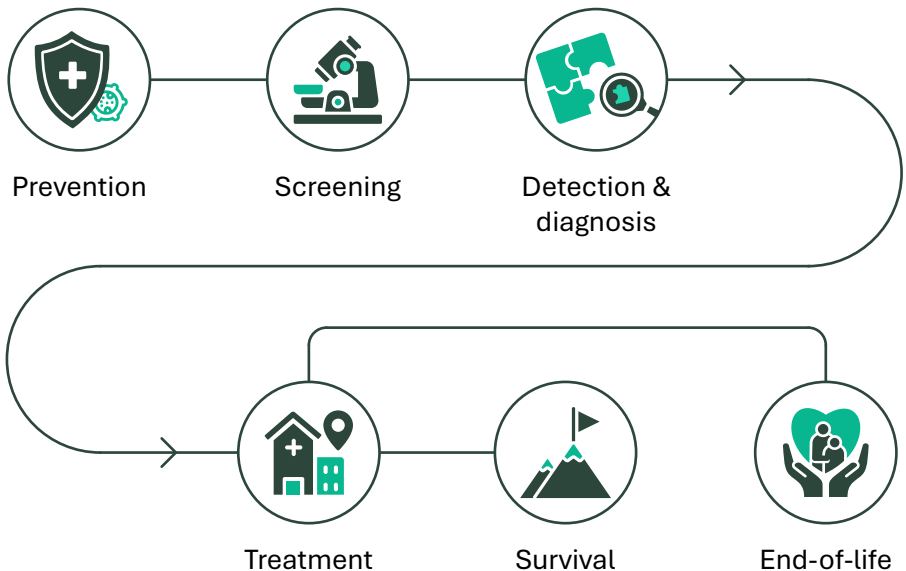


# The burden of cancer among Māori people

Latest data from The State of Cancer in NZ 2025

**Māori are getting cancer younger, more often and are less likely to survive\***

Inequities start early & compound across the cancer journey



## Screening

Māori face inequitable access to all national cancer screening programmes\*



Breast



Cervical



Bowel

## Diagnosis

**31%** of Māori cancers are diagnosed following a visit to the emergency department

These diagnoses are often advanced & harder to treat

## Mortality

**60%** more likely to die from cancer\*

Lung cancer is the leading cause of death for Māori

Lung cancer places an inequitable burden on Māori whānau\*

**3x** more likely to get lung cancer\*

**1.5x** more likely to die from lung cancer\*

\*when compared to European/other ethnicities

## What this means for cancer control in Aotearoa



Māori-led, whānau-centred approaches are essential to improving outcomes for Māori



The current cancer system is contributing to avoidable cancer harm for Māori



Early points in the cancer journey offer the strongest opportunity to protect the wellbeing of Māori



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