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AUSTRALIA LEADING THE CHARGE: REGISTRY TO TRANSFORM PROSTATE CANCER TREATMENT OUTCOMES

The way men are treated for prostate cancer is set to change with the launch of the world's largest national prostate cancer registry that incorporates clinical data alongside patient feedback of their lived experiences.

The Prostate Cancer Outcomes Registry – Australia and New Zealand (PCOR-ANZ) gives doctors (and patients in the future) the most comprehensive insight into men's quality of life after they are diagnosed and treated for prostate cancer.

Launched by the Movember Foundation during Men's Health Week, the registry spans across all states and territories in Australia and New Zealand. Thanks to funds raised by the Movember community, the registry will equip clinicians with the information they need to minimise the risk of life-changing side effects and redefine what treatment success looks like.

Men who have gone through treatment for prostate cancer are often left with adverse effects that seriously impact their ability to live a normal life, including incontinence, sexual and intimacy issues and psychological distress.

In Australia, prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in men, with around 120,000 men living with the disease. It's estimated that 18,138 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed this year.

Paul Villanti, Executive Director of Programs for the Movember Foundation said while more men are now surviving prostate cancer, the quality of their lives has, in some cases, been significantly affected.

"Australia is leading the world in improving how the disease is treated with the launch of the largest national registry that includes patient experiences. This will improve treatment outcomes as clinicians will be able to see the results of their patients on an ongoing basis and benchmark those results at a population level," said Mr Villanti.

The Movember Foundation funded the registry to capture trends and variations in treating prostate cancer and the impact of treatment on men.

Mark Frydenberg, President of the Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand, said the Prostate Cancer Outcomes Registry is the first time that clinicians have the opportunity to see outcomes and treatments from the perspective of the patient.

"This means that all men, no matter where they are from – regional towns or major capital cities, will have the best possible chance of surviving and thriving after a prostate cancer diagnosis," said Prof Frydenberg.

Chair of the Prostate Cancer Outcomes Registry, Professor David Roder, said that because patient experiences are being collected alongside treatment data, clinicians are able to select the best treatment option and provide appropriate support services.

"The Prostate Cancer Outcomes Registry is a practical means of improving men's lives following a diagnosis of prostate cancer. It will help clinicians provide more support to their patients by taking into account the personal impact of treatment options on men's lives."

The expansion of the national registry to incorporate data from all states follows successful registries in Victoria and South Australia.

For more information and to read the results from the program, visit www.pcor.com.au



NOTES TO EDITORS

- Interviews with spokespeople including health experts and men who have been through prostate cancer treatment are available on request
- The Movember Foundation acknowledges and thanks the custodians of PCOR-ANZ: School of Public Health and Preventative Medicine at Monash University.

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