

Project title	Epidemiology Network
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Research description	<p>The aim of the Cancer Council Epidemiology Network (CCEN) is to strengthen cancer epidemiological research in WA by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• bringing together the best cancer epidemiologists in WA,</li> <li>• connecting experts working in a range of different disciplines,</li> <li>• using existing data in new ways to answer research questions that will leverage funding from national and international sources; and</li> <li>• supporting the next generation of West Australian cancer epidemiologists.</li> </ul> <p>The plan is to establish a network of epidemiologists, researchers from other disciplines, consumer representatives, policy makers, and oncology clinicians who will meet regularly to share knowledge, develop priority themes, devise projects and gain funding for further research. It will be managed by a mid-career cancer epidemiologist who will coordinate the activities of the CCEN, monitor its progress and be the focal point for the CCEN. They will also develop and teach short courses for clinicians and early career researchers as well as providing scientific assistance and advice to those new researchers.</p> <p>The CCEN will make it possible for Western Australian cancer researchers to do more high-quality, cross disciplinary relevant research to benefit Western Australians. We will work across three areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. identifying the causes of cancer,</li> <li>2. understanding who is exposed to cancer risk factors; and</li> <li>3. preventing exposure to cancer-causing agents.</li> </ol>
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