



Ovarian Cancer Australia

Online survey regarding genetics and family history

Information bulletin

CONTEXT

In 2015, Ovarian Cancer Australia (OCA) conducted a survey to better understand the experiences of women diagnosed with ovarian cancer. The survey was designed to provide a picture of consumer experience leading up to and including diagnosis and explored consumer thoughts and experiences in relation to family history and genetic testing.

In 2018, OCA conducted a repeat survey of women diagnosed with ovarian cancer in the previous five years. The 2018 survey was based on the 2015 survey and updated with information provided by an advisory group of gynae-oncology health professionals and consumers.

Both the 2015 and 2018 surveys yielded excellent information and allowed for analysis of changes over time between the two surveys.

OCA has engaged Healthcare Management Advisors (HMA) to conduct a third survey in 2022 to continue to build on the existing knowledge base and to monitor changes in testing, attitudes, awareness, access to treatment and any follow-on trends.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the project are to:

- monitor trends and changes in genetic testing, attitudes, awareness and access to treatment for women diagnosed with ovarian cancer
- identify gaps where women with ovarian cancer require additional support, and
- provide information to guide the advocacy efforts of OCA.

PROJECT METHOD

HMA and OCA are working in partnership to achieve the project objectives. Key tasks in the project include:

- (1) **Revise survey questions:** OCA, with the advice of an expert research and advisory group in gynae-oncology, will update the survey questions for currency in 2022.
- (2) **Ethics submission:** HMA will prepare and submit an ethics application to Bellberry HREC.
- (3) **Survey distribution:** HMA will convert the survey to an online format for distribution through OCA channels to women living with ovarian cancer.
- (4) **Survey analysis:** HMA will clean the raw survey data and analyse the survey responses (qualitative and quantitative) to identify trends over the period 2015–2022, and identify any new insights. HMA will prepare a survey analysis report.
- (5) **Final manuscript preparation:** HMA in collaboration with OCA will incorporate the survey findings into a manuscript for publication.

The project commenced in February 2022 and will be completed by September 2022.

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