



## Health Services Innovation Grants

2008

## ***Funding June 2008***

The Institute is proud to announce the following projects as being successful under the Health Services Innovation Grant Program Round 2. A total of \$1.02 million has been allocated to the following projects:

### **1. Aboriginal Health and Cancer Services Working Together**

*Greater Southern Area Health Service*

This project will support Aboriginal people who seek medical treatment for cancer and subsequent psychosocial care.

### **2. Out on a Limb - Border Partnerships for Lymphoedema Support & Training**

*Greater Southern Area Health Service, Border Cancer Collaboration (auspiced by Upper Hume Community Health Service) and Charles Sturt University*

This project will improve access in the Border Region to Lymphoedema assessment and management; and increase training opportunities in Lymphoedema management.

### **3. Development and Evaluation of a New Breast Care Nurse Model for Women with Advanced / Metastatic Breast Cancer**

*The Prince of Wales Cancer Centre, Sydney South Eastern Illawarra Area Health Service*

This project will evaluate the potential role and impact of a Specialist Breast Cancer Nurse.

### **4. Radiotherapy Training Network**

*University of NSW and Royal Australian New Zealand College of Radiologists*

The program aims to develop a training network in Radiation Oncology that will improve the efficiency of training and increase metro and rural links.

### **5. Volunteer Support for Children and Families Receiving Palliative Care Services at Home**

*Department of Pain Medicine and Palliative Care, Children's Hospital at Westmead*

This program aims to evolve the role of current paediatric support volunteers and develop an ongoing training support program.

### **6. Innovation in Breast Cancer Care - Expanding the Role of the Breast Physician in the Multidisciplinary Team**

*Royal North Shore Hospital, North Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service*

This initiative seeks to optimise the quality of care of breast cancer patients, through the appointment and role development of a Breast Physician within the Multi Disciplinary Team.

### **7. Coonamble Project**

*Family Planning NSW*

This project will plan, implement and deliver health promotion and clinical training and services related to cervical and breast cancer screening for Aboriginal people in the Coonamble area. The project will be run in partnership with the Coonamble Aboriginal Medical Service and Family Planning NSW.

### **8. A Rural Oncology Model of Care - Guideline and Protocol Development**

*Greater Western Area Health Service*

The project will strengthen an innovative rural cancer model of care, in the absence of a locally based Medical Oncologist.

### **9. Fostering Innovation in Palliative Care Distance Education**

*Cunningham Centre for Palliative Care – St Vincent's Hospital*

This project will initiate an internet and telemedicine based approach to the delivery of ongoing education for rural palliative care nurses in western and south west NSW.

### **10. Consumer Participation Program**

*Sydney West Cancer Network, Sydney West Area Health Service*

This project aims to increase opportunities for consumers to become involved in service planning.

#### **11. Expansion of QUICA TOUCH**

*Hunter New England Area Health Service*

This program follows on from the previous year and aims to streamline routine screening for pain, psychosocial distress and physical symptoms among oncology outpatients by using: "QUICA –TOUCH" (Quick Individually Customised Assessment using Touchscreens).

#### **12. Integrating Area Clinical Cancer Registry Data into a State and National Bone and Soft Tissue Sarcoma Clinical Information System**

*Clinical Cancer Registry, Sydney South West Area Health Service*

This initiative aims to develop and test a pilot model for a web based, interactive clinical management and information system for bone and soft tissue sarcoma.