

State of the Nation: Blood Cancers in Australia

It's important to identify the challenges and opportunities that influence survival and quality of life for people with blood cancer across Australia.

That's what the Leukaemia Foundation's 2023 State of The Nation report aims to do. Drawing on the lived experience of 4,600 Australians living with blood cancer, the report reveals that while gains are being made, there's still so much work to be done.

Here are some key facts from the report:

13% of people with blood cancer wait more than two months from their first appointment to obtain a referral to a specialist.

25% of blood cancer treatment plans don't include supportive care.

40% of people with blood cancer have a lot of questions or feel completely uncertain about their diagnosis.

A third of people with blood cancer face **\$10,000** in out-of-pocket expenses.

1 in 3 people haven't been able to return to work due to their diagnosis.

5 lives a day could be saved if only everyone received what is considered best-practice treatment.

If you're interested in helping to improve the state of Australian blood cancer treatment, consider joining The Giving Cell, the Leukaemia Foundation's community of monthly donors. Search 'Leukaemia Foundation The Giving Cell' to learn more.



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