

# Lymphoma Canada

## Accomplishments

### Bi-Annual Report 2023



LYMPHOMA  
CANADA

## A MESSAGE FROM LYMPHOMA CANADA

Despite feeling the impacts of a highly inflationary economic environment, Lymphoma Canada continues to deliver its mission of empowering patients and the lymphoma community through education, support, advocacy and research.

We are thankful to all of our donors and supporters for their unwavering support.

### OUR VISION

*Life Unlimited by  
Lymphoma*

## 2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS (JAN-JUN)



### EDUCATION

- ❖ As part of our ongoing goal to keep patients and caregivers apprised of disease and treatment related updates, we hosted the following educational sessions thus far in 2023: What are Biomarkers and Why are They Important; 2022 American Society of Hematology (ASH) Update; Molecular and Genetic Testing; Diagnostic Tests and Scan Anxiety; Be Your Own Advocate; Treatment Options for T-Cell Lymphomas; Clinical Trials in Canada; and Stem Cell Transplant Eligibility Criteria, Preparation, and Treatment Impacts
- ❖ We have disseminated, free of charge, over 3,866 resources to date in 2023
- ❖ We are happy to have added 7 new cancer centers in Canada to our distribution list



### SUPPORT

- ❖ Lymphoma Canada, in collaboration with Wellspring, continue to facilitate monthly support groups (virtual) for lymphoma patients.
- ❖ We provide ongoing, one-on-one information and support to patients and caregivers through direct contact (phone and email) as well through our Lymphoma Links Peer Mentorship Program.

### ADVOCACY



- ❖ We published in scientific journals the Frontline and Relapsed Refractory National Treatment Guidelines for Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia.
- ❖ Earlier this year, Lymphoma Canada advocated on behalf of lymphoma patients across Canada for timely and equitable access to all novel lymphoma therapies. We called on federal and provincial agencies and organizations responsible for drug approval in Canada to improve access to novel lymphoma therapies that patients direly need. Since then, we have heard back from Canada's Drug and Health Technology Agency (CADTH), the pan-Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance (pCPA), and other health ministers recognizing their alignment with Lymphoma Canada in the desire to improve access to cancer therapies. Lymphoma Canada will continue to advocate against inequalities that impact lymphoma and chronic lymphocytic leukemia/small lymphocytic leukemia (CLL/SLL) patients.
- ❖ Participated in all patient submission opportunities with respect to lymphoma and CLL therapies to CADTH and the Quebec equivalent, INESSS.



## RESEARCH

We received several excellent research award applications in 2023. The 2023 Lymphoma Canada Research Award Review Committee has completed its analysis of applicants and related projects. Our announcement with respect to successful applicants will be released in September 2023. We would like to thank and acknowledge all applicants for their well thought out submissions.

## ONGOING AND UPCOMING STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

### EDUCATION

- ❖ 7<sup>th</sup> Annual National Patient Conference (Virtual) – October 17-29<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- ❖ Francophone Conference (Virtual) – November 15, 2023
- ❖ Upcoming educational webinars and education series on topics including: Emotional Impacts of Lymphoma, Novel Treatment Options for Hodgkin Lymphoma, Cytokine Release Syndrome, and CAR-T cell therapy in Saskatchewan
- ❖ New Resources! Including a CAR-T Guide for Patients and Caregivers, Coping with Fatigue Resource, and End of Life Brochure
- ❖ Update of our patient resources (Hodgkin Lymphoma, Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma, CLL/SLL) with the most updated research
- ❖ Dissemination of General Practitioner Diagnostic Algorithm Resource

### SUPPORT

- ❖ Updated our peer support database and continue to match patients with a mentor (Lymphoma Links one on one support)

### ADVOCACY

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

### Why we do what we do...

“You have no idea how much I appreciate Lymphoma Canada’s assistance. You are an amazing valuable resource and sounding board and that is exactly what I needed”

“Keep doing the good job that Lymphoma Canada is doing”

“Nobody has helped me the way you (Lymphoma Canada) have. Just being able to talk to you and sort through next steps and how to speak with the medical staff is a huge help”



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