

NSWOG Rural Forum

Background

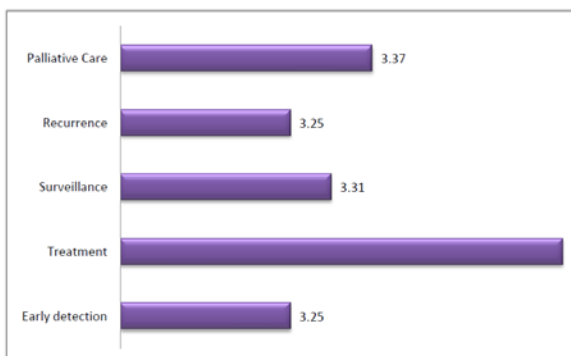
The Cancer Institute’s NSW Oncology Group (NSWOG) Rural Oncology hosted, for the first time, the NSWOG Rural Forum on 13 May 2010.

The forum was facilitated through video conferencing, connecting various rural sites via the NSW Health Telehealth network to explore the current challenges in delivering cancer services in regional and rural NSW. It included a “real life” rural patient scenario with an interactive pane and an opportunity for “virtual” participants to contribute comments and questions for discussion.

Session Ratings

Participants were requested to rate each session from 1 to 5 with 1 being LEAST addressed and 5 being MOST addressed. The results are presented in the chart below. The cumulative mean for the program was 3.36 out of 5.

Program: Please rate sessions from 1 (least addressed) to 5 (most addressed)



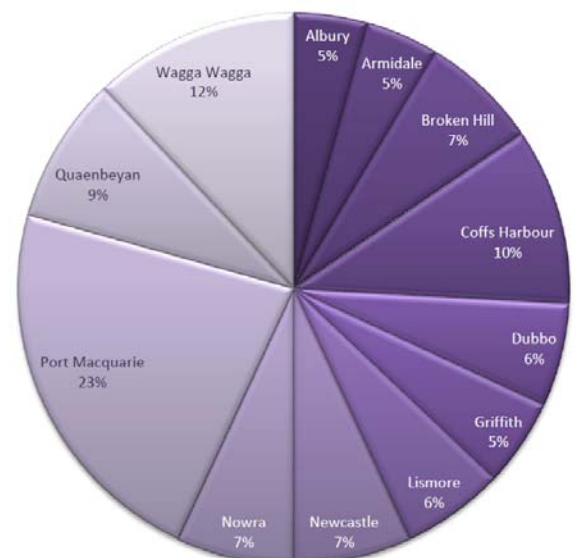
What Participants Liked Most and Least About the Day

Responses to this question were thematically analysed in the table below:

Liked Most
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitation (n=6) Interaction (n=5) NSW wide (n=4) Case study (n=3) Knowledge (n=3) Opportunity (n=3) Views (n=3)
Liked Least
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Length (n=11) Unable to see PowerPoint presentation (n=10) Technology (n=6) Lack of GP involvement (n=4) Repetitiveness (n=4) Time held (n=3)

Participation

136 participants attended the forum from 12 different locations. The forum was hosted in Sydney connecting 12 Telehealth sites, including: Albury, Armidale, Broken Hill, Coffs Harbour, Dubbo, Griffith, Lismore, Newcastle, Nowra, Port Macquarie, Queanbeyan and Wagga Wagga.



key facts

- 136 attendees, mostly rural/regional health professionals
- 90% of respondents reported it was an effective meeting format
- 95% of respondents felt that this forum should be held on a regular basis
- Participants most liked that the forum was “facilitation”
- Participants liked the “length” least