

## For website

### Development of national tumour standards

The Ministry of Health is funding the establishment of eight tumour stream working groups for one year to develop tumour specific standards.

Tumour specific standards:

- ensure patients receive timely and good quality care throughout their cancer journey and the same standard of care regardless of where they live
- enable the development of efficient and sustainable best practice management
- promote a nationally coordinated and consistent approach to service provision.

Timed standards are needed to guide service provision as DHBs work to implement the Faster Cancer Treatment wait time indicators. Faster cancer treatment indicators are a new developmental measure that takes a patient pathway approach across both surgical and non-surgical cancer treatment with a focus on patients getting faster access to assessment, diagnostic and treatment services from the time their cancer diagnosis is suspected and they are referred to secondary care.

The four regional cancer networks have been assigned to provide support to the clinical work groups developing the standards.

The tumour specific standards are expected to be consistent with the Standards for Service Provision for Lung Cancer Patients in New Zealand which were developed by the National Lung Cancer Working Group and published in August 2011. For more information on the National Lung Cancer Working Group.....

Timeframe for completion of tumour-specific standards: 30 June 2013.

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List of members of the tumour specific clinical working groups, terms of reference and other information is available from the website of the regional cancer network assigned to support the specific tumour stream.

For more information on the National Breast Cancer Working Group see .....

Other three regional cancer websites are:

[www.northerncancernetwork.org.nz](http://www.northerncancernetwork.org.nz)

[www.centralcancernetwork.org.nz](http://www.centralcancernetwork.org.nz)

[www.southerncancernetwork.org.nz](http://www.southerncancernetwork.org.nz)