

Principles of shared care

The 'Principles of shared care' are central to the objectives of the Shared follow-up care for early breast cancer.

The following Principles were developed in consultation with experts in the field and are based on key elements of a Cancer Australia literature review in 2008.

Patient-centred

The patient and their whole person care is the focus for all care providers.

Coordination, communication and continuity of care

Care of the patient requires coordination through timely and effective communication, and clarification of the roles and responsibilities of the care providers.

Support for primary care providers

Primary care providers are supported in the delivery of shared follow-up care through early involvement, and through the provision of education, resources and protocols.

Support for specialist treatment team

Specialist care providers are supported in the delivery of shared follow-up care through the provision of resources and protocols which improve efficiency and support data collection.

Care is delivered according to best practice standards

Provision of care is in accordance with nationally agreed standards and is outcome-focused.

