

Pathways to gynaecological cancer diagnosis and beyond

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International research indicates that women can experience significant delays in diagnosis for gynaecological (reproductive organ) cancer. Women interviewed told us that their experiences were complex and distressing (see pictured). We want to better understand the experiences of Australian women diagnosed with gynaecological cancer and support them to receive timely and optimal care in their diagnosis and treatment.

A summary of women's experiences of advanced gynaecological cancer



Pictured: Findings from the Interview Study

Our questions for you

1. How soon after diagnosis would it be appropriate to contact women about a participating in a study of their experiences with gynaecological cancer diagnosis?
2. Would you be more likely to participate in a study if it was endorsed by your treating doctor or the national gynaecological cancer organisation, Australia New Zealand Gynaecological Oncology Group (ANZGOG)?
3. Which would be your preferred option to receive and complete a study questionnaire:
 - a) by post and complete on paper, or
 - b) via a secure link and complete online?

Future involvement opportunities

- Who:** Women with lived experience of gynaecological cancer (cervical, endometrial/uterine, ovarian, vaginal, vulvar cancer).
- What:** Ongoing involvement as a member of our Gynaecological Cancer Research Advisory Group. This group of consumers will contributing to the development of research and will be consulted by researchers throughout the research process.
- When:** Ongoing; you can decide which activities you would like to participate in as they come up.
- Where:** Scheduled meetings via zoom, and other activities such as providing feedback and advice via email and post.
- How:** You would always be able to decide which activities you would like to participate in, or opt out of. Consumers will be reimbursed for their time contributing to research as per the Health Consumers Queensland Guide.
- Why:** Your contribution will enhance the usefulness of our research, making it accessible to all women to share there experiences, and ensuring results lead to improved health outcomes.



Scan the QR Code to get in touch with Tracey about consumer involvement on this project.

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