

Background

The McGrath Foundation, renowned for its unwavering dedication to supporting individuals and families affected by breast cancer, has received significant backing from the Commonwealth Government. This substantial investment aims to enhance supportive cancer care across Australia, spanning from prevention and early detection through to recovery, treatment, survivorship, and end-of-life care.

A Landmark Investment in Cancer Care

In November 2023, the Commonwealth Government announced a landmark investment in cancer care. This funding, under the Australian Cancer Nursing and Navigation Program (ACNNP), aims to elevate cancer care standards and outcomes nationwide. As part of this initiative, the McGrath Foundation has been engaged by the Commonwealth Government to provide supportive cancer nursing care to all individuals diagnosed with cancer. With an established track record of providing supportive cancer care programs for breast cancer, the McGrath Foundation is now expanding its reach to include all cancer types. With a hope to ensure that every individual facing a cancer diagnosis can benefit from comprehensive and compassionate supportive care.

Inclusivity and Equity at the Heart of Our Mission

The McGrath Model of Care for all cancer places a strong emphasis on equity of access and outcomes for all Australians, particularly those in priority populations. These include First Nations people, individuals from rural or remote areas, older Australians, those living with a mental illness, people in lower socioeconomic groups, LGBTIQ+ individuals, those living with disabilities, and individuals from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Your Voice Matters

To ensure that our supportive cancer care nursing program meets the unique needs of all Australians, the McGrath Foundation has partnered with [Ethicol](#) to lead a collaborative co-design process. We will work with a diverse range of stakeholders, including clinicians, patients, carers, cancer NGOs, peak bodies, and government officials, to develop the McGrath Model of Care for all cancer.

Our Aim and Objectives:

Aim: To collaboratively co-design the McGrath Model of Care for all cancer, guiding the delivery of a nurse-led supportive cancer care program for all cancer types.

Objectives:

- Review and incorporate evidence-based best practices in supportive cancer care nursing programs and interventions.
- Authentically incorporate the voices of people with an experience of cancer and carers into the McGrath Model of Care for all cancer design.
- Consult with a diverse range of NGOs, clinicians, and stakeholders to understand their views, expectations, and requirements.
- Identify the nuances and variations necessary to ensure the McGrath Model of Care for all cancer is suitable for all cancer types and priority populations.

Together, Let's Make a Difference

As we embark on this transformative journey, we invite people with an experience of cancer (past or present), carers, clinicians, NGOs, government officials, and healthcare professionals to join us. Together, we will create a supportive cancer nursing care model that not only meets the needs of all Australians but exceeds expectations. Your input is invaluable, and together, we will make a real difference in the lives of those affected by cancer.



If you would like additional information about this project or have any questions, please email mcgrath@ethicol.com.au



Do you want to help us co-design the McGrath Model of Care for all cancer? Register your interest [here](#)

