

## About the ABCR Coalition

- The Australian Blood Cancer Registry (ABCR) is a coalition of stakeholders including consumers, clinicians and researchers which is supported by pharmaceutical and healthcare organisations.
- The ABCR has as its aim to provide sufficient and appropriate information to achieve best practice in clinical care and policy development for blood cancers and associated conditions
- ABCR has been working for more than three years to a position where:
  - Standards for the collection and classification of blood cancers and related diseases exist, are in use by all nationally, and there is a respected system for their maintenance.
  - Data is collected efficiently and in sufficient detail and accuracy to be used for clinical practice and policy development
  - The best available information is readily accessible and used by clinicians, therapeutics manufacturers, diagnostic services, patients and their carers in making decisions for better outcomes
- The ABCR coalition undertakes to
  - Work with existing registries and not divert precious resources
  - Protect privacy
  - Draw from both the public and private sectors
  - Have scientifically rigorous but open and consensus-based processes
  - Have good governance of ethical, scientific and business operations
- The ABCR is governed by a representative Management Committee that includes: David Joske (Chairman, Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital); Michael Legg (Project Leader, Michael Legg and Associates); Anna Williamson (Project Manager, Leukaemia Foundation); Cassandra Gauld (Project Officer, Leukaemia Foundation); John Seymour (Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre); Campbell Tiley (Northern Sydney AHS); Sarah Swain (The Alfred Hospital); Peter Brown (Cancer Voices NSW); John Stubbs (Cancer Voices Australia); Stephen McKechnie (Roche)
- The Management Committee is supported by a Clinical Reference Group with more than 30 members covering all States and Territories and including many of the practising haematologists in Australia
- The ABCR secretariat is provided by the Leukaemia Foundation of Australia and project support is provided by Michael Legg and Associates
- The ABCR has been funded by its stakeholders, sponsorship and project funding to date
- ABCR is a broad-based, well organised and committed group with a track record of innovation and success. More information is available at [www.abcr.net.au](http://www.abcr.net.au)

