

Lymphoma Canada

Accomplishments

Bi-Annual Report 2022



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A MESSAGE FROM LYMPHOMA CANADA

During the last 6 months of 2022, Lymphoma Canada worked intently on delivering relevant and timely educational and support services to the patients we serve. It really does take a village to continue driving our mission forward. We rely on a community of healthcare professionals as well as input and support from our Scientific Advisory Board, Nursing Advisory Board and Patient Family Advisory Committee. We are extremely humbled and thankful for the continued support of our mission accomplishments.

OUR VISION

*Life Unlimited by
Lymphoma*

2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS (JUL-DEC)



EDUCATION

- ❖ We have disseminated, free of charge, over 4,730 resources in 2022; this is the highest number of resources we have ever shared with hospitals and cancer centers across Canada.
- ❖ As part of our ongoing goal to keep patients and caregivers apprised of disease and treatment related updates, we hosted two educational series in November. The first focused on the Adolescent and Young Adult population living with lymphoma, including topics on Emotional and Mental Health Challenges and Long-Term Follow up Care. In the second series' topics included Precision-based Medicine and Research, Bispecific Antibody Therapy, and CAR T-Cell Therapy.
- ❖ We hosted our National Conference over three days, October 18th-20th, with over 600 registrants attending and expert speakers presenting on new and relevant lymphoma and CLL topics.
- ❖ In September we updated our "Watch & Wait Guide" to include all indolent lymphomas such as Follicular, Marginal Zone, Mantle Cell, Cutaneous T-cell lymphoma and Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia.



SUPPORT

- ❖ Our Peer Mentorship Program "Lymphoma Links" went live in the latter half of 2022 featuring new patient and caregiver surveys and new mentor aids; we continue to promote this new and improved program on a regular basis over our social media platforms.
- ❖ We continue to facilitate, in collaboration with Wellspring, virtual monthly support groups for lymphoma patients.
- ❖ We provide ongoing, one-on-one information and support to patients and caregivers through direct contact (phone and email).



ADVOCACY

- ❖ To help raise the patient's voice, Lymphoma Canada participated in all patient submission opportunities with respect to lymphoma and CLL therapies to CADTH and INESSS.
- ❖ In the last half of the year, the 2022 Update of Canadian evidence-based guideline for the frontline treatment of chronic lymphocytic leukemia was submitted to Leukemia Research Journal. It was accepted in early 2023 and is now available in the HCP section of our website.



RESEARCH

We received several excellent research award applications in 2022 and awarded two research grants:

- Dr. Abi Vijenthira for her research related to **Secondary cancer risk in patients with CLL treated with chemo-immunotherapy compared to targeted therapy**, and
- Dr. Kerry Savage for her research related to **Clinical outcomes of nodal peripheral T cell lymphoma with T follicular helper phenotype**

ONGOING AND UPCOMING STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

EDUCATION

- ❖ We will be hosting two conferences in 2023! Our annual National Conference in English language in addition to a French language conference.
- ❖ 2023 educational webinars on topics including: What are biomarkers and why are they important?; 2022 ASH Update for Lymphoma & CLL Patients; and Molecular and Genetic tests for Lymphoma & CLL patients; amongst other interesting topics.
- ❖ New Resources are slated for 2023 including a Patient and Caregiver Guide to CAR T-cell Therapy.

SUPPORT

- ❖ Our goal is to create a new support resource to assist lymphoma and CLL patients with the fatigue they deal with at various points of their journey.

ADVOCACY

- ❖ Development of Hodgkin Lymphoma National Treatment Guidelines.
- ❖ Continued participation in 100% of all new lymphoma therapy CADTH/INESSS submissions.

Exciting Milestone in 2023

Lymphoma Canada turns 25!!!!

We have been empowering patients and the lymphoma community since 1998 and could not be prouder of our accomplishments over the past 25 years.

Stay tuned for monthly stories from patients, volunteers and others that have contributed to or benefited from the services we have provided.



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