

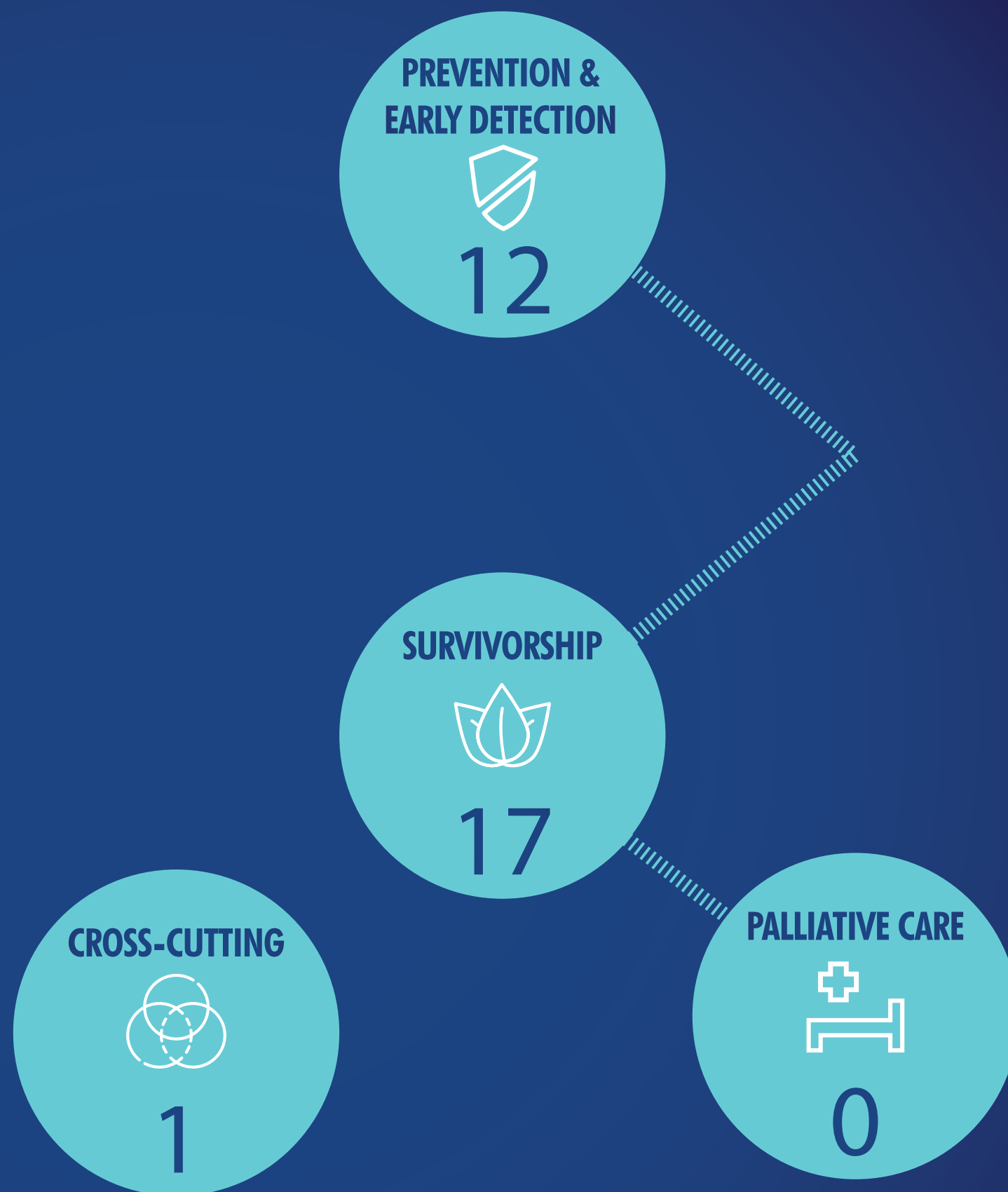
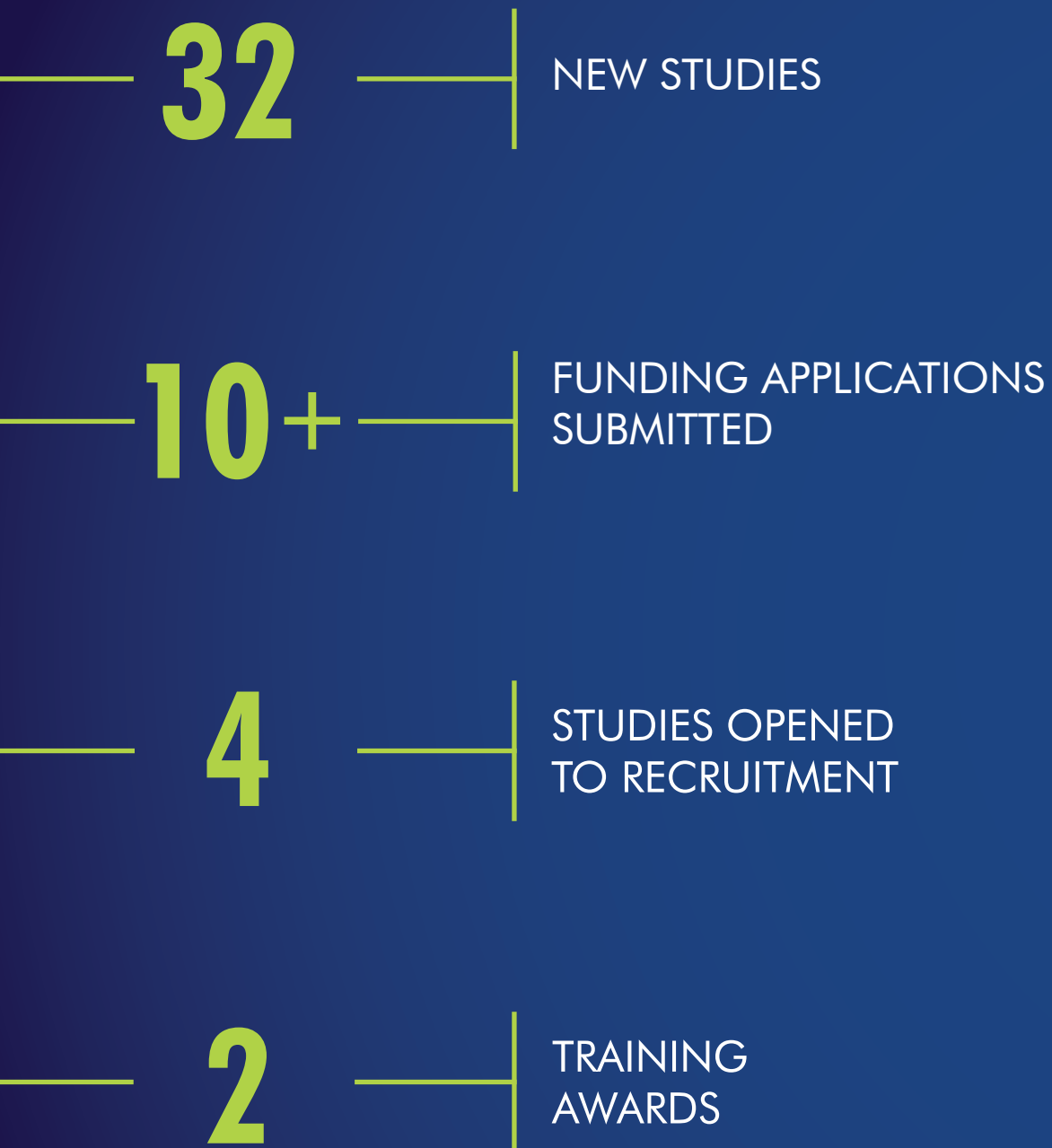


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**21/22**

# NEW PROJECTS



PC4 RESEARCH AT A GLANCE

This report is a celebration of the hard work our Community Network and Community Advisory Group (CAG) have put in over this past financial year. This assistance has helped develop new research with a focus on primary care and how primary care can improve patient outcomes.

We had a record number of new studies, with our CAG providing feedback on a large number of them, as well as several joining as Consumer Investigators. There are more details about some of these studies adjacent.

## NEW PODCAST

One of our more exciting projects of this financial year was the development of our new consumer podcast.

[We've Got a Question](#) brings together cancer researchers, survivors and clinicians to talk about their personal cancer journeys and discuss cancer research in Australia.

Community Advisory Group members Makala Castelli and Terri Byrne generously co-hosted the first season.

The aims of this podcast are to:

- Connect consumers with current research and researchers
- Invite more consumers into our community network
- Show the human side of research



## RESEARCH & GRANTS

This year our members provided input and feedback on a range of grant applications, including three NHMRC applications.

We are thrilled to announce that PC4-supported projects received over \$3 million in funding over the past year.

### Successfully funded projects:

**SMARTERscreen:** A randomised controlled trial of patient SMS messaging in general practice to increase participation in the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program

**Led by Mark Jenkins, Consumer investigators – Makala Castelli, Ian Dixon**

**CanSupport:** Scalable Survivorship Support after Cancer Evaluation of a co-designed and automated eHealth intervention to support cancer survivors in primary care

**Led by Dr Anna Singleton with consumer review provided by Makala Castelli**

Improving Outcomes for Cancer Survivors living with Metastatic Disease

**Led by Associate Professor Nicolas Hart and consumer review provided by Makala Castelli**

### Projects awaiting a funding outcome:

Identifying primary care opportunities to enhance HPV vaccination and cervical screening for priority population groups

**Led by Claire Nightingale Consumer Advisory input from George Fishman**

Implementing a cirrhosis detection pathway in primary care.

**Led by Leon Adams Consumer Advisory input from Sonia Markoff and George Fishman**

## CONSUMER SHOWCASE

Consumer Research Showcases are a chance to update our community network and other interested members of the public on current cancer in primary care research. Featuring three PC4 supported studies, we host two showcases per year and they form the foundation of our recruitment for our Community Network.

We have recently rebranded from Consumer Research Showcase, to *What's New in Cancer Research*.

### August 2021

**Facilitated by CAG member Julie Marker**, we heard from Dr Rebecca Bergin, Dr Suzanne Grant and Dr Nicole Rankin about their newly funded research projects in cancer care:

Young-onset colorectal cancer:  
Understanding pathways to diagnosis and treatment to improve outcomes.

Supporting the transition from hospital cancer treatment to wellness for women from Chinese, Vietnamese and Arabic backgrounds.

Improving diagnosis in cancers with low survival rates.

### February 2022

**Facilitated by CAG member Celia Pavelieff**, we heard from PC4's National Manager, Dr Kristi Milley, on the top priorities of cancer in primary care research in Australia.

Dr Barbara DeGraaff and Dr Jessica Roydhouse spoke about treatment pathways for liver cancer in primary care.

And Dr Carla Thamm updated us on her ongoing clinical trial FinTox around financial toxicity in patients with prostate cancer.



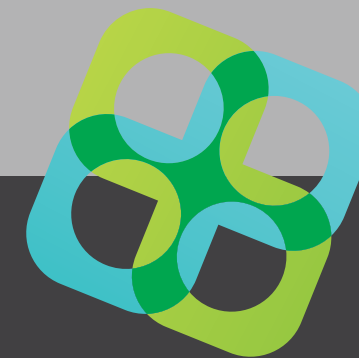




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