

Travel and Neuroendocrine Cancer

Whether you are travelling for specialist medical care, visiting family or friends, travelling for work or going on a holiday, there are a number of helpful resources available to support you.

Travelling for Specialist Medical Care

Patient Assisted Travel Schemes (PATs)

Patient Assisted Travel Schemes provides financial assistance to eligible people who need to travel long distances for specialist medical treatment. The schemes subsidise travel and accommodation.

Australian Capital Territory	Interstate Patient Travel Assistance Scheme (IPTAS)	https://www.canberrahealthservices.act.gov.au/before-during-and-after-your-care/staying-at-canberra-hospital/before-you-arrive/getting-here-and-getting-around/travelling-from-outside-canberra
Northern Territory	Patient Assistance Travel Scheme	https://nt.gov.au/wellbeing/health-subsidies-support-and-home-visits/patient-assistance-travel-scheme
Queensland	Patient Travel Subsidies Scheme (PTSS)	https://www.qld.gov.au/health/services/travel/subsidies
New South Wales	Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTAAS)	https://www.iptaas.health.nsw.gov.au/
South Australia	Patient Assistance Transport Scheme (PATs)	https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/services/regional+health+services/patient+assistance+transport+scheme/patient+assistance+transport+scheme
Western Australia	Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATs) Interstate Patient Travel Scheme (IPTS)	https://www.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Assistance-with-travel-costs-to-receive-medical-care
Tasmania	Patient Travel Assistance Scheme (PTAS)	https://www.health.tas.gov.au/patients/health-costs/ptas
Victoria	Victorian Patient Transport Assistance Scheme (VPTAS)	https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/victorian-patient-transport-assistance-scheme

Cancer Council Australia - Transport to Treatment

Cancer Council Australia provides a national service where available, for transport to treatment. There are a number of other services available varying from state to state.

Contact: Cancer Council Ph: 13 11 20 to find out more.

Accommodation when travelling for medical appointments and treatment

- Major hospitals may have accommodation options nearby that they can recommend.
- Medistays is a website with a focus on safe and comfortable accommodation near Australia's leading health and medical facilities.
<https://www.medistays.com.au/>

Travelling with neuroendocrine cancer

Travel while living with neuroendocrine cancer is possible with considered planning. Before making plans, have a conversation with your Medical Specialist.

Some things to consider:

- **Fitness to travel** (speak with your doctor about the best time to travel safely during treatment)
- **Travel insurance** (Many insurance companies will only cover you for conditions other than cancer – you may need to enquire around)
- **Medical documentation** (You may need letters detailing your medication, medical diagnosis and treatment depending on where you travel)
- **Travelling with medication and/or medical devices** (Australian Government Therapeutic Goods and Administration Website for further information.
<https://www.tga.gov.au/travelling-medicines-and-medical-devices>)

If you need further support or information about neuroendocrine cancer, contact the
NET nurses at NeuroEndocrine Cancer Australia on 1300 287 363 Monday-Friday 9am-5pm



Support



Education



Research



Awareness



Advocacy

neuroendocrine.org.au