

Ontario Cancer News



Cancer Care Ontario's new role in chronic kidney disease management

This spring the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) asked Cancer Care Ontario (CCO) to provide leadership in the area of chronic kidney disease (CKD) management in Ontario. The CKD community has expressed the need for greater coordination, performance measurement tools and information systems that capture and report on CKD against clear goals and targets.

CCO is currently leading the development of a provincial CKD network – Ontario Renal Network – that builds on our track record in leveraging improvements to access, quality of care and outcomes in cancer care. We believe these same principles have broader applications and benefits for other chronic diseases.

The Ontario Renal Network, supported by local renal lead teams, and enabled through CCO's leadership and resources, will manage the development of provincial CKD planning, governance, standards setting, performance reporting and incremental funding.

Our involvement in chronic kidney disease management does not change CCO's mandate. CCO remains committed to ensuring all Ontarians have access to high quality cancer care across the province. The work we are undertaking in CKD will be resourced independently of cancer.

Patients are our first priority. We continue to make progress on the goals outlined in the Ontario Cancer Plan to improve cancer services for Ontarians.

For more information on this new initiative, please [visit Cancer Care Ontario's website](#).



Research news

Cancer patients in Ontario live longer and enjoy a better quality of life than ever before because of advances in research. This summer, Cancer Care Ontario announced the 2009 recipients of the Cancer Care Ontario Research Chairs, a program that will further strengthen Ontario's cancer research capacity.

The Cancer Care Ontario Research Chairs program, funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, is designed to attract leading new scientists to Ontario and support outstanding scientists already working in the province. The Program focuses on four important areas - cancer imaging, health services research, population studies and experimental therapeutics. It links researchers across Ontario and supports scientific efforts to translate research findings into clinical practice, including clinical trials.

The six 2009 Cancer Care Ontario Research Chairs are:

- Dr. Ralph DaCosta, Princess Margaret Hospital, for cancer imaging.
- Dr. Nancy Baxter, St. Michael's Hospital, for health services.
- Dr. Joanne Kotsopoulos, Women's College Hospital, for population studies.
- Dr. Gregory Czarnota, Odette Cancer Centre, for cancer experimental therapeutics and cancer imaging.
- Dr. Geoffrey Liu, Princess Margaret Hospital, for experimental therapeutics and population studies.
- Dr. Lillian Siu, Princess Margaret Hospital, for experimental therapeutics.

To learn more [read the news release on Cancer Care Ontario's website](#).

2009 Quality and Innovation Awards



Nomination deadline: Friday, September 25, 2009

The Cancer Quality Council of Ontario (CQCO) and Cancer Care Ontario (CCO), in partnership with the Canadian Cancer Society – Ontario Division, are pleased to announce the fourth annual call for nominations for the 2009 Quality and Innovation Awards.

These awards will recognize significant contributions to quality or innovation in the delivery of cancer care. Eligible applicants must be involved in the delivery of cancer care within Ontario. Successful applicants will be notified in early November and invited to an awards dinner and presentation in Toronto.

For more information about the nomination process and criteria, and to download the application forms, please [visit the Cancer Care Ontario website](#) or contact Dana Wilson-Li at qualityandinnovation.awards@cancercare.on.ca.



A new online resource: Cancer View Canada

A new online community, Cancer View Canada is now available to people affected by cancer. Cancer View Canada provides access to Canada's leading cancer resources and services. It is an ever-evolving portal that brings together resources for cancer prevention, screening, treatment, and supportive, palliative and end-of-life care.

Cancer View Canada can be found at www.cancerview.ca, and is the work of the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer in collaboration with a network of regional and national partners, including the Canadian Cancer Society.

[Visit Cancer View Canada online.](#)



Regional news

CanWell partnership helps cancer survivors regain fitness and strength

A new partnership is helping cancer survivors regain strength and improve their physical well-being through an exercise and education program offered at the Les Chater Family YMCA, in Hamilton.

CanWell is a unique new program for people living with cancer, providing participants with a fitness program developed by Hamilton Health Sciences' cancer rehabilitation experts in the convenience of the YMCA where specially trained staff are on-hand to ensure the participant's safety.

The CanWell pilot received \$250,000 funding from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to develop the program, but the plan is that the pilot will lead to ongoing programming for cancer survivors offered in the community through the YMCA.

When the pilot is complete at the end of 2009, cancer survivors will be able to access this program through the regular YMCA membership upon referral from their oncologist. The YMCA also offers financial assistance for those in need

[Learn more about CanWell.](#)



Ontario Cancer Facts

Colorectal cancer incidence increasing among adolescents and young adults (Aug. 2009)

Colorectal cancer is rare among Ontarians aged 15–29 years, accounting for only 0.3% of all colorectal cancer diagnoses, or about 20–30 cases per year; however, the incidence for colorectal cancer has been rising steadily in this age group in recent years.

[Read August's Ontario Cancer Fact](#) on Cancer Care Ontario's website.

Ontarians with the most education have the lowest smoking levels (July 2009)

Smoking shows an inverse relationship with level of education. Eighteen percent of adults who completed post-secondary education smoked in Ontario in 2007, compared with 29% who completed secondary education and 39% with less than secondary education. Smoking rates were higher in men than women for all levels of education.

[Read July's Ontario Cancer Fact](#) on Cancer Care Ontario's website.

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Cancer 2020 eScoop

Cancer 2020 e-Scoop is a monthly bulletin from Cancer Care Ontario's Division of Preventive Oncology, consisting of regional and provincial news, initiatives, events and resources relevant to those working in cancer prevention and screening.

- [Read the June issue of Cancer 2020 eScoop](#)



People news

Bertha Paulse, Cancer Care Ontario's Regional Vice President, North East Regional Cancer Program has taken a new role as the Interim CEO for the Hôpital Régional de Sudbury Regional Hospital (HRSRH).

Bertha brought 18 years of experience working in cancer care programs when she became Vice President of the Regional Cancer Program at the HRSRH in 2005. Previously, she provided leadership and direction for the development of provincial cancer services in the provinces of Newfoundland and Labrador, from 1993 to 2004. Bertha was also the Chief Operating Officer for the London and Kingston Regional Cancer Centres from 1989 to 1993.

Prior to working in cancer care programs, Bertha held a number of senior management positions in acute care hospitals. She is also a surveyor with the Canadian Council of Health Services Accreditation and has surveyed the majority of cancer programs throughout Canada.

Bertha holds a Bachelor of Nursing from Memorial University and a Master of Health Services Administration from Dalhousie University.

Mark Hartman has been appointed Interim Regional Vice President for the North East Regional Cancer Program. Previous to this Mark served as the Administrative Director for the Regional Cancer Program. In his new position, Mark will be accountable to both the administration of Hôpital Régional de Sudbury Regional Hospital (HRSRH) and CCO with responsibility for the planning, development and operation of regional programs including Systemic Treatment, Supportive Care, Inpatient Acute Medicine, Radiation Treatment, Supportive Care, Preventative Oncology and Screening, and Surgical Oncology.

Mark has recently completed a Masters in Business Administration through Athabasca University. He began working as a Radiation Therapist at the Northeastern Ontario Regional Cancer Centre when he arrived in Sudbury from Australia in 1992. Mark also held various management positions, first supervising radiation treatment planning then managing the radiation treatment program. Between 2000 and 2004 Mark was director of the \$44M cancer centre capital expansion project.

Dr. Julian Dobranowski has joined Cancer Care Ontario as the inaugural Head, Cancer Imaging Program. Dr. Dobranowski is a practicing radiologist at St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton, where he was Chief Radiologist from 1999 to 2007. He has had an active academic career and is an Associate Clinical Professor at McMaster University. Dr. Dobranowski is also the Medical Director of the Imaging Research Centre and the Director of the Centre of Radiological Anatomy at St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton and McMaster University, and the current chair of the Ontario CT/MRI Wait Time Strategy Committee.

Nick Nagy has joined Cancer Care Ontario as Director HR & Talent Management. In this new role Nick will be responsible for leading the development and implementation of a talent management strategy at CCO. This will include ensuring the organization's ability to meet current and future talent requirements through effective workforce planning, performance management, talent acquisition and integration, as well as employee development.

Nick brings over 15 years of HR experience to CCO. Nick's most recent role was with Sun Life's Group Benefits division as Director, Organization Development. Nick held a number of roles of increasing responsibility focused on developing organizational and individual capabilities.

Nick started his career in HR with the Federal Government of Canada and graduated from York University's Schulich School of Business with a BBA and MBA.

Joe Laforet has joined Cancer Care Ontario (CCO) as Director, Emergency Department Information Program. In his new role, Joe will be responsible for a number of new Access to Care (ATC) Portfolio initiatives for the Emergency Room (ER) / Alternate Level of Care Information Strategy including the ER National Ambulatory Care Reporting System (NACRS) Initiative (also known as ERNI) and the ER Community Care Access Centre Notification project.

Joe recently worked on a number of phases of the Wait Time Information Program at CCO such as last year's expansion which included additional surgical specialties and an earlier phase where his team created the Enterprise Master Patient Index for the province. Joe also held senior roles at Canada Health Infoway and St. Joseph's Healthcare in Hamilton.

Audrey Friedman, Provincial Head of Patient Education at Cancer Care Ontario is the 2009 recipient of the Cancer Patient Education Network (CPEN - USA) Distinguished Service Award.

The CPEN Distinguished Service Award is given to a CPEN member for her/his outstanding contributions to the practice and profession of patient education. This is the first time a Canadian has won this award.

Upcoming events

Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) – HealthAchieve 2009 Conference

Date: November 16 – 18

Location: Metro Toronto Convention Centre - North Building, Toronto, ON.



For more information, please [visit the 2009 HealthAchieve website](#).

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