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Public Consultation Summary Report

Clinical Practice Guidelines for Management of Sarcoma  
– Series 1

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## Scope of the Public Consultation report

This report refers to the public consultation and the response of the guideline development working group for the development of Clinical Practice Guidelines for Management of Sarcoma (Series 1).

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## Public Consultation Period

The draft Clinical Practice Guidelines for Management of Sarcoma (Series 1) was up for public consultation from 13th April 2022 to 13th May 2022 (with an extension to 27th May for professional bodies).

The notification of the public consultation occurred via email to all ANZSA members, Facebook, Twitter announcements through ANZSA and written notice to professional and consumer groups (as listed below).

## Professional Bodies contacted

- Royal Australia and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR)
- Medical Oncology Group of Australia (MOGA)
- Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS)
- Australia Orthopaedic Association (AOA)
- Clinical Oncology Society of Australia (COSA)
- Australia and New Zealand Children Haematology Oncology Group (ANZCHOG)
- Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP)
- Sock it to Sarcoma (Consumer organisation)
- Rainbows for Kate (Consumer organisation)
- Rare Cancers Consumer Group (Consumer organisation)
- Cooper Rice-Brading Foundation (Consumer organisation)

## Draft Guidelines availability

The Draft Guidelines were available on the ANZSA website <https://sarcoma.org.au/pages/sarcoma-guidelines-draft> and included the following sections.

- Preamble
- Executive Summary
- Plain English Summary
- Clinical question 1. Does radiotherapy at a specialised sarcoma centre improve outcomes?
- Clinical question 2: Does surgery at a specialised sarcoma centre improve outcomes?
- Clinical Question 3: Does delayed surgical resection of the primary tumour impact on outcome for pelvic Ewing sarcoma?
- References
- Appendices (Including administration Report, Technical Report, Dissemination Plan, Working Part Members, Glossary of technical terms)
- Feedback

## Multidisciplinary working party

All comments were considered by the chair and members of the topic working party. Changes were made to the draft guidelines when it was considered as appropriate. A public

consultation summary table listing each comment that resulted in a change to the guidelines, or that the comment was considered but did not result in a change, and the reasons why it did not will was kept.

## Summary of changes to guidelines resulting from public consultation

Feedback from consumers resulted in changes to the plain English section as well as the introduction/ preamble to aid in consumer understanding of the guidelines.

Feedback that New Zealand members are not adequately represented in the working group has resulted in three extra NZ members (orthopaedic surgeon, radiation oncologist and medical oncologist) joining the sarcoma guideline working group. They were given extended time to review and provide comments on the draft guidelines.