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### **President's Message**

When I started my career as a medical oncologist, I had returned to Vancouver having completed a fellowship supported by CAMO. Twenty years later, I am honoured and grateful to now serve in the role of CAMO President. Last year, under Dr. Desiree Hao's leadership, CAMO refreshed its vision statement - to empower medical oncologists to advance cancer care for all Canadians. The pandemic has taught us that uncertainty is a part of our 'new normal'. In our pre-ASM symposium, <u>Building Back Better</u>, we explored lessons learned from the pandemic in clinical care, research and education. Our virtual ASM chaired by Drs. Ezeife and Aseyev focussed on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion to Improve Cancer Care addressing gaps and opportunities for broader inclusivity.

Community is defined as a sense of fellowship with others and CAMO is your community. Over the years, and particularly over the past 2 years, I have learned to appreciate the importance of community as we continue to navigate uncertain waters - many of us are facing challenging workloads with constrained resource and staffing capacity. As a result of findings from our CAMO-COVID survey series, CAMO collaborated with Oncology Education this Spring on a 3-part <a href="Physician Burnout in Oncology Series">Physician Burnout in Oncology Series</a> – Recognition, Resilience & Relationships – with the objective of raising awareness and identifying strategies that will support the well-being and resilience of our medical oncology workforce.

I look forward to hearing from you on how CAMO can best support and serve our membership. If you have not yet had a chance to renew your membership this year, you may do so online @ camo-acom.ca ...and remember, you can receive one year of free membership dues for every 3 dues-paying members referred to join CAMO.

As always, a huge thank you to our Executive and team of volunteer committee members! If you are interested in getting more involved, reach out to us at <a href="mailto:info@camo-acom.com">info@camo-acom.com</a>.

Sharlene Gill (BC), CAMO President

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# Virtual Meeting Success

For a third year in a row, CAMO hosted its Annual Scientific Meeting virtually. With registration of > 160 participants - topping last year's ASM - the full day virtual meeting was a huge success! On April 28th, part one of the ASM showcased oral presentations of the top 27 abstracts submitted by residents and fellows to CAMO. Awards were presented for the top two oral presentations and top poster presentation: Dr. Sara Moore (1st place/oral), Dr. Alexander Watson (2nd place/oral) and Dr. Marie-Hélène Denault (best poster). Congratulations to all presenters for their hard work and their research supervisors for their quidance! Part two of the ASM, focused on "Embracing Equity Diversity and Inclusion to Improve Cancer Care for Canadians", featuring keynote speaker, recipient of Governor General of Canada's Meritorious Service Cross for Humanitarianism, Dr. Naheed Dosani. Dr. Dosani shared his thoughts on Challenge & Change: Towards Palliative Care Equity in Our Communities. The audience also heard a panel discussion on broader inclusivity in cancer care for all populations (Dr. Katherine Chubbs, Dr. Amit Arya & Ms. Cheryl Louzado). 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.





Marie-Hélène Denault, University of British Columbia



Special thanks to our judges: Drs. Melanie Seal (NL), Nicholas Meti (QC), Daniel Breadner (ON), Danielle Desautels (MB)

# NOW AVAILABLE CAMO 2022 ABSTRACT PUBLICATION

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

<u>CLICK HERE TO VIEW</u>

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.

## **Mentorship Update**

THANK YOU to our 65 mentors for volunteering and the medical oncology trainees for their enthusiasm to engage in the inaugural national, virtual, mentorship program! Stay tuned for more events in the fall.

**CAMO members**: Are you interested in being a mentor? Click here to update your membership profile and enroll as a mentor!

## **CAMO Annual Report**

Did you miss the CAMO Annual General Meeting on May 27? CAMO has put together their firstever Annual Report highlighting the accomplishments over the past year. Click here to download the report!



## **CAMO Achievement Awards**

#### Congratulations to the Recipients of the New CAMO 2022 Achievement Awards

Rising Star



Dr. Adrian Sacher **Princess Margaret Cancer** Centre Toronto, ON

Distinguished Service



Dr. Barbara Melosky BC Cancer - Vancouver Vancouver, BC



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

#### Congratulations to all finalists

#### **Rising Star**

Dr. Gloria Roldan Urgoiti | Tom Baker Cancer Centre, Calgary, AB

#### **Distinguished Service**

Dr. Kara Laing | Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre, St. John's, NL Dr. Scott Laurie | The Ottawa Hospital, Ottawa, ON



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### **New Tool Available to Simplify your Practice!**

#### Free download for CAMO members!

Assessment & Management of Immune-Related Endocrine Emergencies

Acknowledgements: This tool was developed in collaboration with members of the Canadian Association of Medical Oncologists (CAMO) and the Canadien Society of Endocrinology & Metabolism (CSEM), with a special acknowledgements to Dr. Sabrina Gill, Dr. Irena Druce, Dr. Jose Monzon and Dr. Rosalyn Juergens for participating in the development of this tool. This initiative was made possible through an educational grant from Bristol Myers Squibb.





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#### ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF **IMMUNE-RELATED ENDOCRINE EMERGENCIES**

A free digital 8x14 or 11x17 poster will guide you through screening and monitoring for endocrine immune-related adverse events. including when to refer to an endocrinologist, what tests should be done, and the course of treatment.

This tool was developed by the Canadian Society of Endocrinology and Metabolism in collaboration with the Canadian Association of Medical Oncologists.



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# Uncovering The Wishes of BI&POC with Breast Cancer

Uncovered: A Breast Recognition Project is a digital and print resource that highlights and amplifies the experiences of Black, Indigenous and People of Colour with breast cancer. Through powerful imagery and storytelling, it shines a light on the physical and emotional scars of breast cancer, cultural barriers and existing health inequities.

Uncovered advocates for greater support and understanding of the BI&POC breast cancer community.

One important goal of Uncovered is to help healthcare professionals better understand the realities and needs of Black, Indigenous and People of Colour with breast cancer so they are better equipped to support those they care for. The Wish List, a component of Uncovered, is a call to action that gives voice to those who have been historically overlooked and underrepresented. It aims to reduce disparities in care and address discrepancies in access to information, resources and support and calls for

- Images of reconstruction featuring BI&POC
- Canadian race-based research and data
- More diverse support groups and patient resources
- Patient-friendly integrated referral system
- Culturally sensitive healthcare providers
- Ethnically and culturally diverse patient navigators

Since launching in 2020, Uncovered has shared the stories of over 16 women and garnered a reach of over 20 million through speaking engagements, as well as conventional and social media views. It continues to grow through presentations and collaboration with community partners. For more information about Uncovered, to get resources for your clinic or have the project presented to your team, visit www.rethinkbreastcancer.com/uncovered or contact jasmine@rethinkbreastcancer.com.

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