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Caring for people with lung cancer: new 'search filters' resource released

PERTH: A set of lung cancer 'search filters' to assist health professionals care for lung cancer patients in both the active and palliative treatment phases was announced today (16/11) at the Clinical Oncological Society of Australia Annual Scientific Meeting.

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in Australia, with an estimated 8100 people dying from the disease in 2010. The prognosis for those diagnosed with lung cancer is generally poor and has improved only slightly in the last twenty years. Palliative care is increasingly included in the management and care of people with advanced malignant and non-malignant diseases, including those with lung cancer.

The lung cancer search filters support practitioners involved in the complex care of people affected by this disease by providing a one-click mechanism for finding relevant, high-quality patient care evidence. A single click on a hyperlink runs an instantaneous search of PubMed, a major biomedical database produced by the U.S. National Library of Medicine.

A wide range of filter-based searches are available under the following three broad categories:

- [Lung cancer search filters](#)
Single-click search filters for retrieving high level evidence on lung cancer, non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) and small cell lung cancer (SCLC) with options to limit to English language or free full text only.
- The [Non-small cell lung cancer \(NSCLC\) PubMed Searches](#)
Hyperlink searches on major care issues relating to stage I-IV operable and inoperable NSCLC.
- [Lung Cancer and Palliative Care PubMed Searches](#)
Hyperlink searches on a wide range of important palliative care issues such as dyspnoea, pain, advance care planning and terminal care of the dying patient.

The lung cancer search filters were developed as part of a project with Cancer Council Australia and are now freely accessible for use through the CareSearch website, Australia's free online palliative care knowledge network (www.caresearch.com.au). CareSearch is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing.

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