



President's Message

Dear colleagues,

I am writing my first official message as your new president. In the era of Trump, I do not have to worry as much about being too bad. It was nice to see many of you at our Annual Scientific Meeting in Toronto and hear what you had to say at the business meeting. The number of Medical Oncologists in Canada that belong to our organization is disappointing and I am hoping to take your ideas and make us more relevant.

The CAMO Executive, consisting of Dr. Hal Hirte as Past President, Dr. Desiree Hao as President Elect, Dr. Sharlene Gill as Secretary Treasurer and myself will be meeting later in the month to plan for the future. We want to start engaging members to help out with an expansion of the organization. We have just launched our new website and now have ability to actively populate it with information that you, the members, want. Please email us with any suggestions.

At present, we have Dr. Ghazaleh Kazemi chairing our Continuing Professional Development (CPD) committee. This committee will be overseeing CAMO becoming a Royal College-accredited CPD provider. We hope that this will allow us to provide for the oncology community the ability to accredit many of the oncology education events that are taking place across the country at the present time and in the future. We hope to partner with many of the groups that are providing education so we can help them achieve their goals while maintaining the right balance of high quality scientific evidence, evaluating outcome and identifying and managing competing interests. We want to work with both University and industry groups. We are in the process of updating/revising our initial proposal to identify what we need to do as our initial proposal was turned down. We will be looking for member input and help as this committee hopefully becomes more active.

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Dating back to 2006, we have awarded multiple fellowships but due to limited funding, we were only able to fund one for the past few years. Dr. Bindi Dhesy-Thind has chaired our fellowship committee who are tasked with awarding this important award. In the future we are going to be asking the award winner to give a brief update on what the fellowship topic was and what they did that year at the next annual meeting so we all know where those funds were used. The website lists all previous award winners including this year's recipient, Dr. Michael Raphael.

The other committee that we currently have is the Annual Scientific Meeting Committee. This year, it was co-chaired by Drs. David Dawe and Jean-Pierre Ayoub with the theme of "Beyond Systemic Therapy – Other Ways for Medical Oncologists to Help Patients. Each year, we look for two co-chairs. If you are interested please let us know early.

At the meeting, we had 159 attendees and 52 abstract submissions. Dr. Megan Tesch won the best resident abstract on Screening for New Primary Cancers in Patients with Metastatic Breast Cancer: A Provincial Analysis of the Choosing Wisely Canada Recommendations. The other two winners were Dr. Nathalie LeVasseur and Dr. Daniel Breadner. Traditionally, the ASM Committee reviewed all abstracts and ranked them prior to the meeting but this year we had 4 on site judges to incorporate the presentation styles in the marking. We will be asking members to do this in the years forward, especially those people who have done presentations in the past as residents.

Dr. Kathleen Pritchard gave this year's pioneer lecture entitled Breast Cancer: Changes in Diagnosis and Therapy Over Fifty Years. It is wonderful to see Canadians who have made their mark on the world oncology stage.

I am looking forward to the next two years to work with the Executive and you are members to strengthen the association. Please feel free to contact us with any ideas. We will be calling on you to help as well so please give us some consideration of your time. Hope you enjoy the warmer weather and get some time away in the next few months to refresh yourselves.

Bruce Colwell

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CAMO President





Message du président

Chers collègues,

Je vous adresse mon premier mot officiel à titre de président. Or, en cette ère de Trump, je n'ai pas à trop me soucier de rater mon coup. C'était un plaisir de voir plusieurs d'entre vous à notre Réunion annuelle scientifique à Toronto et d'entendre vos propos lors de la Séance d'affaires. Le nombre d'oncologues médicaux au Canada qui sont membres de notre association est décevant. Aussi, j'espère concrétiser vos idées afin d'augmenter notre pertinence.

Le Comité directeur de l'ACOM, formé des Drs Hal Hirte, président sortant, Desiree Hao, présidente désignée, Sharlene Gill, secrétaire-trésorière et moi-même, se réunira à la fin du mois pour planifier l'avenir. Nous souhaitons mousser l'engagement des membres en sollicitant leur contribution à l'expansion de l'Association. Venant tout juste de lancer notre nouveau site Web, nous sommes désormais en mesure de l'alimenter de renseignements que vous désirez y voir, en tant que membres. Nous vous prions de nous acheminer toute suggestion par courriel.

La Dre Ghazaleh Kazemi préside actuellement notre Comité du développement professionnel continu (DPC), qui est chargé de gérer le processus par lequel l'ACOM deviendra un fournisseur de DPC agréé par le Collège royal. Grâce à cette initiative, nous espérons que la communauté d'oncologie aura la possibilité d'agréer plusieurs des activités d'éducation liées à l'oncologie qui ont lieu partout au pays, maintenant et à l'avenir. Nous souhaitons aussi créer des partenariats avec les nombreux groupes qui organisent des activités d'éducation afin de les aider à atteindre leurs objectifs, tout en assurant un juste équilibre entre les preuves scientifiques de grande qualité, l'évaluation des résultats, ainsi que l'identification et la conciliation des intérêts opposés. Nous entendons travailler avec des groupes universitaires et de l'industrie. Notre proposition initiale ayant été rejetée, nous procédons actuellement à sa mise à jour/révision afin de déterminer ce qui doit être modifié. Nous solliciterons les opinions et l'aide des membres au fur et à mesure que ce comité intensifie ses activités.

Si nous avons décerné de multiples bourses depuis 2006, nous n'avons réussi à en octroyer qu'une seule au cours des dernières années par manque de fonds. La Dre Bindi Dhesy-Thind préside depuis un certain temps notre Comité des bourses, chargé de décerner cet important prix. À l'avenir, nous demanderons aux récipiendaires de présenter, lors de la réunion annuelle suivante, un bref compte-rendu de leur sujet d'étude et de leurs réalisations durant l'année. Nous saurons ainsi comment les fonds ont été utilisés. Une liste des récipiendaires des années précédentes, dont celui de cette année, le Dr Michael Raphael, est affichée sur notre site Web.

L'autre comité dont nous disposons présentement est le Comité de la Réunion annuelle scientifique, coprésidé cette année par les Drs David Dawe et Jean-Pierre Ayoub sous le thème « Au-delà de la thérapie systémique – D'autres moyens par lesquels les oncologues médicaux peuvent aider les patients ». Nous nommons deux coprésidents chaque année : si cela vous intéresse, nous vous prions de nous en faire part sans tarder.

Nous avons accueilli 159 participants à la Réunion et reçu 52 résumés de recherche. La Dre Megan Tesch a gagné le Prix Meilleur résumé de recherche présenté par un résident, pour son projet intitulé *Screening for New Primary Cancers in Patients with Metastatic Breast Cancer: A Provincial Analysis of the Choosing Wisely Canada Recommendations*. Les deux autres gagnants étaient la Dre Nathalie LeVasseur et le Dr Daniel Breadner. Traditionnellement, le Comité de la Réunion annuelle scientifique avait la responsabilité d'évaluer et de classer tous les résumés avant la réunion. Or cette année, nous avons quatre juges sur les lieux afin que le style de la présentation soit incorporé à la note. Dans les années à venir nous demanderons aux membres de s'acquitter de cette tâche, notamment ceux qui ont fait de telles présentations par le passé en qualité de résidents.

La Dre Kathleen Pritchard a donné la Conférence des pionniers de cette année, intitulée *Breast Cancer: Changes in Diagnosis and Therapy Over Fifty Years*. Il est magnifique de voir des Canadiens qui ont laissé leur marque sur la scène globale de l'oncologie.

J'anticipe avec plaisir de travailler auprès du Comité directeur et des membres au cours des deux prochaines années, en vue de renforcer l'Association. N'hésitez pas à nous communiquer vos idées. Nous ferons appel à vous pour nous aider et vous remercions de bien vouloir songer à nous accorder un peu de votre temps. J'espère que vous profitez du beau temps et que vous réussirez à prendre du temps en congé durant les prochains mois afin de refaire vos réserves d'énergie.

Bruce Colwell

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HIGHLIGHTS

CAMO 2018 Annual Scientific Meeting | April 26 | Toronto, ON

The Annual Scientific Meeting of the Canadian Association of Medical Oncologists was held on Thursday, April 26 in Toronto, ON. We welcomed 159 attendees from across Canada. Three major sessions were held including the CAMO Keynote Speaker, the CAMO Symposium and the Pioneers in Canadian Oncology Lecture Series.

Highlights of the meeting included the CAMO Keynote speaker by **Dr. Vincent Maida** who presented a lecture entitled “**MEDICAL CANNABIS – WEEDING OUT STIGMA AND CULTIVATING EVIDENCE**”.

The afternoon symposium highlighted three speakers: **Dr. Andrew Pipe** presented a talk on “**SMOKING CESSATION: ALWAYS A PREVENTIVE PRIORITY**”, **Dr. Christine Friedenreich** delivered a talk on “**PHYSICAL ACTIVITY DURING CANCER TREATMENT: REVIEW OF EVIDENCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS**” and **Dr. Lisa Barbera** was the final speaker and presented a talk on “**PATIENT REPORTED OUTCOMES IN ROUTINE CLINICAL CARE**”.

“Beyond Systemic Therapy – Other Ways for Medical Oncologists to Help Patients”

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AWARDS DINNER

In addition to an intense full day symposium, the 2018 CAMO Awards Dinner was held at the Ontario Heritage Trust on Thursday, April 26, 2018. CAMO members enjoyed mingling with their colleagues and listening to the Pioneer Lecture.



The CAMO Pioneers in Canadian Oncology Lecture Series was created to pay tribute to Canadian pioneers in the field of oncology. The highlight of the evening was the CAMO Pioneer Lecture Series Award Presentation, which was awarded to **Dr. Kathleen Pritchard** who delivered the Pioneer Lecture entitled “**Breast Cancer: Changes in Diagnosis and Therapy over Fifty Years**”.

2018 ABSTRACT AWARDS

This year, 52 abstract submissions were received, of which 39 were poster presentations (6 mini-orals) and 8 were oral presentations. Participants were able to circulate during breaks and lunchtime to view all of the poster submissions.

The 2018 abstract awards were presented by Dr. David Dawe & Dr. Jean-Pierre Ayoub.

FIRST place was awarded to **Dr. Megan Tesch** for her abstract entitled **“SCREENING FOR NEW PRIMARY CANCERS IN PATIENTS WITH METASTATIC BREAST CANCER: A PROVINCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE CHOOSING WISELY CANADA RECOMMENDATIONS”**.

SECOND place was awarded to **Dr. Nathalie LeVasseur** for her abstract entitled **“WHOLE GENOME SEQUENCING IN METASTATIC BREAST CANCER – LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE BC CANCER PERSONALIZED ONCOGENOMICS PROGRAM”**.

THIRD place was awarded to **Dr. Daniel Breadner** (best poster) for his abstract entitled **“HEALTH RELATED QUALITY OF LIFE IN ELDERLY OR FRAIL PATIENTS WITH ADVANCED COLORECTAL CANCER TREATED WITH DOSE REDUCED CAPECITABINE”**.



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2018 FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENT

Congratulations to the following recipient of the 2018 CAMO Fellowship:

Dr. Michael Raphael for his project “**VOLUME-OUTCOME ASSOCIATION FOR THE SYSTEMIC TREATMENT OF CANCER: A POPULATION BASED STUDY**”.

The Canadian Association of Medical Oncologists gratefully acknowledges the continued support of the fellowship program: Amgen Canada Inc., Janssen, Merck Canada Inc.



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JOB POSTING



ONCOLOGIST, ROYAL COLUMBIAN HOSPITAL IN FRASER HEALTH, BRITISH COLUMBIA

RCH is looking for a Medical Oncologist to provide outpatient oncology services and inpatient consultant coverage at Royal Columbian Hospital in Fraser Health. The successful candidate will work closely with current Oncologist and Hematologists. The position will involve providing coverage for the inpatient services, maintaining an outpatient practice, and taking part in research and educational activities. This position will not involve any call apart from coverage of existing Oncology patients. Further clinical details such as tumour site coverage can be discussed with interested applicants. This position offers the opportunity to practice in all areas of Oncology. The candidate will also be expected to be involved in teaching in Oncology. There will be an expectation to provide clinical leadership in at least one of the program areas. There are also opportunities to participate in clinical trials.

The position is scheduled to start Aug 1, 2018, full time, and the compensation is Fee for Service.

Qualifications

The candidate must have passed the Royal College Examination in Internal Medicine & Oncology and must demonstrate evidence of sufficient clinical experience in all areas of Oncology. Experience and demonstrated skills in leadership, medical administration and teaching will be considered an asset. Training or interest in hematologic malignancy is considered an asset.

Interested candidates may submit applications to:

PhysicianRecruitment@fraserhealth.ca

Facility: Royal Columbian Hospital

Royal Columbian Hospital is a provincial referral hospital (tertiary/trauma care centre) located in New Westminster, BC, with 422 acute beds that is a University of BC Affiliated teaching hospital that offers medical, surgical, advanced diagnostics & imaging, critical care, inpatient pediatrics, levels 1 & 3 obstetrics, outpatient clinics, level 2 & 3 neonatology, cardiac surgery, neurosciences, and tertiary programs as well as 24/7 emergency services with 75,986 visits annually.

The Royal Columbian Hospital Redevelopment is a multi-year, multi-phase project to increase the hospital's capacity, beds and services. Phase one is underway and includes multiple projects, many which prepare the hospital's infrastructure for future expansion as well as a new 75-bed mental health and substance use wellness centre with more outpatient clinics by late 2019/early 2020. Phase two, if approved by government, proposes to add an acute care tower with more beds for intensive care, cardiac intensive care, obstetrics and medicine/surgical and a new larger emergency by late 2022. Phase three proposes to upgrade existing buildings to support areas in the Health Care Centre, such as the laboratory and pharmacy, by 2025.



ASCO

June 1-5, 2018 | Chicago, IL

Atlantic Canada Oncology Group

June 15-16, 2018 | Halifax, NS

Canadian Summer Oncology Update

June 22-24 2018 | Fairmont Chateau Whistler

World Lung Cancer Conference

September 23-26, 2018 | Toronto, ON

**Multi-Disciplinary Gynecologic Oncology
Annual Lecture Series**

September 28, 2018 | Toronto, ON

ESMO

October 19-23, 2018 | Munich, Germany



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