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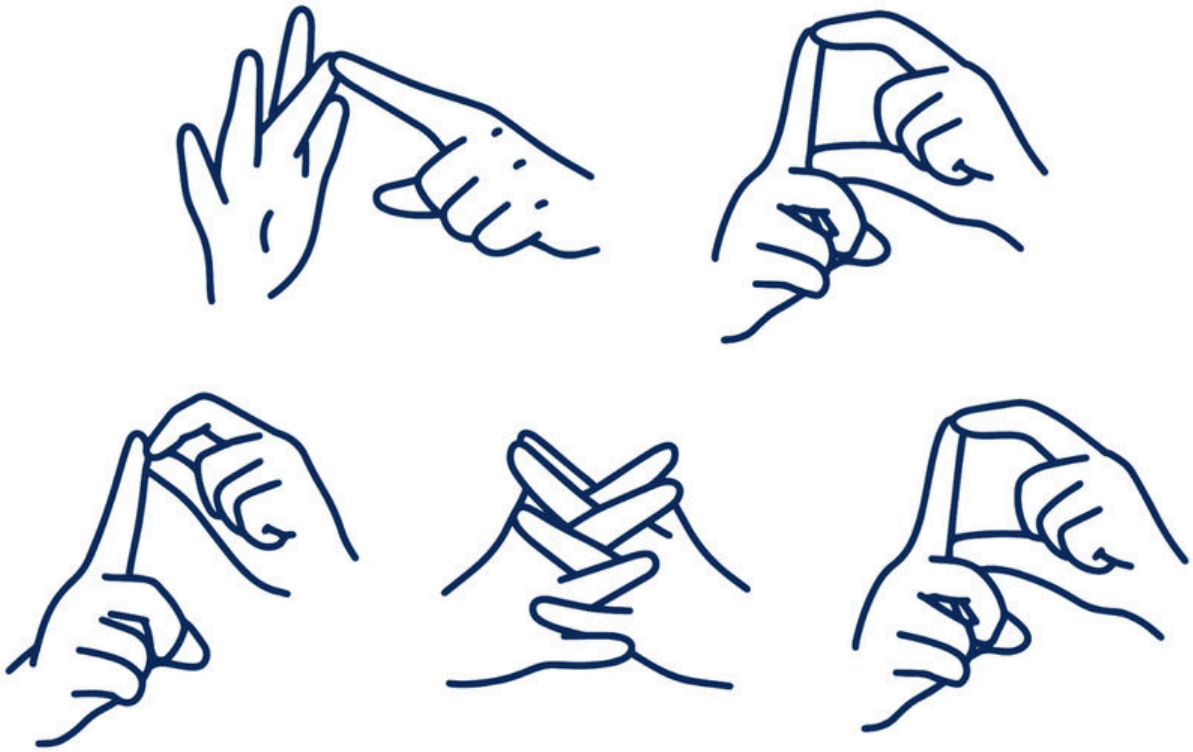

International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD) is observed on 3 December each year.

In Australia, International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD) aims to increase public awareness, understanding, and acceptance of people with disability.

There are 5.5 million people with disability in Australia – that's one in five people. You may be a person with disability yourself, or you may know someone who is.

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Talking openly about disability matters. It helps us:

- respect and value people with disability
- reduce stigma by normalising conversations about disability
- advocate for inclusive practices through listening
- build a more inclusive society and deepen our understanding

Through meaningful conversations, we can:

- reaffirm that people with disability deserve respect, dignity, and equal opportunities
- help reduce stigma through respectful language and advocacy for inclusive practices
- deepen our understanding of disability and the diverse experiences of those living with it

Disability and sharing

Disability can be physical, mental, intellectual, or sensory. It may be visible or invisible, permanent or temporary – and a person's support needs may change over time.

Sharing real experiences of disability fosters a more accepting and understanding society where everyone has the opportunity to thrive. How we talk about disability influences how people with disability feel about themselves, and shapes broader community attitudes and behaviour.

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At NeuroEndocrine Cancer Australia (NECA), diversity and inclusion are integral to our mission and values. Our values – Nurture, Empower, Care, and Accountability – guide our commitment to creating an environment where every person in our community feels respected, supported, and valued.

This includes our employees, volunteers, and the broader neuroendocrine cancer community.

Here are some additional online resources to know more about this important topic:

https://www.idpwd.com.au/

https://social.desa.un.org/issues/disability/events/2025-international-day-of-persons-with-disabilities-idpd

https://neuroendocrine.org.au/neca-diversity-and-inclusion-position-statement/

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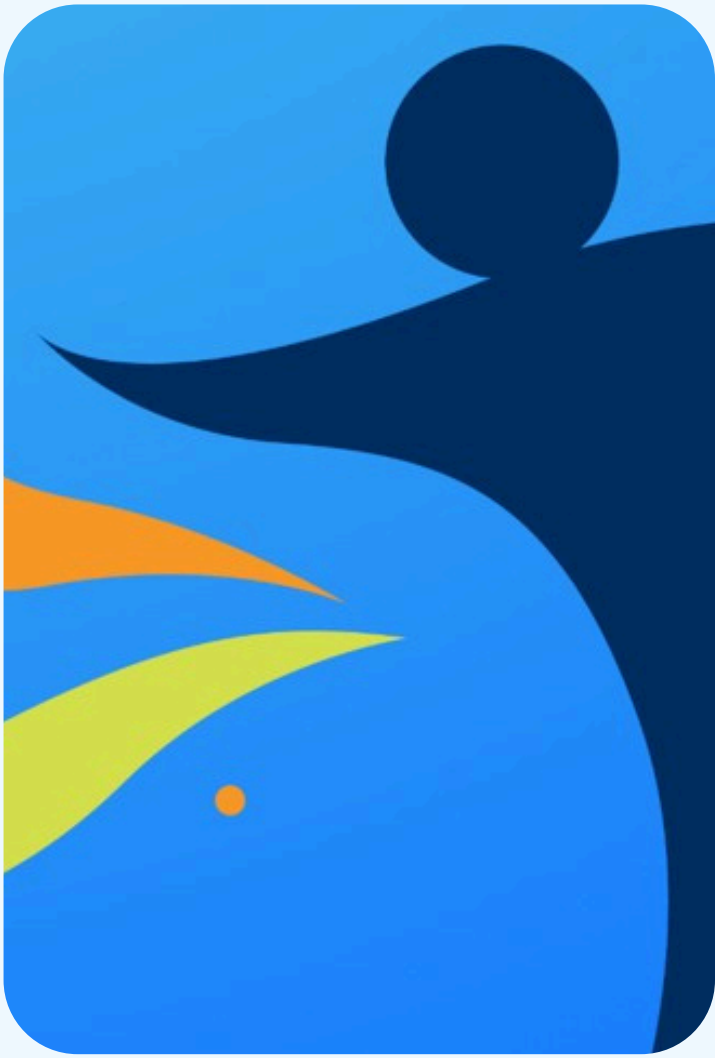

Through our commitment to diversity and inclusion, NECA strives to create a culture where every person is acknowledged and where our collective efforts propel us toward a future of hope and positive change for all affected by neuroendocrine cancer.