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2018-2023 STRATEGIC PLAN

ANZGOG is the peak national gynaecological cancer research organisation in Australia and New Zealand



In 2019 the group has more than 950 members representing clinical, allied health and pure research specialities.

ANZGOG clinical trials are conducted at over 50 hospital sites and include both local and global collaborations to ensure the best research is available to improve life for women with a gynaecological cancer.





Our purpose

To improve the outcomes and quality of life for women with gynaecological cancers through conducting and promoting cooperative clinical trials and undertaking multidisciplinary research into causes, prevention and treatments of gynaecological cancer.

Our approach

ANZGOG prides itself on how it works, with the strength of its collegial and multidisciplinary approach viewed as a core foundation that must be maintained.

Our agreement on core values sets an expectation for current and future leaders about how strategic directions will be pursued and enacted.



Our values



✦ **We are collegiate**

We work together to identify ideas and drive our research agenda

✦ **We are inclusive**

We facilitate dialogue between consumers, clinicians, scientists, researchers and government; we welcome diverse opinions and views from different disciplines and sectors

✦ **We are proactive**

We drive our own agenda, we pre-empt issues and opportunities

✦ **We are responsive:**

We are agile and able to change course in response to emerging priorities

✦ **We are competitive**

We develop successful grant and funding applications

✦ **We are clinically relevant**

Our research has the potential to change practice and recognises the specific needs and challenges of the Australian and New Zealand health sectors

✦ **We are holistic**

We incorporate questions into our research that go beyond a single treatment

Overarching Principle

Demonstrating leadership in gynaecological cancer research

We demonstrate leadership in investigator-led gynaecological clinical research in Australia and New Zealand by actively sharing our learnings to improve clinical and research practice and working to drive excellence in Australian and New Zealand clinical research.



Strategic Goals

2018-2023 Strategic Plan



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Innovative & equitable clinical trials in gynaecological cancers.

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World-class translational research in gynaecological cancers.

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Capacity building for gynaecological cancer research in Australia and New Zealand.

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Strategic partnerships, collaboration & engagement.

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Organisational capacity aligned with our research agenda.

GOAL 01 | Innovative & equitable clinical trials in gynaecological cancers



We will actively facilitate a collaborative clinical trials agenda that considers priority questions for all gynaecological cancers and reflects the diverse needs of women in Australia and New Zealand.

Year 1 priorities

Our priorities for the next year will be:

- ✦ to continue to drive and extend OASIS in ovarian cancer
- ✦ to expand innovative research initiatives to include endometrial and cervical cancers
- ✦ to look for ways to encourage and fund more trial concepts from Australia and New Zealand
- ✦ one radiation oncology-initiated trial (home grown)
- ✦ to generate more concepts and ideas for future research activity

5 year ambition

In 5 years, ANZGOG will:

- ✦ have developed initiatives like the OASIS Program that are relevant to other gynaecological cancers
- ✦ be a significant contributor to collaborative clinical research into rare gynaecological cancers
- ✦ have a clearly defined and understood agenda for gynaecological cancer clinical trials and associated research reflective of its role as the peak gynaecological cancer research group in Australia and New Zealand
- ✦ be playing a significant role in gynaecological cancer research in the Asia Pacific region and other low-income countries
- ✦ have effective measures for how the organisation has influenced practice and consideration of this in our agenda

GOAL 02 | World-class translational research in gynaecological cancers



We will implement and embed TR-ANZGOG, driving world-class translational research in gynaecological cancers.

Year 1 priorities

Our priorities for the next year will be:

- ✦ to develop and act on the TR-ANZGOG implementation plan
- ✦ to ensure TR-ANZGOG includes endometrial and cervical cancers as well as ovarian cancer

5 year ambition

In 5 years, ANZGOG will:

- ✦ be using TR-ANZGOG as a pathway from translational research to clinical trials for gynaecological cancers

GOAL 03

Capacity building for gynaecological cancer research in Australia and New Zealand



We will build the capacity of the clinical research and gynaecological cancer community in Australia and New Zealand to undertake and participate in practice-changing research in gynaecological cancers.

Year 1 priorities

Our priorities for the next year will be:

- ✦ to identify what it will take to increase capacity in sites and regions in Australia and New Zealand

5 year ambition

In 5 years, ANZGOG will:

- ✦ have greater capacity to undertake collaborative clinical trials in gynaecological cancers
- ✦ have a greater number of sites participating in our trials
- ✦ have implemented mechanisms to reduce the gaps in funding for the conduct of collaborative clinical trials in gynaecological cancers

GOAL 04 | Strategic partnerships, collaboration & engagement



We will actively engage with our members, the Australian and New Zealand clinical research community and our international partners to ensure the relevance, vibrancy and impact of our research agenda.

Year 1 priorities

Our priorities for the next year will be:

- ✦ to map who we need to partner with and why
- ✦ to agree membership sectors for increased engagement (e.g. basic researchers, surgeons, radiation oncologists, pathologists, gynaecological cancer nurses)
- ✦ to build a successful partnership between ANZGOG and GRACI in New Zealand
- ✦ to develop a strategy for Asia Pacific collaboration that includes consideration of what we want to achieve / what we are prepared to offer
- ✦ to identify purposeful pathways for greater member engagement

5 year ambition

In 5 years, ANZGOG will:

- ✦ have an engaged and multidisciplinary membership aligned with its research priorities
- ✦ have active participation and leadership from the next generation of gynaecological cancer researchers
- ✦ a strong engagement platform for New Zealand
- ✦ have successfully engaged leaders in gynae-oncology research and treatment who are contributing to the ANZGOG vision and sharing their ideas
- ✦ have an effective two-way mechanism for communication with consumers about research directions and needs of consumers

GOAL 05 | Organisational capacity aligned with our research agenda



We will develop further maturity in our organisational capability and financial sustainability to support our gynaecological cancer research goals in an efficient and streamlined manner.

Year 1 priorities

Our priorities for the next year will be:

- ✦ to connect with the Medical Research Future Fund
- ✦ to create transparency around how funds are used and the outcomes of that use
- ✦ to continue developing the tumour type working groups
- ✦ to conduct an inventory of systems and processes
- ✦ to ensure a thoughtful and balanced organisational structure able to keep up with growth

5 year ambition

In 5 years, ANZGOG will:

- ✦ have continued to grow financial base to ensure ongoing sustainability
- ✦ be less reliant on NHMRC and Cancer Australia funding for research, with more philanthropic and industry funds to support research outside the areas government wants to fund
- ✦ have transparent, smooth systems and best practice quality assurance in place
- ✦ have donors contacting ANZGOG about opportunities to fund our activity

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