



**Inherited Cancers
Awareness Day**

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Cancer can be inherited: a joint call to make inherited cancer risk a prevention priority

An ICAD 2026 Joint Awareness Statement

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For Inherited Cancers Awareness Day 2026, eight cancer organisations are coming together with one shared message:

Cancer can be inherited. It's time to prioritise inherited cancer risk in Australia's cancer prevention conversation.

Inherited cancer risk is relevant across many cancer types and can affect individuals, families and future generations. Yet people living with inherited cancer risk have too often been overlooked.

We believe they should be recognised as a priority group in early detection and cancer prevention strategy and policy.

Knowing about inherited cancer risk creates an opportunity to act earlier. It can mean tailored surveillance, earlier detection, more informed treatment, risk-reducing strategies and, in many cases, preventing cancer before it occurs.

And because inherited risk runs through families, identifying risk in one person can provide important information for siblings, children and future generations.

Our shared call to action

We are calling on the Government and health policy decision makers, for greater recognition of inherited cancer risk across Australian cancer prevention, early detection and care.

Eight organisations. Different cancer communities. One message.

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