

Supplementary questions: Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand (TSANZ)

How can the NSW Government increase awareness of smoking cessation services and pathways, both among the general population and the healthcare workforce?

TSANZ recommends the NSW government consider the following recommendations:

1. Implement public information campaigns about the importance of smoking cessation
2. Clinicians work within RACGP guidance
3. Clinicians are strongly encouraged to make clinician referrals to Quitline rather than leave it to patients
4. Hospital staff are actively educated in the “Care of the Nicotine Dependent Inpatient”
5. No extensive network of smoking cessation clinics. Instead, all major hospitals have accessible direct one-on-one support for those at most risk of complications from smoking or the most to gain in the short-term
6. Optimal care is integrated with Lung Cancer Screening
7. Optimise smoking cessation in prenatal settings
8. Ensure that Aboriginal Controlled Health Organisations and health care workers are adequately educated and resourced for smoking cessation