



## **CI-SCaT: INNOVATION IN CANCER TREATMENT INFORMATION DELIVERY**

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### CI-SCaT: Innovation in Cancer Treatment Information Delivery

The delivery of best practice care to cancer patients requires a sound understanding of the contemporary literature, key evidence and internationally accepted standards. It also involves the administration of cytotoxic drugs and managing the associated side effects 24 hours per day. In an environment where services lack the specialised expertise and resources to maintain currency of the increasingly complex cancer care, rural and remote clinicians may find access to evidence based information challenging.

The Cancer Institute NSW Standard Cancer Treatment Program (CI-SCaT) provides access to online cancer treatment and supportive care protocols that are available all day every day at no cost to the user. All available information is dynamic, evidence based, safe, and consensus-approved by expert metropolitan, regional, and rural clinicians. They provide expert guidance and can assist those clinicians who are required to manage cancer patients when specialist expertise is least accessible.

CI-SCaT is a unique innovative resource that blends evidence with practical realities, is Australian based, and currently provides over 800 peer reviewed treatment protocols. It has been active for three years, and is increasingly being accepted as a reliable source of cancer treatment and supportive care information. 2008 sees the CI-SCaT resource being redesigned to accommodate new content areas such as palliative and primary health care, and to provide a range of functionalities that will augment the patient journey and clinician workflow.