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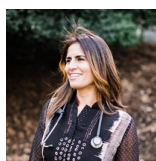
President's Message


As we approach the end of this year, your CAMO Executive and ASM Organizing Committee is excited to be planning our in-person 2023 Annual Meeting to be held on Thursday April 27th at the MaRS Centre in Toronto. We hope this will be a welcome opportunity for learning, networking and reconnection. The theme for this year's session, co-chaired by Drs. Stephanie Snow and Zachary Veitch, will be Emerging Novel Therapies with a lens on the evolving role of the medical oncologist in this landscape of complex new systemic approaches including Theranostics, Bispecifics and Cellular therapies. Our keynote address by Dr. Paul Wheatley-Price will focus on the role of Physicians as Advocates - what can the medical oncologist community do to advance timely and equitable cancer care access in Canada? Of course, we also eagerly look forward to inviting abstract submissions for the oral and poster scientific session. Please encourage your trainees to submit an abstract for the CAMO ASM – [the call for abstracts is now open with a January 31, 2023 deadline for submission.](#)

The Call for Nominations for the 2023 CAMO Achievement awards is now also open – this is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate your fellow CAMO members. Nominations will be accepted until February 24, 2023 and the recipients will be announced at the ASM on April 27th.

As your President, I welcome your feedback on how CAMO can best support and serve our membership. CAMO's vision is to empower medical oncologists to advance cancer care for all Canadians. This is your national association – and we thank you for your membership. If you have not yet had a chance to renew your membership this year, you may do so online @ www.camo-acom.ca and please invite your colleagues who have not yet joined CAMO to consider membership. You will receive one year of free membership dues for every 3 dues-paying members referred to join CAMO.

A huge thank you to our team of Committee members who generously volunteer their time to advance CAMO's mission. I would be delighted to connect if you are interested in getting more involved – please do not hesitate to reach out to us at info@camo-acom.com.



 Sharlene Gill (BC), CAMO President @GillSharlene

CAMO 2023 Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM)



Thursday, April 27, 2023
MaRS Centre | Toronto, ON

Emerging Novel Systemic Therapies - who is the MRP?



CO-CHAIRS

Dr. Stephanie Snow
Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre
Halifax, NS



Dr. Zachary Veitch
Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre
Barrie, ON



NOW OPEN!

CAMO 2023 ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Details can be found on the [CAMO website](#)
Submission Deadline: January 31, 2023

The CAMO 2022 Annual Scientific Meeting Abstracts have now been published in *Current Oncology*.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW](#)



DID YOU KNOW? A 15% discount on article processing charges to publish in *Current Oncology* is offered to CAMO members! For the discount code and detailed instructions, please contact the CAMO Office.

Communications Committee Update

The Communication Committee was busy this summer planning a Media and Communications Training Session that took place on July 21, 2022 under the lead of Grant Ainsley Inc. The agenda covered the following topics: presentation on the news media in 2022, developing key messages & strategies and practice interview & feedback.

Here are a few testimonials from participants:

" It was a great experience. Grant was a phenomenal presenter and it was very interactive. We were provided with practical techniques and approaches to speaking to the media. We all had an opportunity to practice our new skills and received immediate feedback. That was both the most challenging and the most useful aspect of the training! "



Dr. Erin Powell, Communications Committee Chair & Secretary Treasurer

" Engaging, practical, very comfortable environment, real time experience and feedback "

Dr. Brandon Meyers, Communications Committee Member



Grant Ainsley Inc.

" It was great to work with the leaders at CAMO. I do media training with health professionals on a regular basis and I find them the most challenging and rewarding sessions, as I work to make sure they're customized for doctors and others ". For more information, [click here](#).

Grant Ainsley / Media Strategist and Trainer

CAMO Achievement Awards

Do you know a fellow medical oncologist who deserves to be recognized for their hard work? **Nominate them for one of CAMO's Achievement Awards!**

The Canadian Association of Medical Oncologists (CAMO) Membership Committee **is pleased to announce the CAMO Annual Achievement Awards** to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of your fellow CAMO members.

We all know fellow members who give their valuable time, energy and passion to other people causes or activities and deserve to be honoured for their contributions. Share their achievements with others by submitting a nomination.

Awards will be presented at the Annual Scientific Meeting in Toronto on April 27, 2023.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 24, 2023
(11:59 PM EST)

Please visit the [CAMO Awards](#) page prior to submission to read the description of each award or click on icons above! If you want to nominate more than one individual, you need to complete and submit separate nominations for each.

Congratulations to the 2022 recipients

Rising Star



Dr. Adrian Sacher
Princess Margaret Cancer Centre
Toronto, ON

Distinguished Service

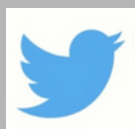


Dr. Barbara Melosky
BC Cancer - Vancouver
Vancouver, BC

Volunteer of the Year



Dr. Bindi Dhesy-Third
CAMO Fellowship
Committee Chair
Hamilton, ON



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BEAT Cancer Coalition

The *Bringing Equitable Access to Advanced Molecular Testing for Canadians with Cancer* Coalition is a collaborative coalition of patient advocates, clinicians, academic centers, diagnostic manufacturers and pharmaceutical companies. Our vision is that all Canadian oncology patients, regardless of where they live, should receive timely and appropriate advanced molecular testing in order to receive the optimal therapy for them, giving them the greatest chance of treatment success and the greatest opportunity to live their best life.

The Coalition will aim to educate, shape policy, and improve public access to advanced molecular diagnostic testing for all oncology patients – working to enable a healthcare system wherein this type of comprehensive testing is the norm.

To learn more about our objectives, deliverables and current initiatives we encourage all to [visit our website](#) for more details and to potentially join in our group as members and contributors.

CAMO National Virtual Mentorship Program

In 2021, CAMO launched a pilot national virtual mentorship program with great success. Overall, we received positive feedback from participants and to build on the momentum from last year, the first group event of year 2 of the mentorship program was held on November 18, 2022. The event brought over 40 participants together, including 26 mentors and 17 mentees from across Canada. Our guest speaker Dr. Lorelli Nowell, Eyes High Postdoctoral Scholar at the Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning, University of Calgary, launched the event with an engaging discussion on various types of mentorship, and offered tips for optimizing group versus one-on-one mentorship opportunities. Medical oncology residents and fellows had the opportunity to interact with various CAMO mentors in small group breakout sessions. It was wonderful to see so many new and familiar faces, and to have the opportunity to connect with colleagues from across the country.

Based on feedback we received from last year's program, more than half of mentees and mentors expressed an interest in assigned one-on-one mentorship. Therefore, this year we will be piloting a new initiative of pairing mentees with a CAMO mentor for 1-on-1 mentoring. An introductory email has been sent with details on how to connect.

If you haven't done so already, it's not too late to join the mentorship program which is FREE for all medical oncology residents/fellows. For any mentees who would like to be paired with a mentor for 1-on-1 mentoring, please contact us at info@camo-acom.ca. You can also reach out to our enthusiastic group of mentors from across Canada anytime – a list of mentors, their interests and contact information can be found on the [CAMO mentorship member portal](#).

SAVE THE DATE for our 2nd group event of year 2, which will take place on **March 3, 2023**.

