



The Cancer Consumer Representative Training Course:

Is suitable for people who have had a personal or family experience of cancer and who would like to contribute to improved cancer services by becoming a member of a relevant a committee or working group. Therefore it is designed to ensure relevant preparation for participation on cancer related DHB, NGO and national committees and working groups

The course is aimed at those with little experience of working as part of a committees or health sector, however components of the course may be suitable and of benefit to more experienced persons.

The course, which leads to registration as a trained Cancer Consumer Representative, is based on a similar successful course developed in Australia and is delivered by skilled facilitators and health professionals at no financial cost to participants - (travel accommodation and course fees are covered)

The commitment is three weekend days and a willingness to fully participate in the programme.

Course Objectives

By the end of this training, participants will be able to:

- identify types of cancer and the broad treatment types available for each one
- identify services available to treat different types of cancer
- describe the health system, cancer policy, and its political environment
- explain the place of the Treaty of Waitangi in cancer treatment
- describe how relevant committees operate and the role of the consumer advisor on those committees
- assess proposed decisions within the health system in light of their impact on cancer patients
- present cogent arguments in the interest of cancer patients
- identify omissions in services to cancer patients
- explain to others key aspects of an individual's cancer journey.

Next Courses: To be held in Wellington,
March 6,7 & 27 and September 4,5 & 25, 2010

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