

# AUSTRALIAN RARE CANCER (ARC) PORTAL



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This flyer provides information which you can take to your cancer specialist if you are interested in learning more about the Australian Genomic Cancer Medicine Centre (AGCMC) Australian Rare Cancer Portal.

The Australian Rare Cancer Portal (ARC Portal) is an online referral service for cancer specialists caring for Australians diagnosed with a rare cancer. Using online and Telehealth services, the ARC Portal provides access to additional clinical support and resources from our network of rare cancer experts across Australia. Patients will continue their care with their local treating cancer specialist.

## What resources are available through the Australian Rare Cancer Portal?

Advice available to your cancer specialist through the ARC Portal includes:

- Expert opinion on diagnosis
- Management guidelines or best available evidence regarding treatment options
- Genetic (germline) and molecular (tumour) testing options and interpretation of reports
- Access to research opportunities and clinical trials

We will provide information back to your cancer specialist via a letter or report

## Who can be referred to the Australian Rare Cancer Portal?

- Patients diagnosed with any type of rare cancer
- Australian residents with a valid Medicare card
- Patients may be referred at diagnosis or at any time during their cancer journey
- Patients interested in being involved in rare cancer research

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## Be involved in rare cancer research

Research into rare cancers is an important part of improving treatment and outcomes for patients. The ARC Portal is part of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research (WEHI) Stafford Fox Rare Cancer Program which aims to develop new strategies for diagnosing and treating patients with rare cancers.

## How can I be referred to the Australian Rare Cancer Portal?

If you wish to be referred to the ARC Portal, please ask your cancer specialist. Your referring cancer specialist will ask you to read and sign a form giving consent for your information to be included in the ARC Portal and the WEHI Stafford Fox Rare Cancer Program. The information and consent form contains more details about the Program. This process does not require any additional ethics approval processes on the part of your referring cancer specialist.

## Information about the Australian Rare Cancer Portal for your cancer specialist:

For further information and to make a referral to the ARC Portal please visit our website:  
<https://www.arcportal.org.au/>

A copy of the WEHI Stafford Fox Rare Cancer Program Australian Rare Cancer Portal Patient Information and Consent Form is available through the clinician online referral process.

Note: cancer specialists located at a hospital taking part in the WEHI SFRCP should please consider using the locally approved version of the WEHI SFRCP Participant Information and Consent Form and follow site processes to include patients in the Program, if appropriate.

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