



The burden of cancer among Pacific peoples

Latest data from The State of Cancer in NZ 2025

Pacific peoples experience a disproportionately high burden of cancer...

... with worsening inequities for breast, uterine and bowel cancers—many of which are preventable and treatable.



more likely to be diagnosed*



poorer survival*



more likely to die*

Inequities compound across the cancer pathway



Prevention



Screening



Detection & diagnosis



Treatment



Survival



End-of-life

Prevention

Pacific peoples experience higher exposure to a number of modifiable cancer risk factors*



Screening

Screening participation is consistently lower for Pacific peoples*



Treatment

Pacific peoples are more likely to experience delays to starting treatment*



*when compared to European/other ethnicities

What needs to change?

Address inequities across the cancer pathway

Prioritise Pacific workforce capacity and capability

How would this benefit Pacific peoples?

Reduce incidence of cancer

Improve survival and mortality outcomes

