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A model of cancer survivorship care in South Australia - from pilot to scale up.

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4. Abstract text:

a. Background

Despite the growing number of cancer survivors (approximately 1 million in Australia today), there is little data on how to provide population based survivorship care with most interventions delivered in selected cancers and clinical settings.

b. Aims

To design, pilot and evaluate a state-wide strategy to deliver survivorship care to adults and children treated for cancer with curative intent in South Australia.

c. Methods

The project is coordinated through the South Australian Cancer Service with funding from the National Cancer Expert Reference Group. The comprehensive strategy based on Pronovost et al. 2008 was designed including evaluation of evidence, current systems, barriers and enablers, identification of champions, commencement of pilot projects and development of the evaluation framework.

d. Results

A theoretical model of survivorship care for South Australia has been developed including templates, resources, an evaluation framework and health economic measures. Champions were identified in each of the metropolitan local health networks and hospital regional centre and pilot work has commenced. Future work includes pilots in specific populations (ie indigenous) and developing a strategy for sustainable scale up. The key challenges for the project include maintaining stakeholder engagement and scale up beyond pilot sites and beyond enthusiastic champions.

e. Conclusion

Statewide implementation of a survivorship model is feasible at the initial stage although challenges to sustainability and scale up need to be overcome.