



A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO & BOARD CHAIR

LEADING THE WAY IN EDUCATION & ADVOCACY

For twenty years, Lymphoma Canada has been working tirelessly to empower the lymphoma community through education, advocacy, support and research.

We are renowned nationally for our patient resource manuals, educational forums, informational webinars featuring the latest treatment options, and expert focus on the Canadian lymphoma landscape. Our team of staff and volunteers are committed to assisting patients and caregivers through the difficult journey of diagnosis, treatment and survivorship.

Yet, many people remain unaware of lymphoma. In fact, it is the most common cancer diagnosis in adolescents and young adults, and the fifth most common overall. This reality drives our ongoing passion to explore promising new treatments and improve outcomes for patients.

It is an exciting and unprecedented time, as many new, highly effective treatments for CLL (Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia) and lymphoma patients have emerged. Unfortunately, government funding is not keeping pace with the number of new therapies that are coming to Canada, and patients are at risk of losing access to these breakthroughs. That is why, in 2018, Lymphoma Canada's contribution to overturn a negative funding decision for a novel therapy in Canada, was so important.

The need for sustained advocacy is vital, and Lymphoma Canada is working hard to ensure that the international gold-standard of treatment and care is accessible nation-wide.

Already, we have made great progress raising awareness of lymphoma. In 2018, Lymphoma Canada provided educational support for the over 100,000 Canadians living with lymphoma. In total, we held nine education forums, five webinars, two national conferences and partnered with the CLL Patient Advisory Group and the Juravinski Cancer Centre to host the CLL Live Conference.

We will continue to provide educational materials and to advocate for equal access to innovative treatments for those living with lymphoma.

It is with your support that Lymphoma Canada empowers patients and the lymphoma community.

This year's annual report reflects just some of the remarkable work that takes place across Canada each and every day – the type of care, research, advocacy and education that fuels our optimism for a hopeful future.

Together, we are working to fulfill our vision of life unlimited by lymphoma. And together, we are providing a brighter future for Canadians.

Thank you for supporting Lymphoma Canada.



SHARLENE SMITH
BOARD CHAIR



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Interim CEO

THANK YOU

Thanks to the commitment of our corporate partners, sponsors and donors, we are able to provide patients and caregivers with exceptional support and services. Each year we are astounded by your overwhelming generosity.

Initially I wasn't able to find a lot of information that was specific to lymphoma. That is, until my sister found Lymphoma Canada. Their patient resource booklets and website helped my family to better understand the disease and what we could expect after my diagnosis. Since then, they've been with me every step of the way.

Christina Heos

DONATE TODAY!

Help provide information and support to Canadians living with lymphoma.

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Lymphoma Canada's mission is to empower patients and the lymphoma community through education, support, advocacy, and research.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



EDUCATION

EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

- + Participated in 9 educational forums for patients, caregivers and families in collaboration with reputable medical professionals and healthcare/patient groups.
- + Partnered with CLL PAG and Juravinski Cancer Centre to host 2018 CLL Live Conference.
- + Organized two National Conferences held in Vancouver and Quebec City.
- + Hosted 5 webinars in both French and English.

RESOURCES

- + Distributed over 3,000 English and French patient resource manuals to professionals, patients and caregivers from coast to coast.
- + Published new educational material including a Graft-Versus-Host Disease informational brochure.



SUPPORT

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- + Facilitated 13 lymphoma patient support groups, including a newly established chapter in Nova Scotia.
- + Updated over 6,600 subscribers with e-newsletters in both French and English.
- + Engaged over 3,600 followers on social media.

AWARENESS

- + Developed patient-support video series to shed light on the challenges of living with CLL.
- + Engaged with local and national media to increase public knowledge of lymphoma, including the signs and symptoms of the disease.



ADVOCACY

ACCESS TO TREATMENT

- + Published white paper on Improving Access to Innovative Cancer Therapies in Canada.
- + 7 pCODR and 6 INESSS submissions were made in 2018, representing the experiences of over 800 patients and caregivers from around the globe. This input provides a vital lens to decision-makers as they determine which therapies to fund.

RESEARCH



LYMPHOMA RESEARCH

- + The first CAR-T Cell therapy for lymphoma patients was approved by Health Canada in 2018.
- + Spearheaded by Lymphoma Canada, the Canadian Evidence-based Guideline for the First-Line Treatment of Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia was published.

UPCOMING IN 2019

- + Launch of the Adolescent and Young Adult Program.
- + Monthly patient webinar series in English and French.
- + National Conference in Toronto on September 21.

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