**Public Consultation: How to make a submission**

**DRAFT 2025 Guidelines for the Early Detection of Prostate Cancer in Australia - Clinical Practice Guidelines for Health Professionals**

Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA) is seeking NHMRC approval under section 14A of the National Health and Medical Research Council Act 1992 for its DRAFT 2025 Guidelines for the Early Detection of Prostate Cancer in Australia - Clinical Practice Guidelines for health professionals (DRAFT 2025 Guidelines).

As part of the approval process, PCFA is inviting feedback from Australian stakeholders on the DRAFT 2025 Guidelines.

**Who can make a submission?**

Anyone with an interest in prostate cancer is invited to make a submission. This includes:

* People concerned about the risk of prostate cancer
* People interested in testing for prostate cancer
* Health professionals
* Consumer organisations
* Policy makers
* Any member of the public

Responses can be from individuals or on behalf of an organisation/group.

**How can I provide feedack?**

Consultation on the DRAFT 2025 Guidelines will open Monday, April 14, 2025, and will **close on Sunday, May 25, 2025 (11:59pm)**. Submissions can be made online via [**this form**](https://www.tfaforms.com/5167631).

The form invites responses to specific questions on the DRAFT 2025 Guidelines, and general feedback on all sections of Guidelines. You do not have to provide feedback on all questions. Please focus on the question(s) and/or section(s) of most interest to you. Where possible, please refer to the relevant page number of the relevant document when providing comments.

Please note the form does not allow for attachments to be uploaded. However, you can email any additional material for consideration to [research@pcfa.org.au](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cisysc%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CMicrosoft%5COlk%5CAttachments%5Cooa-bc01a52d-e508-4b32-9766-87ee14caa846%5C88fc9e5aaaa2c4e39d4abd12eba19bc7571c313416296d71fb6916881638257f%5Cresearch%40pcfa.org.au). Please include ‘Feedback on the DRAFT 2025 Guidelines’ in the subject field.

**How can I make a submission?**

Submissions should be made using the online form. You can save your progress and return to complete the form later by clicking the button at the top right of each page. You can open a copy of the DRAFT 2025 Guidelines using [**this link**](https://www.pcfa.org.au/media/ktmdn0hz/draft-2025-guidelines-for-the-early-detection-of-prostate-cancer-in-australia_april-14-2025.pdf). This link is available at the top of each page. Links will open in a separate tab for easier reference between documents.

**What type of feedback will be considered?**

The Guideline Steering Committee will consider feedback related to the scientific evidence, its application to the Australian context and its interpretation in recommendations in the review of the Guidelines. Suggested edits to the Guidelines will only be considered where an acceptable rationale is also provided.

Additional studies provided by the public during the consultation will be considered if they meet the same requirements for studies included in the supplied Technical Report including a high quality systematic review, meta-analysis, randomised controlled trial, or intervention, cohort, or observational study, but not an editorial or opinion piece, provided that the:

* outcome of the study relates to the early detection of prostate cancer, testing and management;
* study results can be generalised to the Australian population

If a relevant systematic review or meta-analysis is provided, the recommendations in question may be revisited to incorporate the new evidence. If relevant high quality studies of other types are provided (according to the parameters above) the new evidence will be incorporated in the text supporting the recommendations.

Feedback that is related to issues outside of the scope of the Guidelines will not be considered for integration into the recommendations but, as applicable, may be integrated into the future considerations.

The closing date for submissions **Sunday, May 25, 2025 (11:59pm)**. Late submissions will not be accepted.

**Why your views matter**

The information provided during this consultation will inform the final version of the 2025 Guidelines for the Early Detection of Prostate Cancer in Australia, which will submitted for NHMRC approval, to ensure alignment with the latest evidence and best practice care.