

Inaugural Australian Indigenous Cancer Survivors Forum 2010

Evaluation Results



1. The Forum was informative and useful
2. The Forum met my expectations
3. The Forum highlighted areas of importance in survivorship
4. The Forum provided me with opportunities to network with other cancer survivors

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Unsure	Agree	Strongly Agree
1	0	0	5	16
1	0	1	11	9
1	0	1	7	13
1	0	1	6	14

Total number of completed evaluations: 22
 Total number of participants at the forum: 44

The key messages that participants took away from the day	Suggested improvements that could be incorporated into future forums	Further comments
Ask questions Don't be afraid to seek help Lack of awareness Lack of support Lack of indigneous people involved in the process Aborigines stories need to be told There is so much more work to be done Funding needs to be consistent and ongoing The experience of the survivors Speak to somebody who listens Talk to a friend or Dr Have more nurses and Drs that respect indigneous men and women Meeting people with same issues Being together helped Great to have men involved % of Aboriginal cancers There are alot of survivors willing to tell their story Men's health Meeting other survivors I liked sharing my cancer journey Great speakers Meeting survivors Sharing information Speakers very good There is support in the Murri Community Talking about it openly Speak freely to each other is what we have to do more Not enough support through treatments Networks are being established Need more indigneous Drs and counsellors There is support out there That shared stories is a must We must have more of these forums The utter necessity for ongoing and appropriate support Find out where the appropriate support networks are The vital importance of funding for overall support Knowing that there is help for you Places to contact transport Mostly the support The stats presented by Catherine The need for on-going support Don't be afraid of early detection procedures Learn to talk about your problems Tell family what's going on and what medications you are taking More talk about Support needed for men with cancer Support programs for male survivors of cancer Need for more forums like this Stay strong Support is there We need to talk about the cancer freely There needs to be more culturally appropriate information pamphlets The need for more counselling services that are culturally sensitive The lack of earlier detection by GPs	Ask for up to date information Sympath and kindness to the sick More time to network Have agenda out before marketing Have more specialist speakers on different cancers Perhaps a full day session in order to cover more material Non-indigneous medical staff to be involved Look at running more forums interstate in order to get a national outlook More nurses and Drs for indigneous Explain in lay terms, so people understand Most important to listen More time Contacts List of accommodations at major hospitals More speakers More Males More resources More speakers More males and females More role models Thank you Traditional healer and medicine Support for family Counselling Need for more time Have more 'grass root' speakers Have more indigneous agencies involved To seek support from other groups More specific for men Longer - 2 days National Forum for men and cancer indigneous and non-indigneous More days (so it is with other peak bodies) DGP to attend and NACCHO	"It has been a great and informative session" "Very good forum should be extended another day as people started to open up later in the day" "Thank you" "I learnt there is much in many ways, which is being done and improvement has been done and which there is always much to lean about things in life to help others to cope and improve and making thier lives a bit easy and comfortable" "Organise more forums" "To have more indigneous doctors, counsellors to be more accessible" "Need to hold more forums - local, statewide and national as talking about your condition is a path way to healing" "Thank you for today it really was an eye-opener" "This was a great start and well organised event. I would like to see this extended to non-indigneous men" "Liked the forum very much, would like to see a national forum"