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# Victorian Cancer System

- Integrated Cancer Services
- VCAP – Patient focussed
- Victorian Cancer Agency
- Research-led, evidence based, clinical care
- Quality Framework/oversight
- Patient Management Frameworks
- Metropolitan and regional cancer centres
- Linkages and networking

# Complexities

- Metro/regional/rural philosophies
- “Equal status” in the system for patients versus geographic isolation
- Volume/outcomes versus “close to home”
- Workforce disparities
- Fed/State remuneration
- Professional empires

# Linkages- Metro/Regional Cancer Centres

- Patient focussed
  - Effective triage and referral
  - Coordination of care
  - Efficient, access, accommodation
- Professional linkages
  - Interaction- MDM etc
  - Support
  - Education- CPD, oncology modules
- Quality, data collection, benchmarking
- Clinical trials

# Effective networks and linkages

- Create understanding of the Cancer 'system'
- Recognition that CCC and RCC have joint responsibility to patient
- RCC have responsibility for local area
- Clinical champions important
- Clinical trials to encourage links and quality
- Tumour groups meetings