

A positive attitude to help-seeking for psychological difficulties may promote supportive care use. However, societal views on who is responsible for service provision may hinder uptake.

WHAT PREDICTS THE PUBLIC'S PERCEPTIONS OF CANCER SUPPORTIVE CARE?

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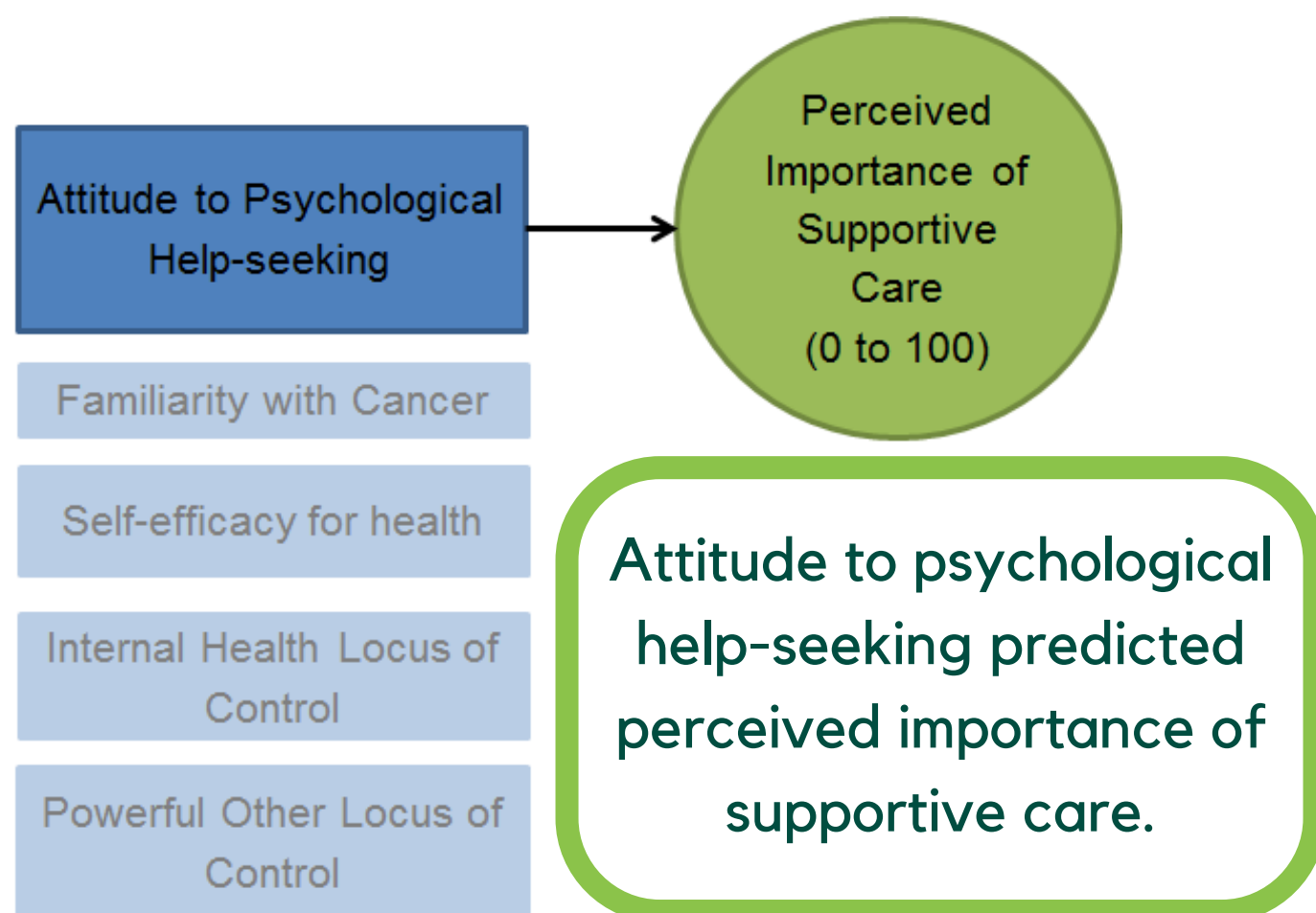
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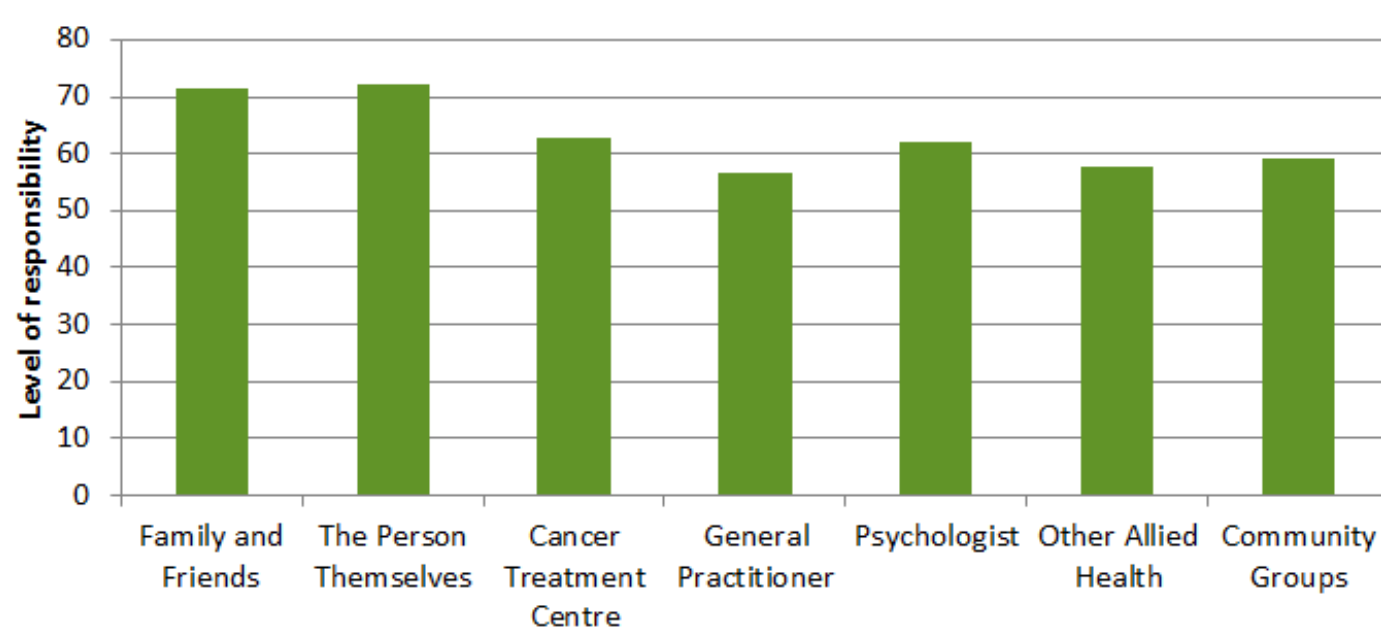
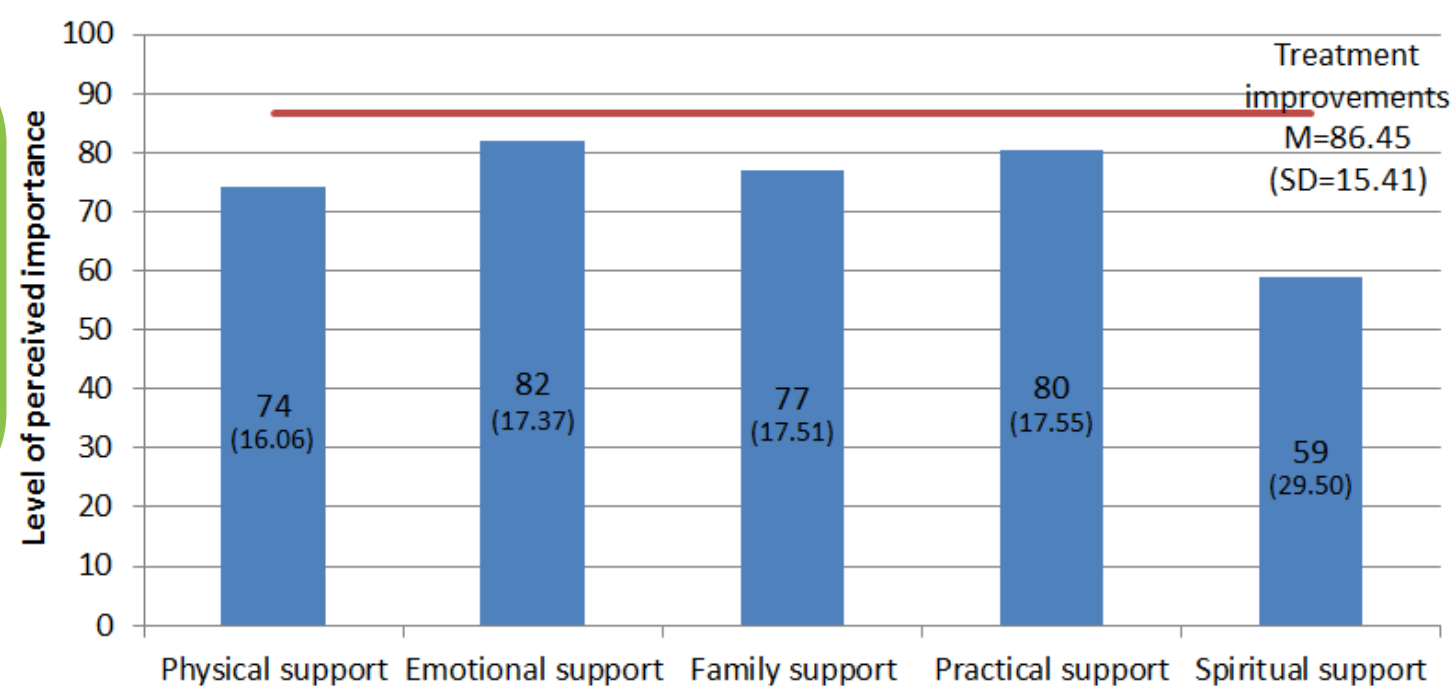
Understanding and acceptance of supportive care requires everyone to understand the impacts of cancer and the likely long term challenges. Consensus on who bears responsibility for meeting these challenges is also required, together with an understanding of the factors that impact on these beliefs.

Methods

369 Australians (221 females), aged 18-90 (M=40.1, SD=17.1) were recruited for an online survey.



Emotional and Practical supportive cancer care were rated as most important.



Family, friends and the patient themselves were rated as most responsible for the provision of supportive care.

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