

Overview: Increasing participation of people from CALD backgrounds in research

Aim: Develop strategies to improve research participation for people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds affected by cancer

Method: Co-design workshop

Outcome: An agenda for enhancing participation for people from CALD diverse backgrounds in cancer research in NSW

Guiding principles identified

- Coordination and collaboration
- Build on previous work and achievements
- Integrate CALD people into mainstream research initiatives
- Use technology and communication platforms to enhance reach

Co-designed strategies



1.

Map existing initiatives, resources and technologies



2.

Increase representation of people from CALD backgrounds in consumer networks, ethics committees and funding bodies



3.

Advocate for funding to enable participation of people from CALD backgrounds in research



4.

Promote research participation to people from CALD backgrounds using storytelling



5.

Pilot a streamlined research consent process for people from CALD backgrounds and their families



6.

Build the knowledge and skills of health professionals and researchers



7.

Pilot navigator roles to support people from CALD backgrounds participating in research

The workshop focused on cancer research but the strategies are relevant to health research generally.

High level of endorsement of strategies by participants – average rating

8.3 /10

45 people

participated, including researchers, clinicians, policy makers, funders, community leaders and consumers.

We designed strategies that are

- Feasible
- Potentially effective
- Complement existing initiatives

What's next?

Participating organisations and groups are identifying strategies to lead. We want to complement ongoing work and minimise duplication. We want to collaborate with others.

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