen@hconc.org.au)

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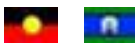
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