

WHY WE ASK... “ARE YOU OF ABORIGINAL OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ORIGIN?”



Peter Mac
Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre
Victoria Australia

When you first become a patient at Peter Mac, we ask:

“ARE YOU OF ABORIGINAL OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ORIGIN?”

This helps us better understand and plan for your medical, cultural, and personal needs.

We ask every new patient their:

- Identity, such as date of birth and where they were born
- Contact details
- Cultural needs.

A question we ask all patients is:

Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?

You can answer from the following:

- Aboriginal
- Torres Strait Islander
- Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
- None of the above.

Why we ask you this question?

We know friends, family and culture are important.

When we understand your cultural needs, we can give you a better healthcare plan that include the things that are important to you.

What other resources are available at Peter Mac?

Peter Mac has a booklet available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients. The booklet, ‘Wominjeka, Cancer Care at Peter Mac’ is freely available in our Cancer

Information Hub on level 2. You can also download a copy from our website.

If you would like more information or have any questions, please feel free to drop past the Wellbeing Centre to speak to our Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer.

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CANCER CARE
AT PETER MAC



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For more information please visit:

- **Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre**
www.petermac.org
- **Department of Health and Human Services**
www.dhhs.vic.gov.au
- **National Centre for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Statistics** (part of the Australian Bureau of Statistics)
Free call on 1800 633 216



How to contact us

If you have any questions or concerns about Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander services at Peter Mac, you can contact the Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer on:

- (03) 8559 8640 or 0439 391 311
 - Monday to Friday
 - 8:00am – 4:30pm

In the event of an emergency, please dial **000** for an ambulance or go to your nearest hospital emergency department.