



Regional and Rural Cancer Centres - A Way Forward

“What do we hope for”

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Access

Cost

Linkages

Access to

- Information – relevant and appropriate – not overload
- Suite of services – clinical medical and support
- Accommodation, Travel, Maps
- Telehealth – not all city based specialists need to see you face to face every time
- Support (based on Breast Care Nurse principles)



Linkages

- GP as (one point) Case Manager – Primary Health Care Approach
- Between GP – specialist/s – other specialists
- Between city and regional specialists - real time referrals
- Service providers with significant other

Costs

- Up front medical costs, particularly in investigation stage
eg no pay no radiology service
- Access to travel and accommodation out of pocket expenses (IPTAAS is not satisfactory) – Health travel agency who can find accommodation consistent with need, provide maps, advise on travel alternatives.

