



2015 ANNUAL REPORT



Toronto Central
Regional Cancer Program **South**
in partnership with Cancer Care Ontario



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TORONTO CENTRAL SOUTH REGIONAL CANCER PROGRAM

MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

We are pleased to present to you the 2015 Annual Report for the Toronto Central Regional Cancer Program South. The aim is to showcase our activities and progress in the past year, as well as pay tribute to the exceptional work underway in our region. We hope you find the information helpful and informative.

The Toronto Central South Regional Cancer Program of Cancer Care Ontario (www.cancercare.on.ca) includes the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, Sinai Health System, St. Joseph's Health Centre, St. Michael's Hospital, and Women's College Hospital. We also collaborate with the Toronto Central Local Health Integration Network, the Canadian Cancer Society, and the Toronto Central Community Care Access Centre. Jointly with our colleagues in the Toronto Central North Cancer Program, our goal is to optimize access and quality of care for patients in our region and implement Cancer Care Ontario's Cancer plan.

In 2015, Cancer Care Ontario released the Ontario Cancer Plan IV (www.cancercare.on.ca, under Ontario Cancer Plan, 2015-2016). Regionally we developed a response to this plan, outlining how we will contribute to its successful implementation, with input from all of our stakeholders.

Other key activities of 2015 included the development and expansion of our Aboriginal Cancer Program led by Dr. Bernice Downey, Primary Care engagement in screening, early detection and palliative care under the leadership of Dr. Ed Kucharski, and Diagnostic Assessment Programs.

We are very pleased with our progress in implementing Multidisciplinary Cancer Conferences in all our institutions and engagement in our community of practice events. We also thank the many experts who are engaged in leadership at Cancer Care Ontario regional and provincial programs, expert panels and initiatives. Ms. Susan Blacker completed her secondment to the position of Director of the Toronto Central South Regional Cancer Program where she did a fantastic job filling in while Ms. Martha Wyatt was on maternity leave. We are grateful to her and to St. Michael's Hospital leadership for this tremendous partnership.

As we look to the future, and achieving the goals of the new Cancer Care Ontario Strategic plan for 2015-2019, we are excited to leverage the remarkable leadership and collaborative teams who are providing exceptional care and innovation in cancer services throughout the region.



**Dr. Mary Gospodarowicz,
MD, FRCPC, FRCR (Hon)**
Medical Director, Princess Margaret
Cancer Program
Regional Vice President, CCO
for Toronto Central South



Ms. Martha Wyatt
Director, Toronto Central South
Regional Cancer Program



Ms. Susan Blacker
Interim Director, Toronto Central
South Regional Cancer Program

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Toronto Central Regional Cancer Program (TRCP) corresponds to the boundaries of the TC LHIN, however, due to the size of the program, it is formally divided into Toronto Central Regional Cancer Programs, North and South. The TRCP North and TRCP South Programs are led by Regional Vice Presidents of Cancer Care Ontario. While the two programs work in partnership, they have distinct performance targets and reporting relationships with Cancer Care Ontario. This report describes the organizational structures, activities, and achievements of TRCP South. The TRCP Cancer Screening and Aboriginal Programs are combined. To facilitate collaboration and integration of care in the TC LHIN, the TRCP Executive and Steering Committees combine leadership of both North and South TRCPs.

The Regional Cancer Program South is led by Dr. Mary Gospodarowicz, Regional Vice President, Toronto Central South. It is comprised of a Regional Cancer Centre, the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre at the University Health Network and four partner hospitals: St. Michael's Hospital, Sinai Health System, St. Joseph's Health Centre, and Women's College Hospital. We also collaborate and support partnerships with the TC LHIN, the Canadian Cancer Society, and the Toronto Central Community Care Access Centre.



- 1 CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY (CCS) TORONTO REGION
- 2 PRINCESS MARGARET CANCER CENTRE / UNIVERSITY HEALTH NETWORK (UHN)
- 3 SINAI HEALTH SYSTEM

- 4 ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH CENTRE (SJHC)
- 5 ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL (SMH)
- 6 TORONTO CENTRAL COMMUNITY CARE ACCESS CENTRE (CCAC)
- 7 WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL (WCH)

PROGRAM LEADERSHIP

Regional Vice President, Cancer Care Ontario

Dr. Mary Gospodarowicz, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre/UHN

Director, Regional Cancer Program and Medical Affairs

Martha Wyatt, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre/UHN

Manager, Regional Cancer Program and Medical Affairs

Nafeesa Ladha, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre/UHN

Coordinator, Regional Cancer Program

Paula Capela, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre/UHN

Pathology Lead

Dr. Runjan Chetty, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre/UHN (current)

Dr. Sylvia Asa, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre/UHN

Cancer Imaging Lead

Dr. Martin O'Malley, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre/UHN

Surgical Oncology Lead

Dr. Jonathan Irish, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre/UHN

Systemic Therapy Quality Lead

Dr. Eitan Amir, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre/UHN

Radiation Therapy Lead

Dr. Fei-Fei Liu, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre/UHN

Palliative Care Lead

Dr. Kirsten Wentlandt, Toronto General Hospital/UHN

Psychosocial Oncology Lead:

Ms. Susan Blacker, St. Michael's Hospital

Patient Education Lead

Ms. Janet Papadacos, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre /UHN

Diagnostic Assessment Program Leads

Ms. Terri Stuart-McEwan, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre/UHN

Dr. Fayez Quereshi, Toronto General Hospital/UHN

Manager, Regional Cancer Screening Program (TRCP North and South)

Ms. Debbie Fisher-Holmes, Odette Cancer Centre/SHSC

Colorectal Screening/GI Endoscopy Lead, (TRCP North and South)

Dr. Ian Bookman, St. Joseph's Health Centre

Breast Imaging Lead (TRCP North and South)

Dr. Rene Shumak, Odette Cancer Centre/SHSC

Primary Care Lead

Dr. Ed Kucharski, Sherbourne Health Centre

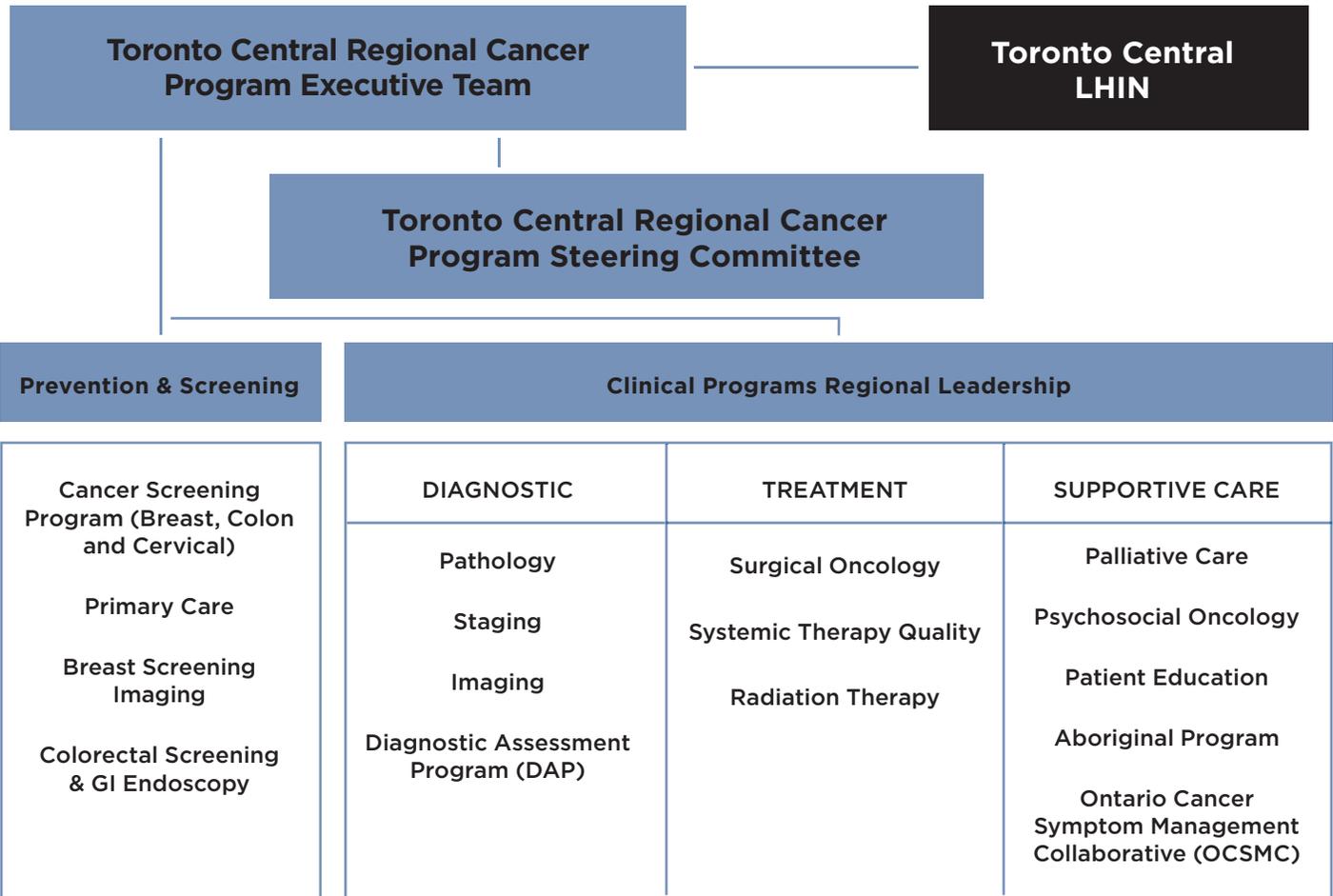
Aboriginal Cancer Lead (TRCP North and South)

Dr. Bernice Downey

Aboriginal Navigator (TRCP North and South)

Ms. Joanna Vautour, St. Michael's Hospital

PROGRAM STRUCTURE



The Regional Cancer Program is responsible for implementing provincial standards and programs for cancer care and ensuring service providers meet the requirements and targets set out in their partnership agreements with Cancer Care Ontario (CCO). In order to fulfill this responsibility, we have a variety of regional committees to respond to local cancer issues, coordinate care across local and regional healthcare providers, and to continually improve access to care, wait times and quality.

STEERING COMMITTEE

The Toronto Regional Cancer Program Steering Committee is co-chaired by the two Regional Vice Presidents, Dr. Mary Gospodarowicz (Regional Vice President, TRCP South) and Dr. Calvin Law (Regional Vice President, TRCP North). The Steering Committee assists and guides the development and implementation of strategies to improve the delivery and quality of cancer services in the region. Key topics/activities in 2015 included: regional performance, palliative care transformation, Ontario Cancer Plan IV, hospital engagement, person-centred care, aboriginal navigation, INTEGRATE project, and patient education.

Co-Chairs, Regional Vice Presidents

Dr. Mary Gospodarowicz, Regional Vice President, CCO & Medical Director, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre

Dr. Calvin Law, Regional Vice President, CCO & Chief, Odette Cancer Centre

Hospital Administrative Leads

Ms. Victoria Noguera, Clinical Director, Women's College Hospital

Ms. Susan Blacker, Director, Cancer Services Planning and Performance, St. Michael's Hospital

Ms. Mary Agnes Beduz, Vice President Professional Practice & Associate Chief Nurse Executive, Sinai Health System

Ms. Marnie Escaf, Senior Vice President, UHN, & Executive Lead, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre

Ms. Martha Wyatt, Director, Regional Cancer Program & Medical Affairs, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre*

Ms. Janice Stewart, Director of Operations & Regional Planning, Odette Cancer Centre*

Ms. Shelley DeHay-Turner, Administrative Director, Perioperative Services, Women & Children, IPAC, St. Joseph's Health Centre

Ms. Melissa Morey-Hollis, Administrative Director, Medicine / Seniors Care / Cancer Care, St. Joseph's Health Centre

Ms. Penny Walcott, Director, Surgery Health Service, Toronto East General Hospital

*TRCP Directors of Regional Planning

Regional Cancer Program & Partner Organization Members

Ms. Debbie Fisher-Holmes, Manager, Cancer Screening, Toronto Central Regional Cancer Program

Ms. Laura McDonald, Health Promotion Coordinator, Cancer Screening, Toronto Central Regional Cancer Program

Mr. Enrique Saenz, Manager, Client Services, Palliative Program, Toronto Central CCAC

Ms. Helen Taylor Camacho, Manager, Toronto Region, Canadian Cancer Society, Ontario Division

Ms. Julie Datta, Manager, Screening Saves Lives, Canadian Cancer Society, Ontario Division

Mr. Nello Del Rizzo, Senior Consultant, Performance Management, Toronto Central LHIN

Cancer Program Hospital Clinical Leads

Dr. Jing Li, Medical Oncologist, Toronto East General Hospital

Dr. Ori Rotstein, Surgeon-in-Chief, St. Michael's Hospital

Dr. John Semple, Surgeon-in-Chief, Women's College Hospital

Dr. Dorothy Lo, Medical Oncologist, St. Joseph's Health Centre

Dr. Jay Wunder, Surgeon-in-Chief, Sinai Health System

*T-RCP Directors of Regional Planning

2015 TORONTO CENTRAL REGIONAL CANCER PROGRAM PRIORITIES

PRIORITY

1

INCREASE / SUSTAIN SCREENING RATES FOR BOTH EDMONTON SYMPTOM ASSESSMENT SYSTEM AND PATIENT REPORTED FUNCTIONAL STATUS TO TARGET (70%)

- All partner hospitals using Interactive Symptom Assessment And Collection (ISAAC) tool to receive performance reports on screening rates beginning in 2015
- All TRCP hospitals to develop Quality Improvement (QI) plan for 2015-16 for symptom management and report regularly to RCP on efforts

Achievements

- All partner hospitals use ISAAC to receive performance reports on screening rates
- All TRCP hospitals developed a QI plan and reported semi-annually on progress through the Ontario Cancer Symptom Management Collaborative (OCSMC)
- Conducted a Community of Practice event with regional Psychosocial Oncology, Palliative Care, Patient Education, and OCSMC in collaboration with Smoking Cessation Champions

PRIORITY

2

CONTINUE TO BUILD MOMENTUM TO INCREASE SCREENING RATES IN THE TORONTO CENTRAL LOCAL HEALTH INTEGRATION NETWORK (LHIN)

- Formalize Ontario Breast Screening Program (OBSP) affiliation with remaining TC LHIN breast screening facilities
- Continue to build momentum with primary care education and engagement
- Continue to increase capacity for cancer prevention and screening awareness and participation through local partnerships, community engagement and workplace strategy

Achievements

- Of five non-OBSP sites invited to affiliate, three applications received and pending approval, one application in progress.
- Primary Care Leads delivered 14 “Cancer Journey” events
- Two editions of the Primary Care Cancer Update newsletter circulated
- Led the Cancer Prevention and Screening Health Ambassador Pilot Project in collaboration with community partners
- Led the Cancer Prevention and Screening Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) Curriculum Pilot Project in collaboration with Thorncliffe Park Neighbourhood Office, Toronto Public Health, and the Canadian Cancer Society
- Collaborated with Parkdale Community Health Centre to implement a Cancer Prevention and Screening Project at St. Michael’s Hospital
- Developed a Cancer Prevention and Screening Awareness in the Workplace toolkit
- Hosted a First Nation, Inuit and Metis (FNIM) breast cancer screening talking circle in partnership with Sherbourne Health Centre
- Launched a cancer screening Twitter account: @TO_CancerScreen

PRIORITY

3

ENHANCE EFFORTS RELATED TO DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENT PROGRAMS (DAPS) (LUNG AND COLORECTAL)

- Begin reporting wait times and patient satisfaction for all colorectal DAPs in TC south; review performance against target for diagnostic interval (wait time) and develop improvement plans where indicated
- Establish baseline related to primary care provider referrals and implement a plan for increasing by 5% across all DAPs

Achievements

- Wait times collected and reported at all centres
- Primary Care provider referrals increased by 30% across the four DAPs

STATISTICAL HIGHLIGHTS

83%

Multidisciplinary Cancer
Conference compliance



as many unique visitors
to the TRCP website
as in 2014, with 8,200
page views



60,000

Ontario Breast Screening Program
mammograms performed for the
target screening population



44%

of new patients who visit
Princess Margaret have been
screened for smoking cessation
and offered cessation support



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hospitals in Toronto Central South
are high risk OBSP assessment centres



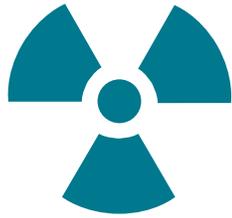
1,240

Family History/Fecal Occult Blood Test
positive colonoscopies were performed
in Colon Cancer Check participating
hospitals in 2015

62%

of physicians who
referred into our
Diagnostic Assessment
Programs this year were
first time referrals





10,719 courses of radiation treatment



8,779
systemic consults
in 2014/15

SYSTEMIC CONSULT VOLUMES
FISCAL YEAR 2014/15

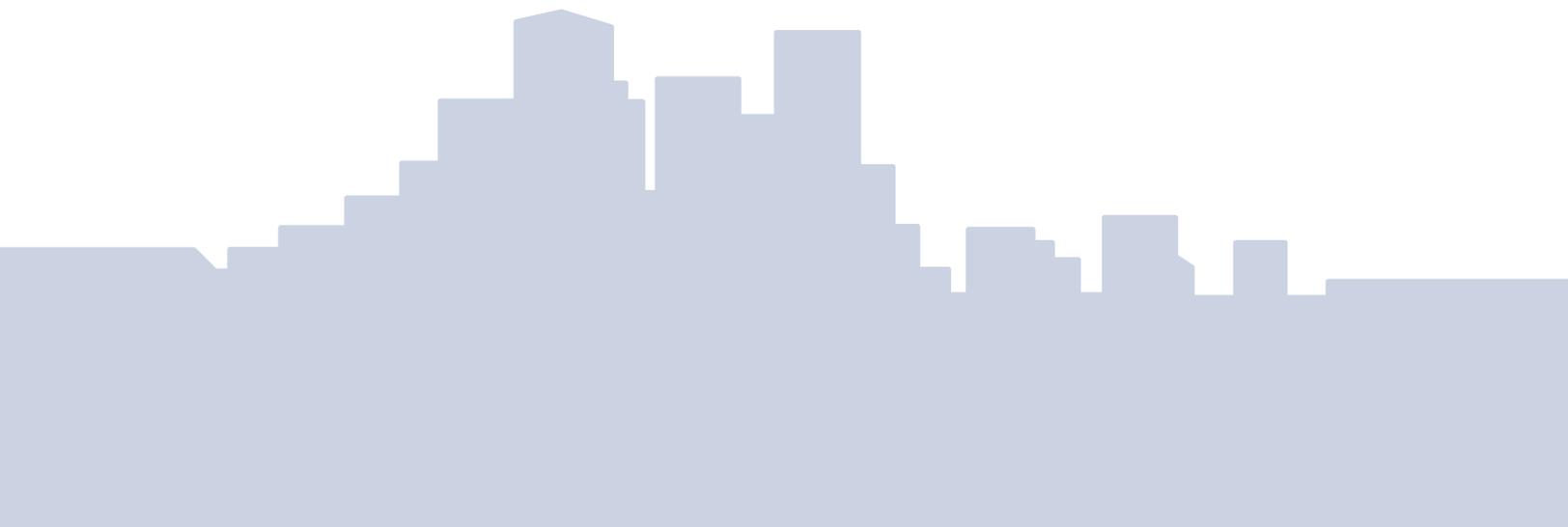
Total	8,779
Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, UHN	6,315
Sinai Health System	660
St. Joseph's Health Centre	529
St. Michael's Hospital	1,215



7,573
cancer surgeries performed
(Cancer Surgery Agreement volumes)

CANCER SURGERY AGREEMENT (CSA) VOLUMES 2015
(JANUARY - DECEMBER)

Total	7,573
Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, UHN	3,975
Sinai Health System	1,047
St. Joseph's Health Centre	799
St. Michael's Hospital	1,243
Women's College Hospital	509



PROGRAM ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS



PREVENTION & SCREENING

CANCER SCREENING

The Cancer Screening program consists of:

- Ontario Breast Screening Program
- ColonCancerCheck Program
- Ontario Cervical Screening Program

The Regional Cancer Screening Program monitors screening site performance and quality, supports quality improvement among screening sites and primary care providers, and develops and implements public and provider educational initiatives to improve participation in breast, colorectal and cervical cancer screening. In addition, our Regional Prevention and Screening Leads fill a critical role in capacity planning and improving the quality, safety and accessibility of cancer screening services in Toronto. The focus in 2015 was to plan and build capacity for public and provider education and awareness through community engagement, stakeholder partnerships, and workplace awareness strategies.



Dr. Ed Kucharski,
Primary Care Lead



Ms. Debbie Fisher-Holmes,
Manager, Regional Cancer
Screening Program



Dr. Rene Shumak,
Breast Imaging Lead



Dr. Ian Bookman,
Colorectal Screening
& GI Endoscopy Lead

2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- Led the development and implementation of the Cancer Prevention and Screening Health Ambassador Pilot Project in Thorncliffe and Flemingdon Parks in collaboration with Toronto Public Health, Thorncliffe Neighbourhood Office, Flemingdon Health Centre, Canadian Cancer Society and the South Riverdale Community Health Centre
- Led the development and implementation of the Cancer Prevention and Screening Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) Curriculum Pilot Project at Thorncliffe Neighbourhood Office in collaboration with Toronto Public Health and the Canadian Cancer Society
- Collaborated with Parkdale Community Health Centre to implement a Cancer Prevention and Screening Project, including the development of a facilitated breast screening process, in partnership with St. Michael's Hospital
- Led the development and implementation of the Cancer Prevention and Screening Awareness in the Workplace toolkit
- Collaborated with the Immigrant Women's Health Centre Mobile Health Clinic to provide Pap testing in St. James Town and Thorncliffe Park
- Partnered with Sherbourne Health Centre to host a First Nation, Inuit and Metis (FNIM) breast cancer screening talking circle
- Launched a cancer screening Twitter account: @TO_CancerScreen
- Supported Cancer Care Ontario's provincial launch of My CancerIQ
- Supported Cancer Care Ontario's Ontario Breast Screening Program Centralized Correspondence Project
- Supported the Canadian Cancer Society (CCS) Screening Saves Lives program in Thorncliffe and Flemingdon Park and CCS's Get Screened display at Pride 2015

PRIMARY CARE

- Developed and disseminated two editions of the Primary Care Cancer Update newsletter to physicians supported by the Cancer Screening team
- Collaborated with regional stakeholders to support continuing medical education events and provided education about the cancer journey supported by the Cancer Screening team
- Organized and delivered 14 “Cancer Journey” continuing medical education events to primary care providers
- Recorded modules for Cancer Care Ontario’s e-learning platform that are used to improve cancer screening knowledge across Ontario
- Increased social and local media presence

BREAST IMAGING

- Applications submitted to grant affiliation to three new sites in the region
- High risk screening in this region accounts for 39% of the provincial volume. We are continually working with the high risk sites to improve the quality of screening
- Regular meetings to discuss quality and possible methods for improvement with the breast assessment sites in the region has resulted in better quality of breast cancer screening and assessment

COLORECTAL SCREENING & GI ENDOSCOPY

- Continued development and implementation of the Quality Management Partnership for colonoscopy (a collaboration between Cancer Care Ontario and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario)
- Designation of facility leads at each site to improve flow of communication between facility, regional and provincial levels
- Circulation of a coding template within the region to ensure higher accuracy in data capturing of procedures performed
- Continued collaboration amongst endoscopy units within the region, both in and out of hospital, to address concerns of quality metrics such as wait times and efficient use of endoscopy resources

SMOKING CESSATION

In 2015 the Smoking Cessation Program at Princess Margaret embarked on a novel new screening platform "CEASE" through an Ontario Institute for Cancer Research funded Knowledge Translation grant. The CEASE platform is integrated with our Distress Assessment and Response Tool - DART, and is electronically administered on iPads. Patients are screened for their smoking status and if they are current smokers are provided with tailored patient education materials on the benefits of smoking cessation and referrals to cessation services are facilitated. Overall, 44% of new cancer patients are being screened for smoking and a significant number of those patients taking advantage of smoking cessation services. A patient education campaign was also launched with posters in the clinic waiting rooms and a website with additional resources for patients and their families.

More information can be found by searching 'smoking cessation' at www.uhn.ca

In October 2015, in collaboration with TRCP North and all our partner hospitals and community agencies, we held the second annual community of practice event focused on smoking cessation. Key topics included: aboriginal smoking cessation, patient education best practices, and effective strategies in implementing a smoke free campus/grounds.



Quit smoking and using tobacco to improve your health

before, during and after cancer treatment

Quitting can improve:

- How well your treatment works
- How fast you heal
- The health of people around you

Smoking and tobacco can cause:

- A second cancer
- Your cancer to come back
- Other health problems

It is never too late to quit.

Get support from your health care team and the free programs below.

Toronto General Outpatient Pharmacy	416-340-4075	www.theprincessmargaret.ca/quitsmoking
Nicotine Dependence Clinic, CAMH	416-535-8501 ext. 77400	www.nicotinedependenceclinic.com
Smokers' Helpline	1-877-513-5333	www.smokershelpline.ca



DIAGNOSIS



Dr. Martin O'Malley
Cancer Imaging Lead

CANCER IMAGING

The Cancer Imaging Program has developed strategic priorities to support and align with the Ontario Cancer Plan IV. The strategic priorities include imaging appropriateness, access, standardized radiology reporting and participation in provincial advisory committees.

2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- Cancer imaging experts within our region are contributing to Cancer Care Ontario Cancer Pathways (e.g. prostate) promoting the appropriate use of imaging
- As a result of a report by the Advisory Committee on Focal Tumour Ablation outlining recommendations for the organization and delivery of tumour ablation services across the province, funding is being arranged for these services and provider sites are being proposed within our region
- Cancer imaging experts within our region are developing reporting templates for computed tomography (CT) for newly-diagnosed lung cancer, and for high-risk patients with pulmonary nodules who are anticipated to undergo lung cancer screening with low-dose CT



Dr. Runjan Chetty
Pathology Lead
July–December 2015

PATHOLOGY & LABORATORY MEDICINE

Laboratory Medicine in the Regional Cancer Program is focused on improving quality and equal access for patients, as well as leading laboratory medicine and diagnostic practices. Driving our strategy has been aligning our subspecialty model across all partner sites, such as implementing a fully integrated Laboratory Information System (LIS) platform to improve regional communication of patient information.

2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- Fully integrated LIS has taken root across partner sites with improvement of turn-around times
- Close working relationship and co-ordination between clinicians and pathologists in the region
- Provision of state of the art molecular diagnostics in the provision of precision medicine
- A successful Pathology Community of Practice event was held in collaboration with the Central East Regional Cancer Program. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss quality assurance in anatomic pathology, to present evidence based guidelines and regulations impacting current practice, to discuss issues related to pathological testing validation, and to obtain pathology program updates from the regional cancer programs



Dr. Sylvia Asa
Pathology Lead
January–June 2015



Dr. Fayez Quereshy
Regional DAP Lead



Ms. Terri Stuart-McEwan
Regional DAP Lead

DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENT PROGRAMS

In 2015 work continued across the region to further develop our Cancer Care Ontario-supported Colorectal and Lung Diagnostic Assessment Programs (DAPs).

The Toronto Central South Colorectal Collaborative for DAPs includes representatives from St. Michael's Hospital, Sinai Health System, and the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre/UHN. The collaborative is transforming patient care through the provision of personalized, coordinated, and expedited access for patients referred with a suspicion or confirmed diagnosis of colorectal cancer in their centres. Patients who enter the DAPs have access to a multidisciplinary team, including a nurse navigator, who provides a single point of contact for patients, coordinates appropriate testing, utilizing evidence-based diagnostic pathways, and provides patient education and supportive care to improve the patient experience. The collaborative aims to make progress towards regional integration in addition to conducting research and sharing knowledge on best models of care.

The Lung Cancer Rapid Assessment & Management Program (LungRAMP) at the University Health Network enables patients who are suspected of having lung cancer to obtain consultation and state-of-the-art diagnostic investigations through a streamlined process. The goal is to reduce wait times for appointments and diagnostic testing and to decrease the number of clinic visits, shortening the time period from referral to diagnosis. LungRAMP wait time rates for diagnosis are currently at 60% within target, with a high this year of 74% within target. The provincial target is 65%. Efforts continue to ensure timely access for our patients including working with the various teams within the University Health Network to address any gaps in resources.

2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- Overall patient experience feedback for all the DAPs is favourable with >90% rating their diagnostic experience as positive
- 62% of the physicians who referred into our DAPs this year were first time referrals



TREATMENT



Dr. Jonathan Irish
Surgical Oncology Lead

SURGICAL ONCOLOGY

The Toronto Central Surgical Oncology Program is dedicated to improving access to care and access to quality care for patients with cancer. Because the Toronto Central LHIN is home to regionalized cancer surgery programs in hepatic-pancreas-biliary (three centres), gynaecology (three centres), head and neck (three centres), thoracic (three centres), and sarcoma (one centre) disease sites, the region is a vital resource for cancer surgery in Ontario and ensuring access to surgical care through wait time reporting is critical.

The program has fully implemented Wait 1 (date of referral to date of consultation) reporting with an intention for public reporting in the next year. Wait 1 performance is 85% and on target for 2015. Wait 2 (date of decision to operate to date of operation) performance continues to improve. In the final quarter of the year we reached 89% - just 1% below the provincial target of 90%.

The Program Committee that includes our north colleagues, meets every two to three months and in addition to monitoring wait time and quality performance metrics is also responsible for monitoring Multidisciplinary Cancer Conference (MCC) performance & Community of Practice development further developed later in the report.

2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- MCC compliance at 83%
- Full implementation of wait time targets for “Wait 1” with reporting and performance management
- Region-wide implementation of surgeon-level report cards that give information on wait times and other quality metrics to each surgeon in the province
- Continued primary care outreach with continuing medical education events with regional Primary Care Lead
- Implementation of Quality Based Procedure (QBP) funding in prostate and colorectal with community of practice and quality improvement events
- Preparation for implementation of QBP funding in thyroid and breast/breast reconstruction surgery with community of practice events
- Hepatic-pancreas-biliary community of practice event for network of care discussions
- Sinai Health System was established as a Gynaecological Oncology Centre in partnership with the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre in 2015. We also started regional discussions to develop networks of care for gynaecological malignancies
- The UHN/Princess Margaret-Sinai Health System sarcoma partnership has developed a network of care with the following: Toronto Central North LHIN; South West LHIN; North Simcoe-Muskoka LHIN and surrounding GTA LHINs. This network will help to ensure coordinated and multidisciplinary planning, diagnosis, treatment, and post-treatment planning for patients with soft tissue and bone sarcoma

SURGICAL ONCOLOGY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Dr. Danny Enepekides, Co-Chair, Odette Cancer Centre

Dr. Jonathan Irish, Co-Chair, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre

Ms. Mary Agnes Beduz, Sinai Health System

Dr. Jay Wunder, Sinai Health System

Ms. Janice Stewart, Odette Cancer Centre

Ms. Martha Wyatt, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre

Dr. Chris Campeau, St. Joseph's Health Centre

Ms. Shelley Dehay-Turner, St. Joseph's Health Centre

Ms. Susan Blacker, St. Michael's Hospital

Dr. Ori Rotstein, St. Michael's Hospital

Ms. Penny Walcott, Toronto East General Hospital

Dr. Rob Zeldin, Toronto East General Hospital

Ms. Marnie Escaf, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre/UHN

Ms. Mary Ann Neary, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre/UHN

Ms. Victoria Noguera, Women's College Hospital

Dr. John Semple, Women's College Hospital





Dr. Eitan Amir
Systemic Therapy
Quality Lead

SYSTEMIC THERAPY

2015 was a successful year for the Systemic Therapy Program in TRCP. The region adapted well to substantial human resource changes during the year with continued attention to wait times. The region also secured five new full time medical oncology positions in addition to conversion of eight fee-for-service staff into the provincial Alternative Funding Plan. These changes will allow the region to respond to the quantitative increase in systemic therapy volumes (especially in complex malignant hematology) as well as the increasing complexity of care of delivering systemic therapy across most disease sites.

All regional hospitals completed an oral chemotherapy initiative targeting zero hand-written prescriptions for systemic anti-cancer therapy with substantial improvements in adherence to guidelines with serial audits. Certification of oncology nursing also improved substantially with all hospitals meeting provincial targets.

The outreach between the regional cancer centre and non-regional cancer centre sites relating to Activity-Level Reporting and Quality-Based Procedure funding which was initiated in 2014 continued, with improvements in data quality.

Finally, three institutions in the region have initiated a province-wide systemic therapy toxicity call-back program exploring whether nurse-led telephone calls can reduce emergency room attendance or hospitalization. Hospitals in the region are contributing to both the experimental and control arms of this study.

2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- Oral chemotherapy audits demonstrated that 94% of oral prescriptions in the LHIN are completed using a pre-printed order or is through computer order entry
- 70% of nurses delivering chemotherapy have completed a designated chemotherapy and biotherapy course
- 3 institutions in the region have joined a provincial-wide initiative to explore nurse-led phone calls in reducing emergency room attendance or hospitalization

REGIONAL SYSTEMIC TREATMENT PROGRAM (TC SOUTH) COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Dr. Eitan Amir, Chair, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre

Ms. Mary Agnes Beduz, Sinai Health System
Ms. Lisa Wayment, Sinai Health System
Dr. Ron Burkes, Sinai Health System
Ms. Marcia McLean, Sinai Health System
Ms. Martha Wyatt, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre
Ms. Marina Kaufman, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre
Ms. Terri Stuart McEwan, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre
Ms. Rita Kwong, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre
Ms. Celina Dara, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre
Ms. Melissa Morey-Hollis, St. Joseph's Health Centre
Dr. Dorothy Lo, St. Joseph's Health Centre
Ms. Ruth Law, St. Michael's Hospital
Ms. Julie Kruchowski, St. Michael's Hospital
Dr. Christine Brezden-Masley, St. Michael's Hospital
Ms. Susan Blacker, St. Michael's Hospital



Dr. Fei-Fei Liu
Radiation Therapy Lead

RADIATION THERAPY

The Radiation Medicine Program at the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre saw another successful year in 2015, with the renewal of our Strategic Plan. The 'Roadmap for 2020' highlights a renewed focus on four strategic priorities: 1) accelerate discovery to deliver precision medicine for best patient and population outcomes; 2) integrate research and education with clinical practice; 3) strengthen internal and external community linkages; and 4) extend high reliability with systems thinking. These priorities are key to attaining our vision of "Precision Radiation Medicine. Personalized Care. Global Impact" and will drive improvements in access to high quality radiation therapy for patients in the region.

Dr. John Kim has been appointed as Cancer Care Ontario's inaugural Ontario Head and Neck Cancers Lead. This role has been developed to provide a disease-specific lens to Cancer Care Ontario's work, and will provide strategic leadership and coordinated efforts across the full continuum of care for head and neck cancers, including thyroid cancer.

The program is participating in the National System for Incident Reporting in Radiation Therapy (NSIR-RT) pilot for radiation therapy incidents. NSIR-RT was developed by the Canadian Institute for Health Information in collaboration with the Canadian Partnership for Quality Radiotherapy to improve patient safety and operational processes and identify system vulnerabilities.

Ongoing successful collaborations with regional partners (St. Michael's Hospital, St. Joseph's Health Centre, Women's College Hospital, Toronto East General Hospital, and Southlake Regional Health Centre) and targeted outreach to referring partners have improved access to radiotherapy within the region and beyond. Valuing the interdisciplinary input at Multidisciplinary Cancer Conference (MCC), our radiation oncologists have the highest participation rate of all disciplines in the 10 MCCs in which they participate regularly with St Michael's and St Joseph's.

RADIATION THERAPY TREATMENT VOLUMES (CASES)

	2014	2015
Princess Margaret Cancer Centre	10, 401	10, 719

DISEASE SITES IN WHICH PRINCESS MARGARET RADIATION ONCOLOGISTS HAD PARTICIPATION IN >75% OF 2015 MCCS

St. Michael's Hospital	St. Joseph's Health Centre
Breast	Breast
Genitourinary	Genitourinary
Central Nervous System	Gastrointestinal
Gynaecology	Hepato-pancreas biliary (HPB)
Lymphoma	Thoracic (lung, esophagus)

MULTIDISCIPLINARY INITIATIVES

MULTIDISCIPLINARY CANCER CONFERENCES

The Toronto Central Region South is a provincial leader in Multidisciplinary Cancer Conference (MCC) performance. MCCs enable the multidisciplinary treatment team of medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, surgeons, pathologists, radiologists and nurses to develop the best individual plan of care. Performance is measured by percent compliance with MCC standards (search 'MCC' at www.cancercare.on.ca) related to frequency, discipline participation and appropriate roles being in place to support the MCC.

HOSPITAL	MCC COMPLIANCE			
	Apr-June '14	Oct-Dec '14	Apr-June'15	Oct-Dec'15
Sinai Health System	99%	94%	93%	93%
St. Joseph's Health Centre	78%	97%	61%	88%
St. Michael's Hospital	84%	99%	94%	61%
University Health Network	93%	89%	90%	86%
Women's College Hospital	100%	100%	81%	100%
Region Overall	89%	94%	85%	83%

COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE EVENTS

A foundation of the Toronto Central Surgical Oncology Program is the dedication to the development of multidisciplinary Communities of Practise. Highlights from the 2015 Prostate, Endocrine and Colorectal events are below.

Prostate

Hosted by Dr. Tony Finelli, the February 2015 meeting of the Prostate Community of Practice brought together 20 interdisciplinary clinicians from five regional organizations. The phased implementation plan for the Quality Based Procedures funding model was discussed, and a presentation was given by Dr. Finelli on the Active Surveillance Guidelines Recommendations.

Endocrine

In November 2015, 23 clinicians got together for an Endocrine Surgery Journal Club and Community of Practice meeting. Specific discussion included Quality Based Procedures funding and various topics in the Thyroid Cancer Surgery Clinical Handbook (including surgery quality indicators, length of stay recommendations, and best practice care pathways).

Colorectal

Hosted by Dr. Erin Kennedy, the February 2015 meeting of the Colorectal Community of Practice brought together 16 interdisciplinary clinicians from five regional organizations. The phased implementation plan for the Quality Based Procedures funding model was discussed, and a presentation was given by Dr. Kennedy on a pan-Canadian effort to optimize rectal cancer guidelines.



SUPPORTIVE & PALLIATIVE CARE



Dr. Kirsten Wentlandt
Palliative Care Lead

PALLIATIVE CARE

The Palliative Care Program for the TRCP South focused on several new initiatives in 2015, including a provincial project designed to improve quality care at end of life and a community engagement event designed to optimize implementation of symptom management guidelines.

2015 HIGHLIGHTS

INTEGRATE Project

- TRCP South is one of three regions in the province to adopt this project to implement integrated models of palliative care delivery and educational strategies among primary care providers and oncology teams
- Streamlines identification and management of patients who may benefit from a palliative care approach early and across care settings
- Implemented at the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre in the central nervous system site group as well as at the Forest Hill Family Health Group, a primary care health team
- Healthcare teams underwent training designed by Pallium Canada – Learning Essentials Approaches to Palliative Care and End of Life Care (LEAP) covering topics including psychosocial distress, tips for having essential conversations, advance care planning, and goals of care discussions

Supportive and Palliative Care Community of Practice Event

- In partnership with the leads in psychosocial oncology, patient education, and the Ontario Cancer Symptom Management Collaborative, the event was developed and held for TRCP North and South in October
- Designed to support the implementation of symptom management guidelines and encompassed a review of the barriers and strategies to adopt guidelines with a practical focus on implementation as well as an overview of the Aboriginal Cancer Program
- The event was well-received; participants felt the information, resources and updates provided during the session were useful, and valued the opportunity to meet, network, and collaborate with other professionals



Ms. Susan Blacker
Psychosocial
Oncology Lead

PSYCHOSOCIAL ONCOLOGY

The Regional Psychosocial Oncology committee continued to meet quarterly in 2015. The committee considers regional responses to the Ontario Cancer Plan IV and the provincial psychosocial oncology program goals. It also provides a communication forum to sharing across centres on psychosocial oncology related initiatives, best practices and new resources.

The focus is on the regional priority goal of ensuring screening, assessment and management for symptoms for all cancer patients, including distress, at all of the hospitals.

2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- Capacity building around psychosocial oncology expertise through supporting training for clinicians
- Dissemination of the Cancer Care Ontario practice guidelines regionally for depression and for exercise
- Held a joint community of practice event held in October with a focus on providing participants with an opportunity to consider strategies for guideline implementation in cancer clinics
- Continued regional participation in Cancer Care Ontario's monthly psychosocial oncology rounds

TORONTO REGIONAL PSYCHOSOCIAL ONCOLOGY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Ms. Susan Blacker (Co-Chair), St. Michael's Hospital

Dr. Janet Ellis (Co-Chair), Odette Cancer Centre (TRCP North)

Ms. Sheila Weinstock, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre

Ms. Nafeesa Ladha, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre

Dr. Madeleine Li, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre

Ms. Valerie Heller, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre

Ms. Christina Fabbruzzo-Cota, Sinai Health System

Ms. Lisa Wayment, Sinai Health System

Dr. Jon Hunter, Sinai Health System

Mr. Simon Kuzyl, Sinai Health System

Ms. Joanna Vautour (Regional Aboriginal Patient Navigator), St. Michael's Hospital

Ms. Manisha Gandhi, Odette Cancer Centre (TRCP North)

Ms. Mikki Layton, Toronto East General Hospital (TRCP North)

Ms. Stephanie Turek, Toronto East General Hospital (TRCP North)

Ms. Carmel Richards, St. Joseph's Health Centre

Ms. Charmaine Mothersill, St. Michael's Hospital

Ms. Mari Vella, St. Michael's Hospital

Ms. Catharine Fox, Women's College Hospital

ONTARIO CANCER SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT COLLABORATIVE

The Ontario Cancer Symptom Management Collaborative (OCSMC) promotes earlier identification, documentation, and communication of patients' symptoms through the revised Edmonton Symptom Assessment System (ESASr) and functional status through the Patient Reported Functional Status (PRFS) assessment tool. Symptom Management Guides-to-Practice have also been developed to help healthcare professionals assess and appropriately manage a patient's cancer-related symptoms (search 'ontario cancer symptom management collaborative' at www.cancercare.on.ca).

2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- Consistent overall ESAS screening rates in the TRCP South region meeting the CCO target of 70%
- Procurement of mobile devices at all community hospitals

2015 SITE HIGHLIGHTS

Princess Margaret Cancer Centre

- Integrated 75 iPads, with electronic screening rate of >80%
- Allogenic bone marrow transplant module and nursing module launched in September and November, respectively
- Customization of Distress Assessment and Response Tool process for Adolescent & Young Adult populations
- Series of nano videos launched for standard practice and response toolkits, and case debrief and dashboard tools
- Multiple international presentations given: Vancouver, United States, Europe, China, Australia

Sinai Health System

- Prototypes being evaluated for the implementation of portable/mobile devices to increase access for patients to symptom screening with the expectation that this will increase ESAS response rates

St. Joseph's Health Care Centre

- Added iPads in addition to a kiosk to increase access to the Interactive Symptom Assessment and Collection tool
- Process review and improvement initiative to increase completion of ESAS while in the waiting room

St. Michael's Hospital

- New Palliative Care Consultation clinic has been added for outpatients



^[1] <https://www.cancercare.on.ca/ocs/qpi/ocsmc/>



Ms. Janet Papadakos
Patient Education Lead

PATIENT EDUCATION

The Regional Patient Education program had an active year, with a strong focus on the development and roll-out of the Cancer Care Ontario, Your Learning Matters survey, the Patient Symptom Management Guides and the collaborative launch of the smoking cessation patient education strategy.

2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- Launched provincial patient education survey Your Learning Matters and recruited over 300 patients and family members to participate
- Continued to build patient teaching competencies of healthcare professional in Region by offering two courses: Maximizing Your Patient Education Skills and the Stanford Chronic Disease Self-Management Program: Choices and Changes
- Participated in planning the annual TRCP Community of Practice event held jointly by Patient Education, Psychosocial Oncology and Palliative Care
- Presented at CCO Community of Practice events on Patient Symptom Management Guides and self-management strategies for cancer patient smoking cessation
- Patient Symptom Management Guides (PSMGs) launched as companion resources across the region, facilitated access to resources and supported translation of the guides into priority languages within Toronto Central LHIN
- Launched education strategy for smoking cessation in collaboration with the Smoking Cessation Champion at the Princess Margaret and shared regionally
- Regional Lead served on multiple CCO committees/working groups/initiatives
 - Patient and Family Education Committee
 - Patient Symptom Management Guides working group
 - Breast QBP working group
 - Toxicity working group
 - Smoking cessation working group
 - CCO Fatigue Guideline review



Dr. Bernice Downey
Regional Aboriginal
Cancer Lead



Ms. Joanna Vautour
Aboriginal Patient
Navigator

ABORIGINAL CANCER STRATEGY

In 2015, as articulated in the Toronto Central Aboriginal Cancer Plan 2015-19 (Draft), the important work of building trust and shared decision-making within the regional cancer system continued. Collaboration between the Regional Aboriginal Cancer Lead, Dr. Bernice Downey and various other program leads facilitates the uptake of First Nations, Inuit and Métis (FNIM) voices and enhances strategic planning goals and initiatives regarding their culturally relevant cancer care needs.

Dr. Downey and our Aboriginal Navigator, Ms. Joanna Vautour, made several presentations to various regional centres to provide an improved understanding of how and why cancer is disproportionately affecting FNIM people and addressing their unique needs through the six priorities of the Aboriginal Cancer Strategy III which was launched in September by the Aboriginal Cancer Care Unit at Cancer Care Ontario.

There was also a strong focus to raise awareness in the region of the navigator role. This role provides support and advocacy for FNIM patients and families by facilitating and coordinating access to cancer services addressing cultural/spiritual needs, and networking with FNIM and non-Aboriginal partners. Through the work of the RACL and the navigator, the team also continues to engage with various urban FNIM groups.

In July, Cancer Care Ontario provided funding support for various regions to assist them in implementing their regional Aboriginal Cancer Plans. The funding was targeted to provide coordination for the program and support the work of the Regional Aboriginal Cancer Lead. In our region, we were able to build on the roles of two existing regional colleagues, Ms. Nafeesa Ladha, Manager Regional Cancer Program (South) and Ms. Shannon Gesualdo, Health Promotion Coordinator/Screening Initiatives.

2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- Contributed to coordination and information-sharing at in-person Provincial Primary Care and Cancer Network meetings
- Participated in Integrated Cancer Screening meetings and strategic planning process
- Developed "Help Navigating Your Journey" pamphlets and distributed across clinical areas in various regional cancer centres
- Created an Aboriginal Navigator Referral Form and process
- Hosted Breast Cancer Screening education session at Sherbourne Health Centre and facilitated group breast screening visits at St. Michael's Hospital CIBC Breast Centre
- Attended community health fairs to raise awareness of cancer screening
- Presented at the Psychosocial Oncology, Palliative Care and Patient Education Community of Practice Event
- Promoted Cancer Care Ontario's Aboriginal Relationship & Cultural Competency Courses

REGIONAL PARTNER ORGANIZATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



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PRINCESS MARGARET CANCER CENTRE

2015 proved to be an eventful year as the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre continued to make progress and impact in executing its newly refreshed strategic plan (search 'Princess Margaret, Achieving Our Vision' at www.uhn.ca). Highlights include the clinical implementation of MR-guided radiotherapy, establishment of the Tumour Immunotherapy Program, and translation of novel image-guided technology in the Guided Therapeutics operating room. Princess Margaret continued to build global partnerships through the initiation of a multi-year partnership with Hamad Medical Corporation in Qatar and the expansion of the Global Institute of Psychosocial, Palliative and End of Life Care into Kenya through the development of an on-line training platform. Princess Margaret continues to invest resources in clinical trials with a record number of 9,070 patients that participated in clinical research studies and 2,089 patients enrolled in clinical trials in 2015.

2015 also marked the 20th anniversary of Princess Margaret Cancer Centre's relocation to University Avenue. Current staff, former staff and regional partners were brought together in a celebration to reflect upon the significant changes in cancer care and cancer research over the past 20 years and to look towards the future of healthcare and cancer control in 2035 through predictions made by a number of esteemed speakers.

Finally, 2015 saw the conclusion of a five year engagement with the Kuwait Cancer Control Centre (KCCC). The partnership focused on capacity building at KCCC to enhance their programs and functions, while also providing invaluable learnings to the 250 individuals across Princess Margaret and UHN that participated in the program. Beyond the impact felt at KCCC, the partnership helped foster team building amongst participating staff and generated new ideas to support the care of Ontario patients.

SINAI HEALTH SYSTEM

In 2015, Mount Sinai Hospital amalgamated with Bridgepoint Active Healthcare, and together with Circle of Care and the Lunenfeld Tanenbaum Research Institute, formed Sinai Health System. In addition to this significant milestone, the Christopher Sharp Cancer Centre had a noteworthy year of accomplishments.

The Centre continued to expand access for patients in Ontario with the peritoneal malignancy treatment program for pseudomyxoma, mesothelioma, and low volume colorectal carcinomatosis who are treated with cytoreductive surgery and hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy. The GI Oncology program (a multi-disciplinary team of GI surgeons, medical oncology, pathology, genetics) which also runs multiple clinical trials investigating new drugs, began conducting 2 new trials aimed at assessing the role of immunotherapy for MSI-high colorectal cancers.

A multi-institutional Multidisciplinary Cancer Conference (MCC) was established for sarcoma across the province with Sinai Health System and Princess Margaret Cancer Centre as hosts. The development of evidence-based quality and best practice measures for sarcoma occurred through the establishment of a care pathway for patients with extremity soft tissue masses for primary care physicians within the province. In addition, the head and neck oncology program started a multidisciplinary skull base clinic (with neurosurgery and endocrinology). This program notably was designated as a centre for best practice by Accreditation Canada for thyroid cancer and management of hyperparathyroidism.

At the Marvelle Koffler Breast Centre, the medical oncology clinics, previously supporting patients with invasive breast cancer, now also support patients with ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS) and lobular carcinoma in situ (LCIS). In addition to standard local therapy (surgery and radiation), the DCIS/LCIS clinic offers women a comprehensive risk assessment for both ipsilateral breast recurrences and for future breast cancer risk. Finally, the Pregnancy Associated Breast Cancer (PABC) Medical Oncology Program moved from the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre to Sinai Health System. This move allows us to work closely with our Sinai Health System Special Pregnancy Program/Gestational Breast Cancer Program whose goal is to provide timely consultation and care regardless of gestational age.





ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH CENTRE

2015 was an eventful year in Oncology at St. Joseph's Health Centre. We continued our focus on the patient experience through access and use of the Edmonton Symptom Assessment Scale (ESAS). ESAS was expanded within the outpatient oncology clinic through the inclusion of iPads in addition to the Interactive Symptom Assessment and Collection kiosks. ESAS was also expanded for use within our inpatient population, creating opportunities for enhancing seamless care for our patients and care providers. Phase one of the Activity Level Reporting and Computerized Practitioner Order Entry project was successfully completed, including early adoption of electronic documentation for our Physician Team in systemic therapy. The second phase of this project is well underway and includes the addition of our new Clinical Review and Data Specialist and expansion of patient order sets.

As part of our clinical services planning review, the surgery program has begun work on the development and implementation of a Breast Centre. Having recently applied to become an Ontario Breast Screening Program site, the program will offer comprehensive breast care for patients being worked up for and/or diagnosed with breast cancer.

St. Joseph's Health Centre was pleased to support the continued educational development of its clinical team, with 98% of our clinical nursing inpatient and outpatient team completing the de Souza Institute training. To further improve and enhance our care delivery, planning for the growth of our Psychosocial Oncology project was launched with our interprofessional team including nursing, social work, psychiatry, nurse practitioner, oncologists and program leadership. Patient and family advisors will continue to be an important part of this work and care planning.

ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL

St. Michael's continued to focus on a broad range of initiatives in 2015 - from screening to survivorship to symptom management - within endoscopy, medical oncology, surgery and palliative care.

2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- St. Michael's hosted the 28th annual International Course on Advanced Therapeutic Endoscopy October 21-23
- The World Organization of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy extended its recognition of St. Michael's as a centre of excellence in therapeutic endoscopy education for another five years. St. Michael's was the first centre in North America to get this designation
- A Palliative Care Clinic was launched in September within the Medical Daycare Unit, led by Drs. Irene Ying and Jonathan Ailon
- The annual Breast Care Symposium for primary care was held November 6th. Organized by Dr. Ralph George, Medical Director - CIBC Breast Centre, the Symposium featured multidisciplinary perspectives on "choosing wisely"
- Dr. Adena Scheer joined the CIBC Breast Centre team in 2014 and in 2015 has added innovative practices in oncoplastic surgery to the services offered to patients
- The 4th Kinnear Lectureship in Oncology focused on the care of patients with brain tumours

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WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL

In 2015 Women's College Hospital continued to focus on its three signature programs, thyroid surgery, breast surgery, and colposcopy.

Our vision for thyroid surgery was to develop a centre of excellence and implement a model of care for same day discharge. We perform approximately 172 thyroid surgeries annually, 27% are total thyroidectomies. In collaboration with the interdisciplinary team we developed a pilot study and created standardized care pathways and practices to support our vision. Three surgeons are participating in the pilot and to date we have performed ten total thyroidectomy surgeries that have been discharged on the same day.

Our breast surgery program is a leader in immediate and delayed breast reconstruction. We have three plastic surgeons and three general surgeons who work closely together to perform breast cancer surgery and reconstruction. In 2015 our volumes increased. In collaboration with the Henrietta Banting Breast Centre and our Familial Ovarian Cancer Program we are developing care pathways to support integration with surgeons, gynecologists, health disciplines, genetics, and researchers to create an integrated team that provides personalized seamless patient pathways from prevention to post cancer care that meet each specific woman's needs.

Our colposcopy program continues to expand with partnerships with Princess Margaret Cancer Centre and now Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre to improve access to care and treatment for patients with cervical disease. In October 2015, Women's College held the first Provincial Colposcopy Nursing Network Symposium focusing on evidence-based practices. Seventy participants attended from many areas of the province. Also in 2015 a new electronic patient record was launched in colposcopy, designed to support integration of patient data as well as providing a robust research database.





CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY

The Canadian Cancer Society (CCS) continues to work to complete its mission of eradicating cancer and enhancing the quality of life of people living with cancer.

2015 HIGHLIGHTS

Information and Support Programs

In 2015, CCS provided a variety of personalized and confidential information and support services within the Toronto Central South Region including:

- The Cancer Information Service in which trained cancer information specialists answer questions from callers in the community about all types of cancer, local services, support, care and more
- Smokers' Helpline, a service that offers support and information about quitting and tobacco use through phone, online and text messaging
- The Peer Support Service, which connects people living with cancer with trained volunteers who have gone through a similar cancer experience
- The online CancerConnection.ca support platform which provides an online community for people experiencing cancer
- The Wheels of Hope program where our dedicated team of volunteer drivers drove over 11 million kilometres across Ontario in 2015 to help cancer patients reach their treatment

Prevention and Screening Programs

Launched in 2014, the Society's Screening Saves Lives program in Thorncliffe Park and Flemingdon Park engages volunteer Health Ambassadors from South Asian communities to discuss the importance of early detection with their friends, family, and other members of their social networks. The aim of the program is to increase screening rates for colorectal, breast, and cervical cancer in diverse South Asian populations living in these communities. The program has trained 13 Health Ambassadors to date who have reached over 1,300 people within their community networks through one-on-one conversations and workshops about cancer screening.

The Society's Get Screened program aims to increase cancer screening participation among Ontario's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) communities. In 2015, the program hosted cancer screening workshops and information booths at the Inside/Out Film Festival, Toronto Pride events, and at the 2015 PanAm Games.

COMMUNITY CARE ACCESS CENTRE



The Toronto Central Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) hospital care coordinator team works directly with hospital patients and staff to provide smooth and safe transitions from hospital to home. The Toronto Central CCAC partners with the Toronto Central Regional Cancer Program on Cancer Care Ontario's INTEGRATE Project with the goal of earlier identification and improving experience for palliative clients and families. The teams will be exploring sustainability options as well as other tests of change to support early identification and supports for palliative clients in the coming year.

Toronto Central CCAC continues to advance integration within our palliative care program with our community and hospital partners. The Toronto Central Integrated Palliative Care Program is a region-wide program providing palliative and end-of-life support and services so clients can die at home if they choose, or remain at home for as long as possible. Key areas of focus for the past year include engaging clients and caregivers through the establishment of a voluntary palliative client and caregiver advisory panel to ensure their perspectives drive program strategies and improvements and the development of a shared electronic medical record for the community integrated care team.



2015 AWARDS & NOTABLES

20 FACES OF CHANGE AWARDS

In March 2015, Dr. Ed Kucharski, Ms. Audrey Friedman, and the late Dr. Pamela Catton were recipients of the Change Foundation's 20 Faces of Change Awards. These awards honour those who have been recognized as dedicated health care community members who have shown significant impact and change within the health care system.

- Dr. Ed Kucharski works in Sherbourne Health Centre and is our Primary Care Lead for Toronto Central South. His work with the Canadian Cancer Society and Rainbow Health Ontario focuses on bringing cancer screening and cancer screening awareness to some of Toronto's hardest to reach populations
- Ms. Audrey Friedman and the late Dr. Pamela Catton were recognized as "pioneers in the field of patient engagement" for creating the Patient Education Program at the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, that brought "national recognition to the need for high-quality, patient-centred education tools that are based on best practices and accessible to consumers"

OTHER AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Dr Peter Ferguson, site lead for sarcoma at Princess Margaret Cancer Centre and Sinai Health Systems as well as Head of the Regional Sarcoma program was awarded the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada 2015 AMS Donald R. Wilson Award, recognizing leadership in integration of CanMEDS roles into a Royal College or other health-related training program.

Dr John Kachura, vascular and interventional radiologist at Sinai Health System & UHN, served as Co-Chair of the Focal Tumour Ablation Advisory Committee. His expertise was also invaluable in the creation of several evidence summaries with the Program in Evidence-Based Care.

Dr Jon Irish was elected Vice -President of the American Head & Neck Society, and will serve as its President in 2018. He was also re-appointed as Provincial Head, Surgical Oncology Program in Ontario, Cancer Care Ontario.

Inaugural Ontario Cancer Leads

Two physicians with the Toronto Central South region were appointed by Cancer Care Ontario as inaugural Ontario Cancer Leads. They will coordinate efforts and provide strategic leadership across the full continuum of care for their areas of specialty.

- Dr John Kim (UHN) as the Ontario Head & Neck Cancers Lead
- Dr Nancy Baxter (SMH) as the Ontario Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Lead



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