

Improving Cancer Screening Participation in Under Screened Populations: A Community-Driven Approach

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# **Cancer screening in Australia**

		Cervical (Pap test)	Bowel (FOBT)	Breast
	Who?	Age 18-70	Age 50-74	Age 50-74
	When?	Every 2 years	Every 2 years	Every 2 years
	How to book	Make an appointment with your GP or nurse cervical screening provider.	Call the information line on <b>1800 118 868</b>	Book at breastscreen.org.au or call 13 20 50
	Cost	Bulk billed appointments available at some clinics	Free through National Bowel Cancer Screening Program	Free







## Underscreened Recruitment Program (USRP) Victoria – Australia

#### **Aim**

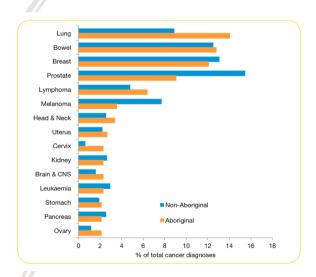
To increase cancer screening participation in Aboriginal, culturally diverse and low socio economic communities through community engagement and the development and implementation of cross-program (breast, bowel and cervical) and evidenced-based recruitment strategies







### Why are we doing this project?



Victorian Cancer Registry, 2015



#### **Panel discussion**





### Learnings from project so far

- · Dedicated worker (funded) at the health service
- Dedicated support for worker from CCV
- Collectively talking about cancer screening programs retrieving history from cancer registries
- Building on patient records by retrieving history from cancer screening registries
- Prioritising patients who are due for screening
- Updating annual health check to include cancer screening reminders
- More support from dedicated worker for community to attend appointments i.e. follow up phone calls, pick up and drop offs, morning tea
- Strong relationship between cancer screening provider and Aboriginal Health Service





