

# Lung Cancer Framework

## Principles for Best Practice Lung Cancer Care in Australia

Cancer Australia's *Lung Cancer Framework: Principles for Best Practice Lung Cancer Care in Australia* (the Lung Cancer Framework) is a national resource for health professionals and service providers who are involved in the care and treatment of people affected by lung cancer across Australia.

The Lung Cancer Framework aims to improve the outcomes and experiences of people affected by lung cancer in Australia by supporting the uptake of Cancer Australia's *Principles for best practice management of lung cancer in Australia* (the Principles).

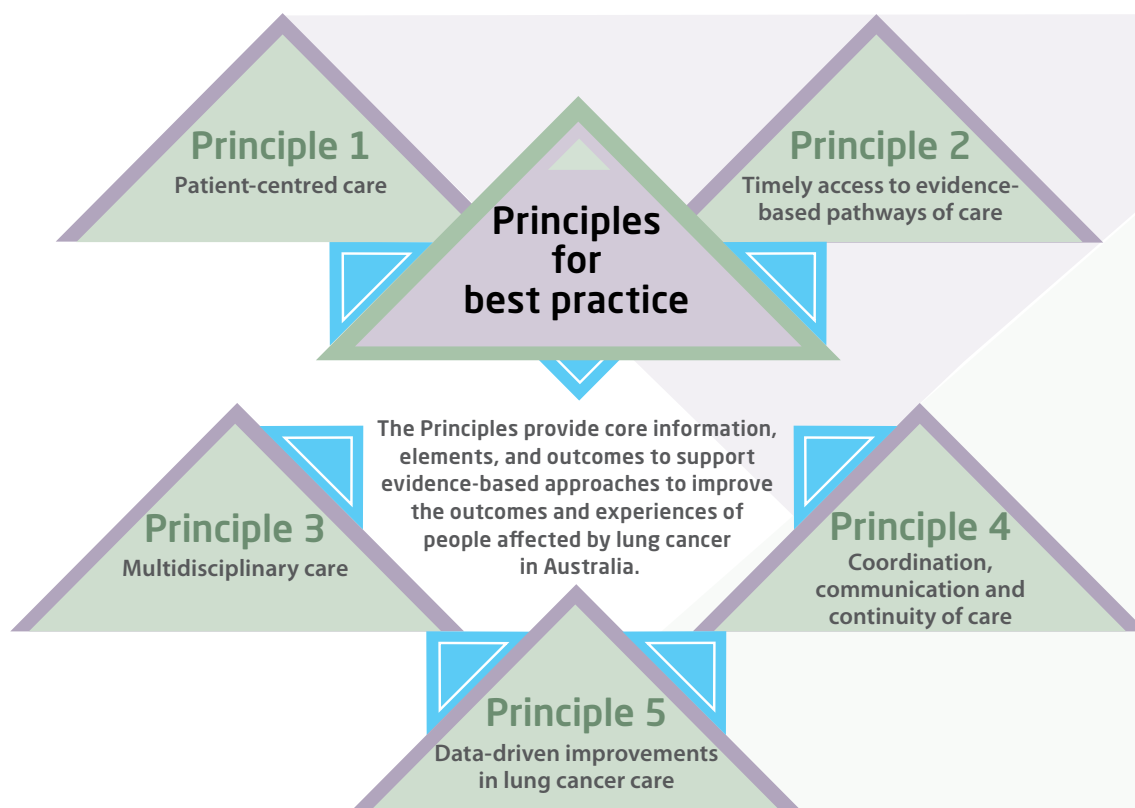
### What's in the Lung Cancer Framework?

The Lung Cancer Framework provides evidence-based, best practice information, strategies, tools and resources to support local adoption of the Principles in the delivery of best practice lung cancer care in Australia.

The Lung Cancer Framework is the result of Cancer Australia's Lung Cancer Demonstration Project, a collaborative process involving 11 services across Australia. The Lung Cancer Framework is based on evidence, reflects best practice principles, and incorporates learnings and experiences from cancer specialists, other health professionals, health service providers and people affected by cancer. The best practice approaches described in the Lung Cancer Framework are examples from the services consulted.

### Principles for best practice management of lung cancer care

The development of the Principles was informed by evidence from national and international literature, and findings from health service and consumer consultation that highlighted variations in care, service delivery and experiences of people affected by lung cancer.



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### Why do the Principles matter?



*Patient-centred care* provides a focus on the unique needs of each patient affected by lung cancer. Best practice patient-centred lung cancer care uses each individual patient's experience to inform the care they receive.



*Timely access to evidence-based pathways of care* means that best practice pathways are in place to support the timely diagnosis and staging of lung cancer; and appropriate treatment, supportive, follow-up and end-of-life care.



*Multidisciplinary care* underpins optimal lung cancer care across the care pathway, providing an integrated team approach to support the delivery of coordinated, patient-centred, evidence-based lung cancer care.



*Coordination, communication and continuity of care* strengthen the delivery of lung cancer care provided across all services and settings along the lung cancer pathway.



*Data-driven improvements in lung cancer care* inform best practice, patient-centred service delivery, and support continuous improvements in the delivery of lung cancer care.

### What improves when the Lung Cancer Framework is used?

Findings from both the peer-reviewed published literature and Cancer Australia's Lung Cancer Demonstration Project show that the delivery of lung cancer care according to the Principles is associated with improvements in consumer-, service- and system-level outcomes.