Appendix 3: Survey questions for health professionals

Part III: Survey Questions Cancer pain survey for health professionals Unsure Agree Disagree Cancer pain is unique and different from 0 0 other forms of non-cancer pain. reset Pain resulting from cancer treatment is 0 also considered cancer pain. reset The only source of cancer pain is from the tumour itself. 0 0 reset Managing cancer pain is complex. 0 0 0 reset Non-pharmacological (physio, OT, mindfulness etc) pain management modalities can also alleviate cancer pain. 0 reset A step ladder approach should be the basis of opioid analgesic escalation in 0 management of cancer pain. reset The use of solely pharmacological analgesia is enough to achieve managed cancer pain. reset A multidisciplinary (medical and allied health) approach to cancer pain 0 management is gold standard care. reset Pain specialists only manage non-cancer 0 0 pain. reset It is difficult to refer to a pain specialist. 0 0 reset

Cancer is always associated with pain.	0	0	reset
The goal of pain management is to eliminate pain.	0	0	reset
Cancer pain can be properly assessed formulaically.	0	0	reset
Patients and carers need pain education to understand and manage cancer pain effectively.	0	0	reset
Cancer pain patients should have to abide by the same regulations in re to accessing opioids as non-cancer pain patients.	0	0	reset
Under the current regulatory systems (safe script, limited supplies, etc.), accessing pain relief is fair for non-palliative cancer patients.	0	0	reset
Strong opioid meds should be easily accessible for people experiencing cancer pain.	0	0	reset
Access to a pain specialist is a barrier to cancer pain management.	0	0	reset
Palliative Care teams play a central role in the comprehensive management of cancer pain.	0	0	reset
All cancer patients experiencing pain should be engaged with a Palliative Care service for pain management.	0	0	reset
There is a need for general education surrounding opioid medication in the community.	0	0	reset
Primary health professionals are hesitant in prescribing opioid analgesia.	0	0	reset