Role of the Prostate Cancer Specialist Nurse

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Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA) Prostate Cancer Specialist Nursing Program

Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA) is a broad-based community organisation and the Peak National Body for Prostate Cancer in Australia. We are dedicated to reducing the impact of prostate cancer on Australian men, their partners, families, recognising the diversity of the Australian Community. We do this by: Research, Awareness and Support.
Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia believes it is essential that all men and their families who are affected by prostate cancer have access to a named Prostate Cancer Specialist Nurse throughout all stages of their treatment and care.
Prostate Cancer Specialist Nurses provide men with essential holistic and person-centred integrated Clinical Care, including the provision of information, support with making complex treatment decisions, advice on managing side effects and psychosocial support.
PCFA receives Government funding for specific projects and relies on the generosity of individuals, the community and partnerships, such as the Commonwealth Government to work with the Metropolitan, Regional and Rural hospitals and the Local Health District to bridge this gap through the implementation of the Prostate Cancer Specialist Nursing Service.
This national program has to date 40 Prostate Cancer Specialist Nurse Positions in multidisciplinary teams in both public and private hospitals across Australia in metropolitan and regional settings. Working from evidence based guidelines for practice, PCFA believe this service provides the benchmark for a program which should be implemented throughout Australia.
The Prostate Cancer Specialist Nurses are experts and point of contact for Staff, patients and families during the entire cycle of cancer care
Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia Clinical Nurse Specialist Role.

Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia Clinical Nurse Specialist Role is Working from evidence based guidelines for practice and through program support by PCFA three pillars: **Research, Awareness, and Support.**
The Functions of the Clinical Nurse Role:

Delivers patient treatment related care, Supportive care, Co-ordinated care and integration, Information provision and education. The nurse is collaborative team member of Multi D’s
Supportive Role:

Actively participates in PCFA support Groups in the local community through leadership for deliver of the education sessions, initiate and lead in fundraising events or participate in group community fundraising events. Participating in local media events to highlight the PCSN role or PCFA and the local group.
Research
The Prostate Cancer Specialist Nurse also possess knowledge of current prostate clinical trials available to their client group. PCSN professional development annual training and education event is funded by PCFA. PCFA nurses join with Australian and New Zealand Urological and prostate Clinical Trials Group (ANZUP), to learn about the latest clinical trials in prostate and urological cancer. PCSN also attended a variety of other professional conferences, ANZUS, CNSA, and Asia Pacific Prostate Conferences
The PCSN are called upon to deliver education and presentations to a variety of audiences and settings from professional medical conferences, to patients, staff and support groups every day around the country.

- Participate and attend Global Conferences
PCFA PCSN Rural Nurses

• The remote rural cancer journey of men suffering with prostate cancer is a different and varied experience from those in the city.

• Victoria has extensive areas from Ballarat to Bendigo, Mildura to Shepparton, Gippsland to Mallacoota, Geelong.

• 40 Nurses are located throughout every state of Australia.
• Barriers of Australian Rural Health Care

• About one-third of people affected by cancer live in rural and remote areas.

• Marked deficiencies in cancer services in rural and remote areas of Australia.

• Rural men experience poorer survival rates.

• Cancer patients who live furthest from a large treatment centre are at the highest risk of a poor treatment.

• Financial and personal burdens.

A patient’s preference to be treated close to their home and family should not compromise access to high-quality care.
PCSN work closely PCFA & COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUPS

PCFA Support Groups

• Activities will vary from one support group to another, but often include the following:
• A range of guest speakers to help you learn more about various aspects of prostate cancer
• Social events
• Awareness and fundraising activities
• Access to resources and information about prostate cancer
• Regular meetings and discussion

Ambassador Program
WHEN SHOULD A GP REFER TO A PCSN?

What are your thoughts??
Thank You

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