

Lymphoma Canada Accomplishments

Bi-Annual Report Q2 2021



LYMPHOMA
CANADA

A MESSAGE FROM LYMPHOMA CANADA

Lymphoma Canada has focused on lymphoma education, support, advocacy, and research for over 23 years. We bring awareness to the disease and its subtypes and provide support for patients and their families as well as promote the need for new and innovative drugs for lymphoma patients and equal access to these treatments across Canada.

In 2021, we and our patients continue to face many challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. But we have received steadfast support from our volunteers, Board of Directors, Scientific and Nurse Advisory Boards, our Patient and Family Caregiver Committee, funders and donors, allowing us to be able to continue to drive forward our mission to empower the lymphoma community across Canada. We are thankful for the support that we have received and are pleased to share with you our 2021 accomplishments to date.

OUR VISION

*Life Unlimited by
Lymphoma*

OUR MISSION

*Empower patients and the
lymphoma community
through education,
support, advocacy and
research*

2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS (JAN-JUN)



EDUCATION

- ❖ Hosted 5 webinars and 2 educational forums, with over 1000 registrants, on topics of interest including Anxiety & Stress Management, COVID-19 and Vaccines for Lymphoma Patients, CAR-T Access for Alberta Patients, Clinical Trials, and Stem-Cell Transplantation for Lymphomas
- ❖ Shipped out over 1000 Patient Resource Manuals on NHL, CLL and HL, along with other printed resources



SUPPORT

- ❖ Released the Lymphoma & CLL Patient and Caregiver Report Cards from the 2020 Global Survey highlighting the Canadian lymphoma experience
- ❖ Assisted in the transition of Support Groups to virtual environment
- ❖ Updated the list of current support groups per province NOW available on our website

“Lymphoma Canada and the support group I found through their website provided me with the strength needed to overcome this and it truly makes ALL the difference.”

- Matt, lymphoma patient

RESEARCH



- ❖ Highest number of research grant applications received in Lymphoma Canada history. Soon to award Canadian researchers in their research work to improve outcomes related to lymphoproliferative malignancies

ADVOCACY

- ❖ Launched a Molecular Testing Information Campaign for CLL patients
- ❖ Advocated for lymphoma patient and caregiver access to the COVID-19 vaccines via Scientific Advisory Board letters to government and a Global News campaign
- ❖ Continued advocacy for equitable access to CAR T-cell treatment for DLBCL patients. Released a patient and healthcare experience story and campaign alongside an article in MacLeans (EN) and L'Actualite (FR)
- ❖ White Paper Update on Improving Access to Innovative Cancer Therapies in Canada in follow-up to the recommendations released in 2018



ONGOING AND UPCOMING STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2021

EDUCATION

- ❖ 5th Annual National Patient and Caregiver Conference (Virtual) – **October 14 & 15, 2021**
- ❖ Biennial Quebec Conference (Virtual) – **November 12, 2021**
- ❖ Upcoming educational forums and webinars on topics including “Caregivers and How to Help”, Lymphoma Subtypes and Treatments, “How to Manage the Fear of Recurrence”, and “the Importance of Understanding your Lymphoma Subtype”
- ❖ New Resources! including a Lymphoma Treatment Side Effect Guide, Lymphoma Storybook for young and adolescent lymphoma patients, and 14 Lymphoma Subtype Fact Sheets
- ❖ Updating medical information within existing resources including the French Patient Resource Manuals, Febrile Neutropenia Fact Sheet, and the Graft versus Host Disease Guidance documents

“I was very impressed by the depth of information provided in the [National Conference] sessions. I've been a pediatric oncology nurse for many years, but now as a patient, I had a lot to learn about lymphoma!”

- *Mag, lymphoma patient*

SUPPORT

- ❖ To release a COVID-19 Patient and Caregiver Experience Report from the Lymphoma Canada National Survey to drive collaborative programming and services to address key challenges facing the community
- ❖ Re-development of the peer-to-peer patient and caregiver support program

RESEARCH

- ❖ Announcement of the 2021 Lymphoma Canada Grant Recipient(s)

ADVOCACY

- ❖ Completion of national Treatment Guidelines on DLBCL and CLL in the frontline and relapsed/refractory settings
- ❖ Advocate for access to Extracorporeal Photopheresis Treatment for CTCL patients in the Maritime provinces
- ❖ Continue to advocate for local CAR-T access across the country, as well as COVID-19 impacts and vaccine access and care for lymphoma patients and caregivers
- ❖ Participate in 100% of CADTH/INESSS submissions to facilitate timely access to new treatments

AWARENESS & FUNDRAISING EVENTS

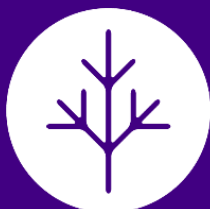
Laps Around Lymphoma – September 15th – 30th (virtual)

REGISTER NOW!

www.lymphoma.ca/lapsaroundlymphoma/

THANK YOU

We acknowledge the many donors and sponsors who have generously provided support for us to continue to achieve our mission. Because of you, patients and caregivers have been able to receive much needed resources and support to learn more about their lymphoma and to better navigate the changing landscape of cancer care during the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you!



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