Model of Consumer Engagement



Consumers play an important role in assisting researchers, clinicians and educators better understand the lived-experience of cancer. Defining the differing levels of engagement help to tailor communication, education and skill development.



Levels of engagement	How consumers can participate
Informing	 Participate as an audience member in symposia and other events. Receive health information and research news through newsletters, emails and other media.
Consulting	 Participate in consultation activities such as surveys, focus groups, consultative workshops and interviews. Storytelling to support communications, program development or delivery: interviews, writing, video-based.
Involving	 Speaking engagements/panel member at events on behalf of an organisation. Reviewer roles in research, education, training and communications (or other areas where there are materials to be reviewed with a consumer lens).
Partnership	 Represent the consumer perspective on steering committees, working groups and interview panels. Program and project involvement via liaison, advisor, team member, project governance.
Consumer-led	 Engagement in governance, strategy, policy and evaluation. Advocacy, leadership, evaluation and continuous improvement of consumer engagement practice. Provision of strategic advice on consumer engagement and on consumer-led education and research priorities/initiatives to organisational leadership team. Drive a program of consumer-led consultation to build relationships and knowledge base in the diversity of experiences and needs. Foster networking, information sharing, two-way communications and collaboration.