

# Lymphoma Canada

## Accomplishments

### Bi-Annual Report 2023



LYMPHOMA  
CANADA

## A MESSAGE FROM LYMPHOMA CANADA

Throughout the latter half of 2023, Lymphoma Canada dedicated significant efforts to provide educational and support services to patients across Canada. Advancing our mission truly requires a collaborative effort, and we are thankful to a collective of healthcare professionals. The insights and support from our Scientific Advisory Board, Nursing Advisory Board, and Patient Family Advisory Committee have played an integral role in our endeavors. Our gratitude knows no bounds as we reflect on the sustained support that has propelled our mission achievements.

### OUR VISION

*Life Unlimited by  
Lymphoma*

## 2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS (JUL-DEC)



### EDUCATION

- ❖ We have disseminated, free of charge, over 6,000 resources in 2023; this is the highest number of resources we have ever shared with hospitals and cancer centers across Canada.
- ❖ In regards to our continuous effort to inform patients and caregivers about updates on disease trajectory and treatment, we hosted a series of webinars in the last few months including: Novel Treatment Options for Hodgkin Lymphoma beyond Chemotherapy, CAR T-cell Therapy for Lymphoma and CLL Patients in Saskatchewan, Understanding the Emotional Impacts at all stages of Lymphoma and CLL, CAR-T Therapy for Lymphoma Patients (in French), and Cytokine Release Syndrome.
- ❖ We hosted our National Conference over three days, October 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, with over 600 registrants attending and expert speakers presenting on new and relevant lymphoma and CLL topics.
- ❖ We hosted our Francophone Conference this year as well on November 15<sup>th</sup>, with close to 150 registrants and expert speakers from Quebec to provide an update on Lymphoma and CLL Topics in French.
- ❖ We updated our patient resource manuals (HL, NHL, and CLL/SLL) to include the latest research.



### SUPPORT

- ❖ Frequently we hear patients and caregivers say that they would benefit from speaking with someone who has been through a similar experience. Lymphoma Canada continues to connect patients and caregivers through the Lymphoma Canada Peer-to-Peer Mentorship Program to help meet the need for support.
- ❖ In collaboration with Wellspring, we continue to co-host virtual monthly support groups for lymphoma patients.
- ❖ We provide ongoing, one-on-one information and support to patients and caregivers directly through phone and email.



### ADVOCACY

- ❖ Lymphoma Canada created a new guide in 2023, titled "General Practitioner Algorithm for the Diagnosis of Lymphoma," which aims to assist general practitioners in ensuring a timelier diagnosis of lymphoma by presenting a generalized easy-to-follow algorithm for diagnosis.
- ❖ Lymphoma Canada also participated in all patient submission opportunities with respect to lymphoma and CLL therapies to CADTH and the Quebec equivalent, INESSS.
- ❖ Advocated alongside the Cancer Collaborative, the Advocacy for Canadian Childhood Oncology Research Network (Ac2orn), LLSC, and Myeloma Canada via an open letter for timely reimbursement, approval and increased access to CAR-T in Canada. Published on [healthing.ca](https://www.healthing.ca)
- ❖ CEO raised awareness about lymphoma and World Lymphoma Awareness Day live on CP24 Breakfast, a Toronto News Channel.



## RESEARCH

We received several excellent research award applications in 2023 and awarded two research grants:

- Dr. Ingrid Spadinger for her research related to **Heterogeneity of Dose to the Circulating Blood Volume During Total Body Irradiation**
- Dr. Robert Kridel and Dr. Tomohiro Aoki for their research related to **Tumor-Microenvironment Ecosystem of ALK-negative ALCL at Single Cell Resolution**

## ONGOING AND UPCOMING STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

### EDUCATION

- ❖ New resources are to be released in 2024 including a Coping with Fatigue Guide, Patient and Caregiver Guide to CAR T-cell Therapy, and an End of Life Brochure.
- ❖ 2024 educational webinars on topics including: 2023 ASH Update for Lymphoma & CLL Patients, Mental Health and Wellness (Navigating Challenges Beyond Treatment), amongst other interesting topics.

### SUPPORT

- ❖ Our goal is to broaden the reach of our support programs, specifically our Lymphoma Links one on one peer mentorship program.

### ADVOCACY

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

## Thank You

We express our gratitude to the numerous donors and sponsors who have generously extended their support, enabling us to persist in fulfilling our mission. Through your contributions, patients and caregivers have been able to access essential resources, gain valuable insights into their lymphoma, and effectively navigate the evolving landscape of cancer care throughout the past year. The achievements of 2023 have been remarkable, and we anticipate further growth and accomplishment as we enter 2024. Thank you for making Lymphoma Canada a partner in your journey with Lymphoma or CLL.



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