

Cancer in Pacific People

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Overview

Why Pacific people?

Gaps in the cancer control spectrum?

What can we do?

- improve health outcomes
- reduce inequalities for Pacific people

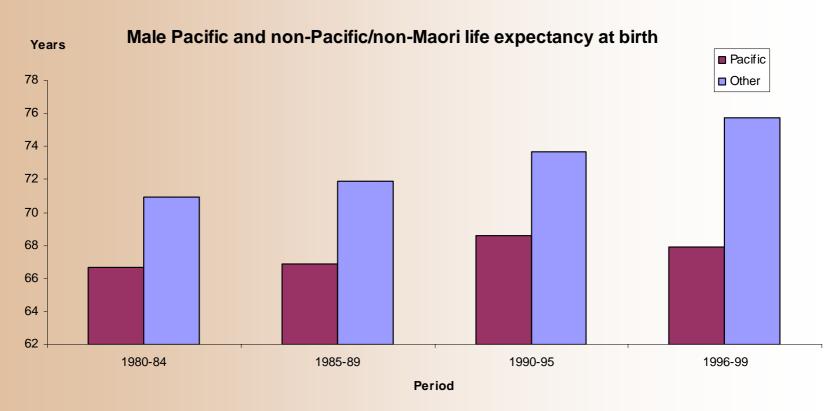


Why Pacific people?

- Respond to current and projected demographic changes in NZ
- Improve health outcomes
- Reduce disparities in health

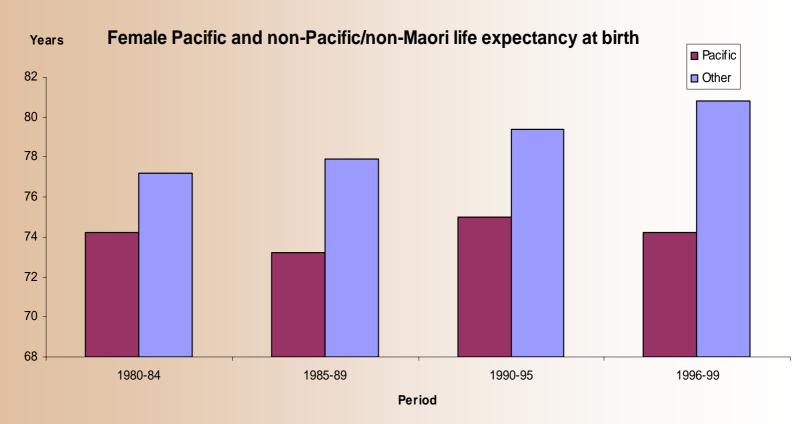


Life expectancy at birth – Males





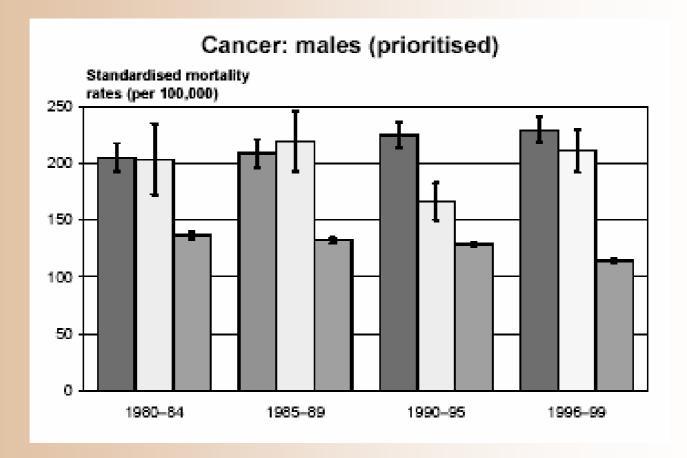
Life expectancy at birth-Females





All cancer, by ethnicity

(1-74 years)

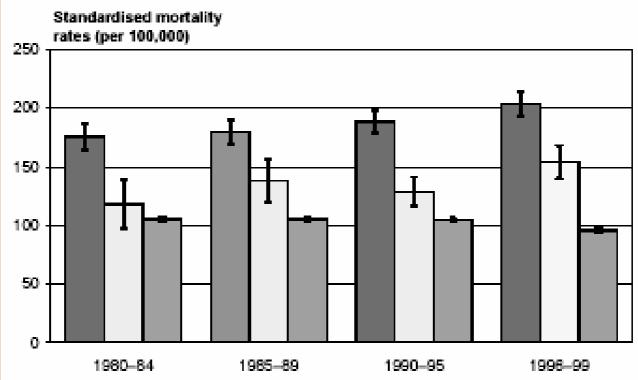




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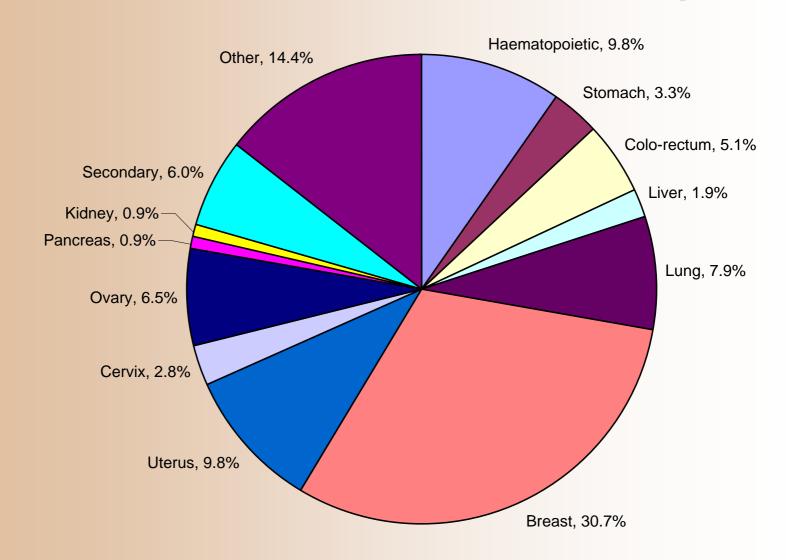






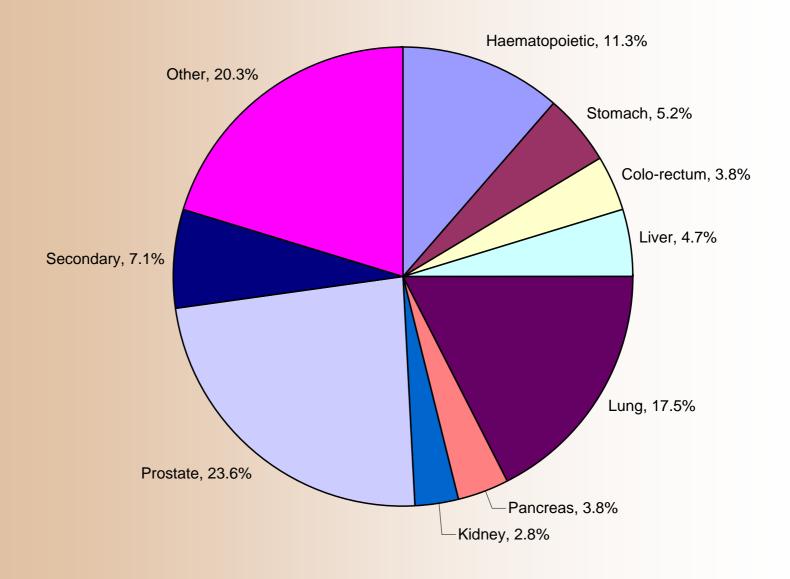


Cancer in Pacific women (2000)





Cancer in Pacific men (2000)





Structural determinants of health

Tackling the fundamental causes of health inequalities

Education

Unemployment

Income

Housing

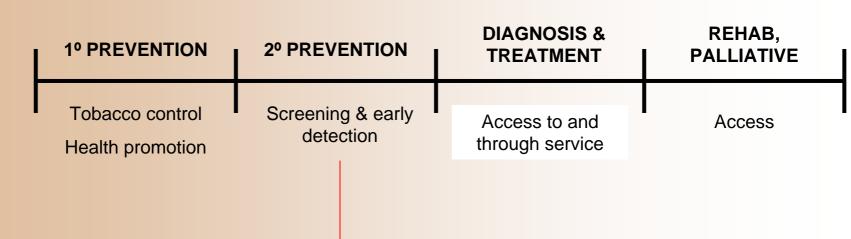


GAPS – Cancer Control spectrum

Multiple layers



Cancer control

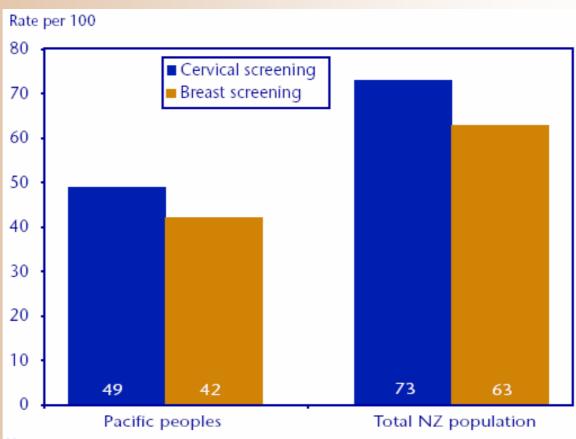


Access to and uptake of breast and cervical screening



Cancer Screening

Rate of uptake of cervical and breast cancer screening programmes, 2002



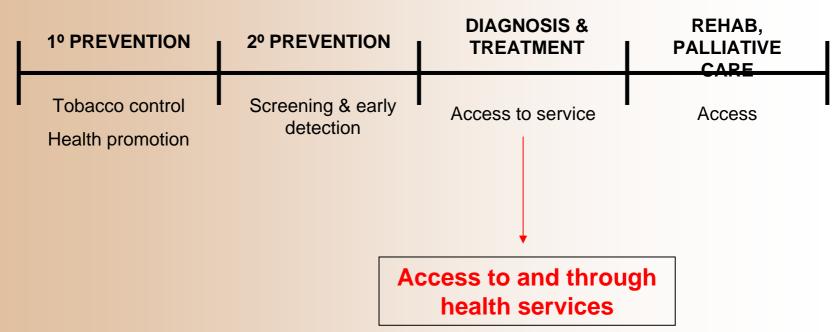
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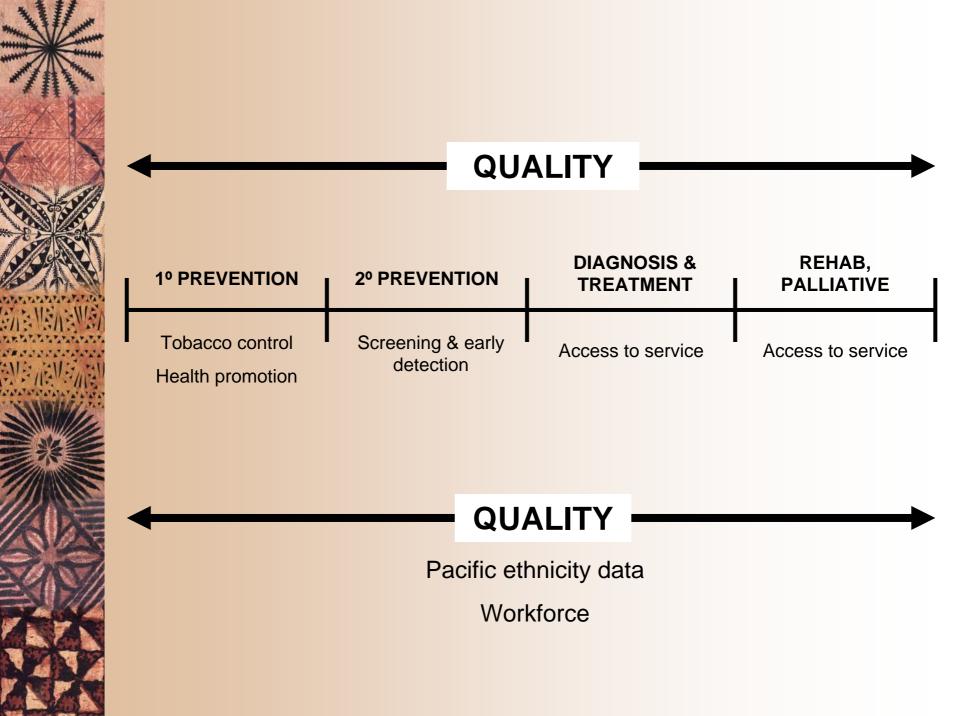
- 1. Screening within three years, adjusted for hysterectomy and age adjusted.
- 2. Screening within two years.

Source: National Screening Unit, Ministry of Health



Cancer control



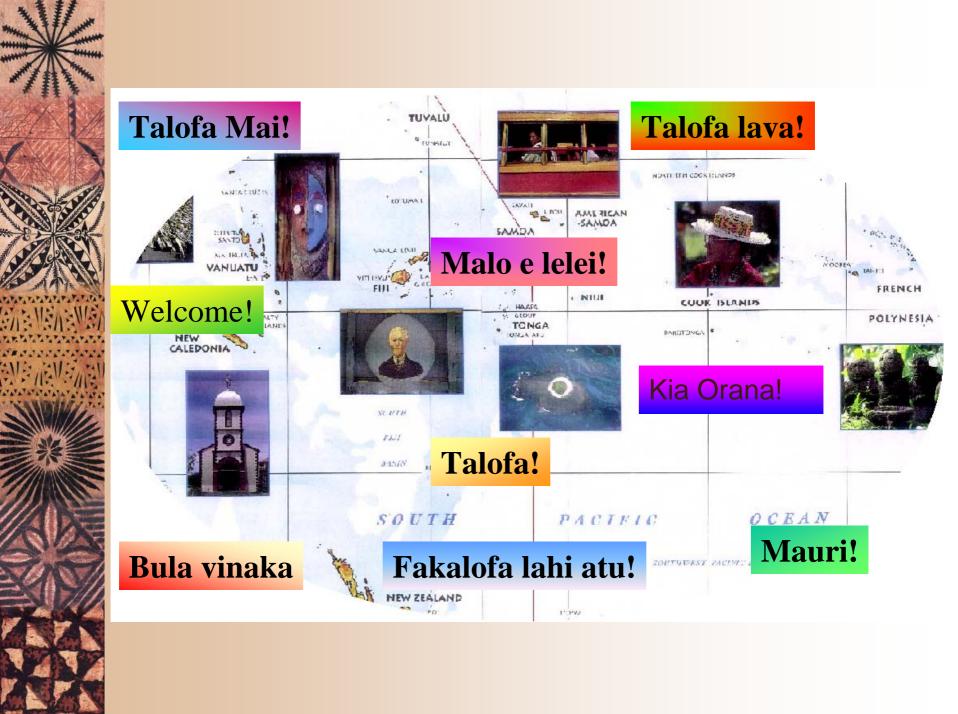




Active participation of Pacific people

Heterogenous

Each Pacific group has its own culture, language, and traditions





Opportunities

Nurture and Protect
Active Participation
Effective Partnership



Pacific Values

Families/Extended families Community/Church Fulfillment of mutual obligations Relationships Respect Reciprocity Consensus process



Pacific versus western values

- Families/extended families
- Community/Church
- Relationships
- Accountability
- Respect
- Reciprocity
- Fulfillment of mutual obligations
- Consensus process

- Individual rights and choice.
- Independence.
- Equality and access.
- Privacy.
- Competition.
- Consumerism.



Whose breast?

"Please give me time....Because I need to ask: What does my father think, what does my mother think, what does my family think, what does my village and church think before he can answer the question, what do I want?"



Myths

Will of God to die with no treatment?

OR

Poor quality services

Barriers of access to care



Goal?

Improved health outcomes Reduce inequalities



Success indicators

Nurture and Protect
Active Participation
Effective Partnership



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