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## Refreshed Vision, Mission & Values

Organizational vision, mission, and value (VMV) statements are often overlooked, but actually are the centerpiece of any organization's mandate. The VMV statements have been described as "a compass" to help define direction for the organization, set priorities, allocate resources, and ensure that everyone is working towards common goals and objectives. Leading up to this year's annual general meeting (AGM), CAMO members were invited to share their thoughts about the future of our professional organization. After incorporating members' feedback, at the AGM on April 22nd, a vote was held and the following were officially adopted:

**VISION** (where we are going):

Empowering medical oncologists to advance cancer care for all Canadians.

**MISSION** (why we exist):

Bringing together medical oncologists to promote excellence in oncology through education, professional development, and advocacy.

**VALUES** (what we stand for):

Inclusion, Collaboration, Respect, Integrity and Compassion.

In the coming year, the newly expanded CAMO committees (membership, communication, advocacy, human resources, fellowship and continuing professional development) will all work on strategic planning to set goals that align with our updated organizational VMV. To kick-start this process, CAMO will host its first Leadership Retreat on Monday, November 1st, featuring guest speaker, Cindy Morton, CEO of the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer (CPAC) to share her thoughts on the keys to successful strategic planning. As always, we welcome feedback from all our members on how we can serve you better.



Desiree Hao (AB), CAMO President

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# We want you!

Meet your newly formed **CAMO Membership Committee**: Dr. Stephen Welch (Chair); Members - Drs. Puneet Baines (BC), Susan Green (MB), Daniel Breadner (ON), Thierry Alcindor (PQ). The committee invites you to help them grow our organization and be a part of the exciting new changes.

## STAY CONNECTED

Did you know current CAMO members will receive one free year of membership dues for every 3 dues-paying members they refer to join CAMO!

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Did you know CAMO members are entitled to:

- Reduced Annual Meeting registration fee
- Opportunities for research fellowships
- A discounted membership fee to the European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO)
- Apply for support for regional oncology endeavours
- Streamlined accreditation of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) events towards fulfilling the Royal College Maintenance of Certification Program
- A 15% discount on article processing charges to publish in Current Oncology. For the discount code and detailed instructions, please contact the CAMO office at [info@camo-acom.ca](mailto:info@camo-acom.ca)

To volunteer for CAMO, update your membership profile with your interests or email us at: [info@camo-acom.ca](mailto:info@camo-acom.ca).

# Saying Thanks!

At CAMO, we feel it is important to celebrate the tireless efforts of our members as the contributions they make every day are part of the reason that our organization, our profession, our patients and our students continue to thrive. We recognize that our members are inspiring role models and we want to use this national platform as a forum to showcase those who strive for excellence in their everyday work. CAMO's Membership Committee has prioritized, as one of its first initiatives, a new awards program to recognize the accomplishments of our members. Stay tuned for details on how to nominate your well-deserving colleagues / fellow members.

## Oncologist Wanted Locum Medical

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# Virtual Meeting Success

For a second year in a row, CAMO hosted its annual scientific meeting virtually. With registration of > 100 participants - topping last year's ASM - the 2-day virtual meeting was a huge success! On April 1st, part one of the ASM showcased oral presentations of the top 41 abstracts submitted by residents and fellows to CAMO. Awards were presented for the top three oral presentations: Dr. Jennifer Leigh (1st place), Dr. Megan Tesch (2nd place) and Dr. Sally Lau (3rd place). Congratulations to all presenters for their hard work and their research supervisors for their guidance! Part two of ASM, held on April 22nd, focused on challenges in getting new cancer drugs to patients. The audience heard from Dr. Gwynn Bebb (AB) about the recently published Canadian consensus for biomarker testing and treatment of TRK fusion cancers in adult patients. This was followed by a healthy debate between Drs. Sharlene Gill (BC) and Scott Berry (ON) about whether there really is a two-tier healthcare system in Canada. Finally, a multidisciplinary panel discussion addressed challenges in navigating newly approved and unfunded treatment options for Canadian patients. If you missed the discussion, the meetings recordings are available by logging into the members-only portion of the CAMO website: [CLICK HERE TO VIEW](#).

Thank you to all our sponsors who made this event possible: DIAMOND - Bayer; GOLD - Abbvie, AstraZeneca, Ipsen; SILVER - Apobiologix, Astellas Oncology; BRONZE - Amgen, Advanced Accelerator Applications (A Novartis Company), Janssen Oncology, Merck, Pfizer, and Takeda Oncology.

Jennifer Leigh, University of Ottawa



Megan Tesch, University of British Columbia



Sally Lau, University of Toronto

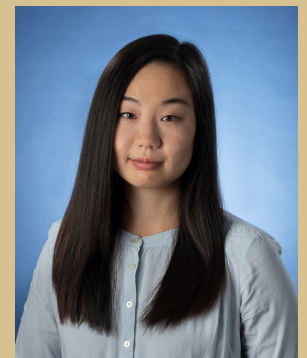


Special thanks to our co-chairs and judges: Drs. Jonathan Loree (BC), Erin Powell (Nfld), Jose Monzon (AB), Victoria Aspasia Mandilaras (PQ).

## CAMO 2021 Fellowship Recipient

Congratulations to Dr. Lucy Ma who was awarded the 2021 CAMO Fellowship for her project proposal entitled "Enhancing Medication Safety in Ambulatory Cancer Care". Dr. Ma will be pursuing her Fellowship training at Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, University Health Network, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON. Thank you to the members of our Fellowship Committee: Drs. Bindi Dhesy-Thind (Chair), David Dawe (MB), Flavia De Angelis (QC) and outgoing members: Dr. John Paul McGhie (BC), Dr. Christine Simmons (BC) and Dr. Tina Hsu (ON).

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Consider donating to CAMO's Fellowship fund to help ensure ongoing support for medical oncologists of the future.

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# SAVE THE DATE

## for the launch of CAMO's new (free) mentorship program

Are you a medical oncology resident or trainee? Have you wondered about how or where to do electives outside of your centre, career opportunities in community vs. academics or within specific tumour groups? Concerned about managing work-life balance or wondering what's next? On **Friday October 15th**, CAMO will launch its new national, virtual, mentorship program. CAMO will leverage technology and the support of its dedicated membership to help medical oncology resident/fellows navigate challenges in the career path. Watch you email for registration to join us for this FREE event!

**CAMO MEMBERS:** If you haven't had a chance to do so already, update your membership profile and sign up to be a mentor! Help shape learning for our future oncologist!

## MENTOR SIGN UP

### Interested in continuing professional development (CPD)?

CAMO has had another very successful and busy year as a Royal College Continuing Professional Development (CPD) provider. We accredited 11 programs/meetings in 2020 and 6 programs/meetings to date in 2021. Thanks to the members of our CPD committee Drs. Ghazaleh Kazemi (Chair), Elie Kassouf (QC), and outgoing member Bruce Colwell (NS). Welcome to new members Drs. Ying Wang (BC), Osama Ahmed (SK) and Stephanie Snow (NS). Dr. Kazemi shared, "We are looking to expand our committee to allow for more growth in the work we do including the exciting possibility of leading our own CME to address learning needs of our members."

Remember CAMO members receive a discount when accrediting their group learning events and self-assessment programs.

# Member Recognition



**"I am absolutely thrilled and honoured to be selected by MacEwan University as its first Chancellor, and I look forward to serving in this exciting time in MacEwan's evolution".**



CAMO Past President (1994-1996) Dr. Anthony (Tony) Fields has been elected as first ever Chancellor of MacEwan University. In addition, Dr. Fields will also be receiving an honorary Doctorate from the University. Dr. Fields has had a distinguished career in oncology – as a physician, professor of oncology at the University of Alberta, and vice-president of Cancer Care for Alberta Health Services before retiring in 2011. Just as Dr. Fields has had a great impact on CAMO and on lives touched by cancer – both to his patients and their families – his passion for building community and his energy will contribute to the university's journey as it looks ahead to its next 50 years. The leadership he will bring to MacEwan University over the next four years marks an important milestone in the university's history and its role as an undergraduate university.

Congratulations to Dr. Fields!

Dr. Christine Simmons was nominated and recognized at the 8th Annual Women Leaders in Oncology® Reception on June 7, 2021. Dr. Simmons' leadership roles are extensive including having been a founding member of All in Cancer (ALINC), a community of oncologists and oncologists-in-training dedicated to advancing leadership in oncology. She has also served on CAMO Fellowship committee (2015-2020) and is now a member of the newly formed CAMO Advocacy Committee. Dr. Simmons is Medical Oncologist at the BCCA Vancouver, Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of British Columbia in the Faculty of Medicine, and past Chair of the Locally Advanced Breast Cancer Canadian National Consensus group. She is dedicated to her patients, students, and passionate about ensuring inclusivity and equity in all undertakings. Congratulations!

### Got an idea for our next newsletter?

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