

eviQ - Influencing Patient Outcomes Through a Shared Vision

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ABSTRACT

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In order to deliver optimal treatment to cancer patients, nurses need to have a comprehensive understanding of contemporary literature, key evidence, and internationally acceptable standards. eviQ - Cancer Treatments Online, is a single web based repository of standardised evidence based cancer treatment information relevant to the Australian clinical environment. This uniquely holistic resource, formerly CI-SCaT, provides nurses with information that is current, comprehensive, and relevant to their local units at no cost to the user.

In order to address the accuracy and currency of the content, reference groups of practising clinicians are established to discuss the validity, reliability, and transferability of the information to the clinical environment. The eviQ Nurses Reference Committee, established in 2006, has a current membership of 250 oncology and haematology nurses. The committee utilises a network model of governance driven by peer trust, voluntary participation and professional commitment.

Over 150 members attended the recent 4th Annual Nurses Reference Committee meeting. The potential benefits for nurses standardising their information in a single repository such as eviQ are multiple allowing equity of access, confirming that they are practising within safe, current and valid clinical guidelines and reducing unnecessary duplication. It is hoped that these benefits will ultimately lead to a more streamlined patient journey and, therefore, improved patient outcomes.

The purpose of this presentation is to demonstrate how eviQ can support nurses in clinical decision making through safe application and effective management protocols and educational resources.