

VIC-COL Local Clinical Champion | Position Description

About VIC-COL:

VIC-COL (Value In Care - optimising surveillance COLonoscopy) is a quality improvement project aimed at improving the concordance of endoscopist-recommended surveillance colonoscopy intervals in line with national guidelines in participating hospitals. The benefits of improving surveillance colonoscopy guideline concordance include: i) optimising patient care and outcomes consistent with best care guidance, ii) improving access to colonoscopy for people at highest risk of bowel cancer, iii) reducing the risk of procedural harm in people unlikely to benefit from surveillance, and iv) reducing unnecessary burden and costs to patients and the health system. VIC-COL has been funded by the HCF Foundation and the Victorian Department of Health

Summary:

A nurse, or equivalently suitable clinician, is sought to provide surveillance colonoscopy guideline support as part of the VIC-COL project. The Clinical Champion will be responsible for monitoring guideline concordance and has the opportunity to drive practice improvement at their hospital.

Responsibilities:

- **Surveillance Colonoscopy Auditing:**
This role will involve accessing and reviewing referral information, patient medical records (procedure report and histopathology) and past colonoscopy records for patients who have undergone surveillance colonoscopy. Training and resources will be provided to support the application of surveillance colonoscopy guidelines. At the end of each month, the Clinical Champion will be expected to audit an agreed number (e.g., 20 records per site, as agreed) of surveillance colonoscopy records for that month using our custom electronic data entry form.
- **Administering Feedback Reports:**
The VIC-COL team will produce a feedback report each quarter using the audit data. The report contains general feedback on the hospital's overall adherence to the guidelines, plus individual-level feedback for each endoscopist. The Clinical Champion will be responsible for arranging sign-off of feedback reports from the site Principal Investigator, and delivering these reports to endoscopists.
- **Educational Workshop Involvement:**
The Clinical Champion will participate in up to three interactive, educational workshops hosted by the VIC-COL team for participating hospitals to facilitate discussion about the guidelines, feedback and solutions that could be implemented locally to drive and sustain quality improvement. VIC-COL will arrange meetings with other clinical champions at other sites as needed to share experiences, learnings, and challenges.
- **Communication with VIC-COL Team:**
The successful candidate will be expected to maintain regular communication with the VIC-COL team and participate in follow-up interviews.
- **Time Commitment:**
It is expected that Clinical Champions will have protected time to contribute to VIC-COL activities. This role will not involve any direct patient contact.

Applicant Specification:

- Nurse or other equivalent suitable staff member.

- Prior work experience related to endoscopy or willing to rapidly upskill.
- Attention to detail.
- Competent with digital system use, including videoconferencing, electronic medical records, and data entry to online forms.

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