

# Provincial Cancer Care Conference



## Program Agenda

### Collaborative Cancer Care: Integrating Research, Practice, and Patient Voices

November 14 & 15, 2024

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Focus: Thoracic Malignancies and Multidisciplinary Approaches



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## Agenda

Thursday, November 14, 2024

11:15	Registration Desk Opens and Light Refreshments (Prefunction Foyer)
<b>INTERACTIVE CONFERENCE WORKSHOP (Ambassador 1-3)</b>	
12:10	Welcome Remarks, Introduction, and Opening
12:30	<b>The Lens of Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Care</b> <b>Mackenzie Jansen</b> , RN, BN, MN (c), Clinical Nurse Specialist - Adolescent & Young Adult Program, CancerCare Manitoba <b>Ian Scott</b> , MSW, RSW, AYA Psychosocial Oncology Clinician, CancerCare Manitoba <b>Chelsey Rose, Desirae Mcquade, and Samantha Burch, Guest Speakers</b>
14:00	<i>Nutrition Break and Display Exhibition</i>
14:20	<b>Application and Resources</b> <b>Mackenzie Jansen</b> , RN, BN, MN (c), Clinical Nurse Specialist - Adolescent & Young Adult Program, CancerCare Manitoba <b>Ian Scott</b> , MSW, RSW, AYA Psychosocial Oncology Clinician, CancerCare Manitoba <b>AYA Multidisciplinary Team: Madyson Shauman, CindyMarie Mack, and Caitlin Woodrow</b>
15:50	Concluding Remarks and Evaluation
16:00	Break
17:00	Mocktail Reception and Research Poster Exhibition (Prefunction Foyer and Ambassador 1-3)
18:00	Dinner and Keynote Addresses (Ambassador 1-3)
19:30	<b>Inspired by Patients: A Surgeon's Research Journey</b> <b>Dr. Biniam Kidane</b> , MD, MSc, FRCSC Thoracic and Foregut Surgeon, Medical Director of Wilf Taillieu Thoracic Endoscopy Clinic, Health Sciences Centre <b>Harold and Janna Clark, Guest Speakers</b>
19:50	<b>Sharing Stories of Resiliency and Reconciliation</b> <b>Mr. Kevin Chief</b> , Principal of Chief Partnerships Manitoba Incorporated, Community Ambassador for the Southern Chiefs' Organization, Chairperson for the Centre of Aboriginal Human Resource Development Inc., and Senior Advisor at True North Sports and Entertainment
20:35	<i>Questions and Discussion</i>
20:45	Closing Remarks

Friday, November 15, 2024

6:30	Registration Desk Opens and Breakfast (Prefunction Foyer and Ambassador 1-3)
7:10	Welcome Remarks, Introduction, and Opening
<b>ESOPHAGEAL CANCER SESSION (Ambassador 1-3)</b>	
7:30	<b>Surgical Procedures and Management in Esophageal Cancer</b> Dr. Gilly Akhtar-Danesh, MD, FRCSC, Thoracic Surgeon, Shared Health
7:50	<b>Updates on Medical Oncology</b> Dr. James T. Paul, MD, MSc, FRCPC, Medical Oncologist
8:10	<b>Radiation Oncology Update</b> Dr. Bashir Bashir, MB. ChB, FRCPC, Radiation oncologist, CancerCare Manitoba, University of Manitoba
8:30	<b>Nutritional Care throughout the Esophageal Cancer Journey</b> Ms. Ranu Grewal, RD, B.H.Ecol., B.Sc. Registered Dietitian, CancerCare Manitoba
8:50	<i>Shared Questions and Discussion</i>
9:00	Nutrition Break and Display Exhibition
<b>LUNG CANCER SESSION (Ambassador 1-3)</b>	
9:30	<b>Non-small cell lung cancer management</b> Dr. David Dawe, MD MSc FRCPC, Medical Oncologist, CancerCare Manitoba
9:50	<b>Small cell lung cancer management</b> Dr. David Dawe, MD MSc FRCPC, Medical Oncologist, CancerCare Manitoba
10:10	<b>Early Palliative Care in Thoracic Malignancies</b> Stephanie Lelond, RN MN CHPCN(C), Clinical Nurse Specialist, CancerCare Manitoba
10:30	<b>Management of Bispecific T-cell engager toxicities</b> Marc Geirnaert, BScPharm, BCOP, FCAPhO, Director of Provincial Oncology Drug Program, CancerCare Manitoba
10:50	<i>Shared Questions and Discussion</i>
<b>INDIGENOUS HEALTH PLENARY</b>	
11:10	<b>Interactive Panel Discussion</b> Nickie Cool, RN BN MHA CNeph(C) CHE, Director of Renal and Cancer Care Initiatives - Health Transformation, Southern Chiefs' Organization Donna Everette, CFNHM, Project Coordinator, Health Services, Southern Chiefs Organization Chantal Wahteeshkin, RN, BN. Indigenous Nurse Navigator, CancerCare Manitoba Dr. Tunji Fatoye, CCFP, FCFP, Department Head, Primary Care Oncology, CancerCare Manitoba Allison Wiens, BN, RN, MPH, Interim Program Manager - Education and Community Relations Community Oncology Program, CancerCare Manitoba (moderator)
12:00	Lunch (Ambassador 1-3) - FPO Lunch Meeting (Meeting Room M)
13:00	Arrivals to Breakouts
<b>INTERACTIVE BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b>	

	Ambassador 3	Ambassador 1-2	Meeting Room K	Meeting Room L
13:10	<b>Addressing diagnosis challenges for Lung Cancers in Manitoba</b> Dr. James Bras, MD FRCPC Interventional Pulmonologist, University of Manitoba	<b>Grading of Cytokine Release Syndrome severity</b> Jodi Hyman, RN, BScN, CON (C) Nurse Educator, Systemic Therapy Program, CancerCare Manitoba	<b>New drug update for Lung Cancer/ Esophageal Cancer</b> Dr. Andrew Maksymiuk, MD, FRCPC(C) Medical Oncologist, CancerCare Manitoba	<b>Addressing the psychosocial needs of advanced cancer patients during wait times and transitions</b> Stephanie Lelond, RN MN CHPCN(C) Clinical Nurse Specialist, CancerCare Manitoba
13:25	<b>Low dose CT Scan lung cancer surveillance</b> Dr. James Bras, MD FRCPC Interventional Pulmonologist, University of Manitoba			
13:40	Arrival to Breakout Rooms			
13:45	<b>GERD and Barrett's esophagus management</b> Dr. Michael Cantor, M.D., FRCPC	<b>What is ICANS? (Immune Effector Cell Associated Neurotoxicity Syndrome)</b> Chris Vargek, RN BN Manager of Patient Services: Systemic Therapy Program - CancerCare Manitoba	<b>Pharmacy Technician role with Home Injection Program</b> Julie Molnar, rPhT, Pharmacy Technician, CancerCare Manitoba	<b>Emotional Support for Thoracic Malignancy Patients in Manitoba</b> Jay Cormack, M Ed, CCC, Psychosocial Oncology Clinician
14:00	<b>See a Need, Fill a Need</b> Ms. Marcia Garvie, RN, BN, BEd, Con(C) Nurse Navigator, Cancer Navigation Services, Interlake-Eastern RHA	<b>Esophageal, GE junction pilot project with thoracic surgery</b> Nicole Koschik, RN, BN, CON(C) Oncology Nurse Navigator, CancerCare Manitoba	<b>Closed System Transfer Devices (CSTD) implementation at CancerCare Manitoba</b> Jamie Trudel, rPhT Pharmacy Technician, CancerCare Manitoba Kara Morcombe, BScPharm Senior Pharmacist, CancerCare Manitoba	
14:15	<i>Nutrition Break and Display Exhibition</i>			



## Message from the President and CEO of CancerCare Manitoba



I am so pleased to welcome you to the Provincial Cancer Care Conference 2024, themed *Collaborative Cancer Care: Integrating Research, Practice, and Patient Voice*. Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to attend this annual conference.

The work that we do at CancerCare Manitoba, to plan and deliver cancer services throughout our province, is only possible through strong partnerships with you – our healthcare, Indigenous and other partners and communities in all health regions of Manitoba. This conference is incredibly important to us as it allows us to connect with you and strengthen our relationships for the benefit of patients. Your role in providing care to Manitobans with cancer is pivotal.

I strongly believe in bilateral learning, where each of us brings a wealth of knowledge to the table and can learn from one another. While CCMB brings the cancer expertise to you through the provincial conference, each of you brings your knowledge, expertise, unique perspectives, stories and ideas to share with us. We are eager to listen to you and learn how to move forward together to bring even better care to Manitobans with cancer. Let's take every opportunity to listen and learn.

This year we launched the Hope & Healing Program at CancerCare Manitoba. We listened to and learned from patients and their families, healthcare providers, and other partners about the support services needed to meet the needs of patients. Research shows that when we surround patients with supportive care to strengthen the body and mind throughout the cancer experience, the patient experience and outcome is improved. The Hope & Healing Program brings together all the support services offered by CancerCare Manitoba with a vision of expanding and enhancing these services so all patients with cancer throughout our province can access them. These services will be delivered through CCMB's Centres for Hope in Winnipeg and outside our perimeter.

I want to thank our CCMB team for creating an exciting educational event that will benefit all of us on many levels. I also extend gratitude to the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation, which has supported this conference for many years.

We trust you will enjoy the conference, meet old and new friends, learn new information and leave feeling reenergized and equipped for the work you do.

Dr. Sri Navaratnam, President and CEO, CancerCare Manitoba  
Professor, Department of Internal Medicine, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Manitoba

## Opening and Closing Indigenous Prayer

Presenter

Keith Berens  
Elder & Medicine Man, Berens River

### Biographical Sketch

**Elder Keith Berens** is a Medicine Man from Berens River, Manitoba. He is a retired Addictions Counsellor and enjoys presenting about traditional medicines and teachings. In his “retirement” he is working with the Jordan’s Principle program, and is looking forward to supporting the Cultural Camp at Berens River.

Thursday, November 14, 2024

## Interactive Workshop

### The Lens of Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Care Application and Resources

#### Facilitators



Mackenzie Jansen, RN, BN, MN (c)  
Clinical Nurse Specialist - Adolescent & Young Adult Program, CancerCare Manitoba



Ian Scott, MSW, RSW  
AYA Psychosocial Oncology Clinician



Chelsey Rose, Desirae Mcquade, and Samantha Burch

#### Learning Objectives

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the domains of AYA cancer care and share the current Canadian research
2. Empower oncology nurses working with AYA patients by identifying applicable interventions and resources
3. Identify gaps and facilitators to support AYA oncology nursing care and strategies to improve AYA oncology care

#### Biographical Sketch

**Mackenzie Jansen, RN MN**, is a Clinical Nurse Specialist for the Adolescent & Young Adult Program at CancerCare Manitoba. With nearly 20 years of nursing experience, she has dedicated the last six years to oncology, providing compassionate care to patients and families experiencing a cancer diagnosis. Since 2023, Mackenzie has been instrumental in the ongoing expansion of the AYA Program, focusing on delivering patient-centered services that cater to the unique needs of young adults with cancer in Manitoba.

**Ian Scott (RSW, MSW)** is a social worker and the Adolescent and Young Adult Psychosocial Clinician at CancerCare Manitoba (CCMB). He obtained his BSW (Hons) from Lakehead University and his MSW from the University of Victoria. Ian provides counselling to young adults with cancer and their supporters. He also facilitates the monthly young adult cancer support group and is involved in different initiatives at CCMB to improve care for young adults. Ian facilitates a support group with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada for patients from the prairie provinces. Ian is a proud member of the Health Equity Collective at CCMB.



## Keynote

### Inspired by Patients: A Surgeon's Research Journey

Presenter



Dr. Biniam Kidane, MD, MSc, FRCSC  
Thoracic & Foregut Surgeon, Medical Director of Wilf Taillieu Thoracic Endoscopy  
Clinic, Health Sciences Centre

Harold Clark & Jana Clark



#### Learning Objectives

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. Recognize the importance of patient voice in healthcare decision making.
2. Recognize the role of research in improving patient care.

#### Biographical Sketch

**Dr. Kidane** is a thoracic and foregut surgeon with a special interest in minimally invasive and endoscopic approaches to benign and malignant thoracic/foregut disease. He was recruited to Manitoba to establish an advanced diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopy program for thoracic and foregut diseases. He completed his MD at the University of Toronto and his General Surgery Residency at Western University. He then completed thoracic surgery residency at the University of Toronto, with additional third space and foregut training in McGill. His clinical program development focuses on strategies to incorporate MIS/Endoscopic techniques, multimodal therapies & logistics to improve patient & system outcomes. He has a research interest in health services and outcomes research as it relates to esophageal and lung cancer. Esophageal cancer is a devastating illness with historically poor survival; furthermore, the treatment of esophageal cancer can be difficult and cause significant reductions in the quality of life. Dr. Kidane's program of research in esophageal cancer brings together elements of surgical quality, patient quality of life, oncologic outcomes and health resource utilization with the ultimate goal of identifying the right treatment for the right patient at the right time.

# Sharing Stories of Resiliency and Recognition

Presenter



Mr. Kevin Chief

Principal of Chief Partnerships Manitoba Incorporated, Community Ambassador for the Southern Chiefs' Organization, Chairperson for the Centre of Aboriginal Human Resource Development Inc., and Senior Advisor at True North Sports and Entertainment.

## Learning Objectives

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. Identify challenges faced by Indigenous communities through shared personal stories of resiliency, possibility, and hope.
2. Recognize strategies for fostering inclusive conversations on reconciliation.

## Biographical Sketch

**Kevin Chief** is the Principal of Chief Partnerships Manitoba Incorporated. He is currently a Community Ambassador for the Southern Chiefs' Organization, chairperson for the Centre of Aboriginal Human Resource Development Inc., and Senior Advisor at True North Sports and Entertainment. Kevin brings a commitment to community and leadership development through his dedication to education, training, and employment.

Born and raised in Winnipeg's North End, he has considerable public sector and community experience. He served as a member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, representing Point Douglas, and was appointed to Cabinet as Minister of Children and Youth Opportunities in 2012, Minister responsible for the City of Winnipeg in 2013, and Minister of Jobs and the Economy in 2014. Following public service, Kevin was the Vice President of the Business Council of Manitoba. Chief is the co-founder of the Winnipeg Aboriginal Sport Achievement Centre.

Kevin and his wife Melanie have three young sons: Hayden, Kellan, and Daxton. He is a member of Minegoziibe Anishinabe First Nation (Pine Creek) and also known as a high steppin' square dancer as a part of the Norman Chief Memorial Dancers.

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## Esophageal cancer session

### Surgical Procedures and Management in Esophageal Cancer

Presenter



Dr. Gilly Akhtar-Danesh, MD, FRCSC  
Thoracic Surgeon, Shared Health

#### Learning Objectives

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. List the different surgical procedures performed for esophageal cancer.
2. Identify the clinical scenarios where stent or balloon dilation is recommended.
3. Recognize complications and when to seek help.

#### Biographical Sketch

**Dr. Akhtar-Danesh** is a thoracic surgeon at the Health Sciences Center. She completed medical school and residency training at McMaster University and moved to Winnipeg last year to join the thoracic surgery team. Her specific clinical interest is robotic surgery.

## Updates on Medical Oncology

Presenter



Dr. James T. Paul, MD, MSc, FRCPC  
Medical Oncologist

### Learning Objectives

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. State the current systemic therapies available for the treatment for Esophageal cancers.
2. Recognize the role of targeted therapies in managing esophageal cancers.
3. List the common side effects associated with the systemic therapies and know when to seek advice.

### Biographical Sketch

**Dr. Paul** completed Medical School with residencies in Internal Medicine followed by Medical Oncology at the University of Manitoba. Before directing his attention to medicine, Dr. Paul studied and worked as a researcher at the Manitoba Institute of Cell Biology. He completed a Master of Science in Human Genetics from the University of Manitoba and a 4-year Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Winnipeg. He is an active member of the Thoracic and GI Disease Site Group and holds a cross-appointment with the WRHA Palliative Care Program.

# Radiation Oncology Update

Presenter



Dr. Bashir Bashir, MB. ChB, FRCPC  
Radiation oncologist, CancerCare Manitoba, University of Manitoba

## Learning Objectives

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. Identify common complications arising from radiation therapy for lung and esophageal cancers.
2. Explain strategies for managing complications of radiation therapy.

## Biographical Sketch

**Dr. Bashir's** journey in the world of medicine is a testament to his unwavering commitment to advancing cancer care and treatment accessibility. Born and raised in Libya, he embarked on a path that would ultimately shape him into a distinguished radiation oncologist.

His commitment to innovation shone brightly in his involvement in lung SBRT and starting prostate (SBRT) at CancerCare Manitoba.

Dr. Bashir's influence in the field continued to grow as he assumed leadership positions at CancerCare Manitoba. He currently chairs the Thoracic Disease Site Group, Leading the Lung SBRT program, and contributes his expertise as a member of the standards committee.

# Nutritional Care throughout the Esophageal Cancer Journey

Presenter



Ms. Ranu Grewal, RD, B.H.Ecol., B.Sc.  
Registered Dietitian, CancerCare Manitoba

## Learning Objectives

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. Identify nutritional challenges patients experience during their esophageal cancer journey
2. Provide nutritional strategies to patients in order to minimize malnutrition risk and improve treatment tolerance
3. Recognize the dietitian's collaborative role with other members of the healthcare team in providing the best care for patients with esophageal cancer

## Biographical Sketch

**Ranu Grewal** graduated from the University of Manitoba with a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Human Ecology. She completed her dietetic internship at the Health Sciences Center in 2000. Her passion for health and wellness led her to a career focused on empowering others through nutrition. She has been practicing as a clinical dietitian for the past 24 years.

For the first 18 years she worked in a wide spectrum of healthcare units in a community hospital in Mississauga, Ontario. In 2007, she presented at the Canadian Cardiovascular Congress on Redefining "Interdisciplinary Practice": Evolution of a Collaborative Model for Patient-Centred Care with the abstract published in The Canadian Journal of Cardiology.

In 2018 she joined CancerCare Manitoba. Ranu's pride in her career stems from her collaborative nature. She thrives within the multidisciplinary team at CCMB, ensuring patients receive the best possible care. Through precepting and educating students, she instills values of empathy, compassion, and dedication, shaping the future of nutritional care. As a result, she received the Aramark Canada Limited Preceptor Award in 2017.

When she is not at CancerCare you can find her dancing up a storm to the latest Bollywood dance workouts or surfing the internet looking for interesting recipes her whole family will enjoy!

# Lung cancer session

## Non-small cell lung cancer management

## Small cell lung cancer management

Presenter



Dr. David Dawe, MD MSc FRCPC  
Medical Oncologist, CancerCare Manitoba

### Learning Objectives

#### For non-small cell lung cancer management

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. State the curative treatment options available for non-small cell lung cancer.
2. Recognize the criteria for selecting patients for curative intent treatment.
3. Discuss potential complications of those treatments and their management.

#### For small cell lung cancer management

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. State the standard treatment protocols for small cell lung cancer.
2. Compare the roles of systemic therapies and radiation in managing small cell lung cancer.
3. Describe common side effects of small cell lung cancer treatments and know when to seek help.

### Biographical Sketch

**Dr. David Dawe** is a thoracic medical oncologist at CancerCare Manitoba and an assistant professor at the University of Manitoba. He is the medical lead for CancerCare Manitoba's initiative focused on older adults with cancer, the incoming Secretary/Treasurer of the Canadian Association of Medical Oncologists, and Chair of the CCTG Small Cell Lung Cancer Working Group. He leads research focused on investigating biomarkers, treatment patterns, and outcomes for patients with lung cancer and older patients with cancer to identify opportunities for system improvement.

# Early Palliative Care in Thoracic Malignancies

Presenter



Stephanie Lelond, RN MN CHPCN(C)  
Clinical Nurse Specialist, CancerCare Manitoba

## Learning Objectives

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. Identify the benefits of early palliative care integration in thoracic malignancies.
2. Describe common palliative care interventions used for symptom management.

## Biographical Sketch

**Stephanie Lelond** has been a Clinical Nurse Specialist in Early Palliative Care at CancerCare Manitoba since 2018, first working on a study assessing the impact of early palliative care on quality of life in advanced pancreatic cancer and now on the early integration of palliative care in advanced cancers. Her background is over a decade in the WRHA Community Palliative Care Program, and she is now bringing her palliative expertise to patients within CancerCare Manitoba at the time of diagnosis. Stephanie also has a strong background in research to accompany her clinical work. As a Clinical Nurse Specialist, she is involved in direct comprehensive patient care through referral and consultation, research, education, the support of systems, and professional leadership. She holds an appointment with the University of Manitoba, serves the Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology (CANO/ACIO) and Association of Regulated Nurses of Manitoba boards, and the University of Manitoba Research Ethics Board.



# Management of Bispecific T-Cell Engager Toxicities

Presenter



Marc Geirnaert, BScPharm, BCOP, FCAPhO  
Director of Provincial Oncology Drug Program, CancerCare Manitoba

## Learning Objectives

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. Understand where the treatment of bispecific treatments is used in small cell lung cancer
2. List common toxicities associated with bispecific T-cell engagers
3. Discuss signs of bispecific T-cell engager adverse reactions in patients.
4. State management strategies for these toxicities in clinical practice

## Biographical Sketch

**Marc Geirnaert** graduated from the University of Manitoba with his Bachelor of Sciences in Pharmacy in 2002. Marc is a Board Certified Oncology Pharmacist (BCOP) and received his FCAPhO (Fellow of Canadian Association of Pharmacy in Oncology) designation in 2023. Marc started working in oncology and hematology in January 2003 and has worked in various clinics such as lymphoproliferative diseases, genitourinary and central nervous system tumors. Since June 2014, Marc is the Director of Provincial Oncology Drug Program at CancerCare Manitoba. Marc is also the Manitoba representative of the pan Canadian Oncology Drug Review (pCODR) Provincial Advisory Group. Marc's interests include implementing new therapies in oncology/hematology including complex immunotherapies and biosimilars. Marc also has an interest in allergy and best practices for managing infusion-related reactions.

# Indigenous Health Plenary

## Interactive Panel Discussion

### Presenters



Nickie Cool, RN BN MHA CNeph(C) CHE  
Director of Renal and Cancer Care Initiatives - Health Transformation, Southern Chiefs' Organization



Donna Everette, CFNHM  
Project Coordinator, Health Services, Southern Chiefs Organization



Chantal Wahteeshkin, RN, BN  
Indigenous Nurse Navigator, CancerCare Manitoba



Dr. Tunji Fatoye, CCFP, FCFP  
Department Head, Primary Care Oncology, CancerCare Manitoba



Allison Wiens, BN, RN, MPH  
Interim Program Manager - Education & Community Relations  
Community Oncology Program, CancerCare Manitoba

## Learning Objectives

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. Recognize common barriers faced by Indigenous cancer patients in accessing care.
2. Discuss strategies to improve healthcare access for Indigenous patients.
3. State the importance of culturally sensitive care approaches.

## Biographical Sketch

**Nickie Cool** is of Métis and Cree decent. She is a proud member of York Factory First Nation. Born and raised in Churchill, Manitoba, where her parents still reside, she has personal and professional experience with underserved populations and their health inequities. She has over 20 years of experience as a Registered Nurse in Manitoba's health care system. Nickie is passionate about Indigenous Health equity and the need for safe, culturally inclusive spaces within our health systems. She holds a Bachelor of Nursing Degree from the University of Manitoba and a Master of Health Administration Degree from the Johnson Shoyama School of Public Policy - University of Regina. She has active Canadian Nursing Association Certifications in Nephrology and Leadership and recently has achieved a Canadian Health Executive designation from the Canadian College of Health Leaders. Before joining the Southern Chiefs' Organization, Nickie worked in various front-line and leadership roles in the Provincial Renal Program for 18 years. She is now working with SCO's Health Transformation and leading the Renal and Cancer Care initiatives to close the 11-year gap in life expectancy between First Nations people and all others in Manitoba. Nickie works and resides on Treaty 1 Territory and the Homeland of the Red River Metis; she acknowledges that she is a guest on these lands.

**Donna Everette** is the Project Coordinator of Health Services at Southern Chiefs Organization. She is Anishinaabe from Berens River First Nation but currently resides in Winnipeg. Donna received her certification in Health Care Administration in 1998 at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK, and the First Nation Health Managers certification in 2019 offered by the First Nation Health Managers Association. She is the former Health Director at Berens River First Nation Health Centre and Pauingassi First Nation Health Centre. In the past, Donna has been actively involved and participated on several committees. To name a few, she co-chaired the Southern Fly in First Nation Communities Partnership Collaboration committee and the Manitoba First Nation HIV/AIDS/STBBIs working group. In her spare time, she likes to walk/jog, try new baking recipes and spend quality time with family, including her puppy, Fido. Donna strives for greater opportunities regarding growth and development in health services and programs. She embraces the opportunity to engage and to ensure the First Nation clients achieve their full health potential, and by doing so, it is rewarding to witness positive changes, which will lead to *mino-piimatisiwin* (good health) of individuals, families, and communities.

**Chantal Wahteeshkin** (she/her) is Anishinaabe from Namaygoosisagagun First Nation in the Robinson-Superior treaty territory in what is currently known as Northwestern Ontario and Red River Métis from St. Laurent, Manitoba. Her nursing experience includes palliative care, labour and delivery, and dialysis before landing at Cancer Care Manitoba as the Indigenous Nurse Navigator in March 2024. Her role as the Indigenous Nurse Navigator ensures culturally safe and trauma-informed support for First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and Urban Indigenous Peoples, guiding them from the initial clinical suspicion of cancer through the entire cancer continuum, including survivorship or end-of-life care. Based out of Winnipeg, her role supports individuals and their loved ones across the province of Manitoba, as well as the Kivalliq region of Nunavut, by providing access to advocacy, in-person support during appointments, information about the cancer journey and connection to cultural and/or spiritual supports and resources to name a few.

**Dr. Tunji Fatoye** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at the Max Rady College of Medicine, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, and a Family Physician in Oncology at CancerCare Manitoba.

**Allison Wiens** (she/her/hers) has been an oncology nurse since 2008, with various experiences in the inpatient and outpatient settings. Throughout her career, she has increasingly focused on practical and implementable actions toward advancing health equity in cancer care across the cancer continuum. Allison completed her Master of Public Health from the University of Manitoba in early 2023, where she focused on implementing health equity frameworks to advance health equity.

Through direct care in her nursing role with the Underserved Populations Program (UPP), she was honoured to support patients, loved ones, and communities to access equitable cancer care. In her work as the Interim Manager of Education and Community Relations and the Provincial Lead of Cancer Navigation Services, Allison aims to centre the experiences and needs of underserved patients and communities at the individual patient, organization, and system level through collaboration and partnerships to advance health equity.

Allison, her partner Jonathan and their two sons, Sam and Ben, enjoy time camping, canoeing, hiking, and helping at her family farm, where kids get to experience a taste of her childhood with rural Manitoba farm life and the responsibility of early morning chores, which can 'build character' at 5 a.m. at -40°C.

# Breakout

## Addressing diagnosis challenges for Lung Cancers in Manitoba

### Low dose CT Scan lung cancer surveillance

Presenter



Dr. James Bras, MD FRCPC  
Interventional Pulmonologist, University of Manitoba

### Learning Objectives

#### Addressing diagnosis challenges for Lung Cancers in Manitoba

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. Identify some current diagnostic challenges faced in detecting lung cancers in Manitoba.
2. Discuss the diagnostic techniques currently available in Manitoba to address these challenges.

#### For low dose CT Scan lung cancer surveillance

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the basic principles of low dose CT scans and how they work.
2. Discuss the importance of low dose CT scans in lung cancer surveillance and early detection.
3. Identify the patient populations that would benefit most from low dose CT scan surveillance.

### Biographical Sketch

**Dr. James Bras** is an interventional pulmonologist at the Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He is originally from Winnipeg and completed his subspecialty training at the University of British Columbia/BC Cancer in Vancouver.

Dr. Bras is the Medical Lead for the CancerCare Manitoba Lung Cancer Screening Program and is an active member of the Thoracic Disease Site Group at CancerCare Manitoba.

Dr. Bras also serves as the Director of Bronchoscopy at the Health Sciences Centre, helping to educate staff, improve service delivery and direct priorities for investment, including new bronchoscopy technology.

His interests include lung cancer screening, advanced bronchoscopy, techniques for peripheral pulmonary nodule biopsy, pleural disease, and the optimization of lung cancer diagnostic pathways.

# GERD and Barret's esophagus management

Presenter



Dr. Michael Cantor, M.D., FRCPC

## Learning Objectives

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. Discuss the natural history of Barrett's esophagus.
2. Evaluate the surveillance techniques used for patients with Barrett's esophagus.
3. Describe the management strategies for GERD and Barrett's esophagus.

## Biographical Sketch

**Dr. Michael Cantor** completed his medical school training at the University of Manitoba, his Internal Medicine residency at the University of Saskatchewan and his Gastroenterology residency at the University of Manitoba. He completed advanced endoscopy training specializing in Endoscopic ultrasound in 2004 at the Oregon Health and Sciences Center in Portland, Oregon. Dr. Cantor served as a consultant in Gastroenterology at the Health Science Center since 2004 and during this time established both the Endoscopic Ultrasound and Barrett's endotherapy programs. Dr. Cantor's additional interests include teaching and administrative roles. He was the program director for Gastroenterology for 15 years. He is currently the site lead for Gastroenterology at HSC and is the GI lead for the undergraduate medical curriculum at the Max Rady College of Medicine.

## See a Need, Fill a Need

Presenter



Ms. Marcia Garvie, RN, BN, BEd, Con(C)  
Nurse Navigator, Cancer Navigation Services, Interlake-Eastern RHA

### Learning Objectives

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. Discuss common barriers patients face within the healthcare system.
2. State the role of patient navigators in supporting cancer patients.
3. Identify appropriate situations for contacting the CancerCare Manitoba Navigation Team

### Biographical Sketch

**Marcia Garvie** grew up in Winnipeg and obtained her Bachelor of Education from the University of Winnipeg in 1994 and her Bachelor of Nursing from the University of Manitoba in 2003.

She started her nursing career on D6 at the Health Sciences Centre, providing care to individuals diagnosed with leukemias and lymphomas. In 2007, she moved with her family to St. Andrews and eventually transitioned to work in the Interlake as well, this time as a Primary Care Nurse at the Selkirk Quick Care Clinic. In 2013, she learned of the plan for a new Cancer Navigation program in the Interlake-Eastern RHA and has been with the team as Nurse Navigator ever since. The development and growth of the Navigation program continue to be an exciting process, and Marcia enjoys the opportunity for ongoing learning as she supports and advocates for rural oncology patients.

She lives in Selkirk with her two teenage sons, Declan and Harrison. She enjoys the rural community, the outdoors, and time with family and friends.

# Grading of Cytokine Release Syndrome Severity

Presenter



Jodi Hyman, RN, BScN, CON (C)  
Nurse Educator, Systemic Therapy Program, CancerCare Manitoba

## Learning Objectives

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the grading criteria for cytokine release syndrome severity.
2. Identify the clinical presentation of different grades of cytokine release syndrome.
3. Discuss the management approaches based on the severity of cytokine release syndrome.

## Biographical Sketch

**Jodi Hyman** graduated with a Diploma in Nursing in 1994 and a BSc in Cancer Nursing in 2001. She has enjoyed working in Hematology / BMT & Oncology for the past 28 years, both nationally and internationally, including in England, Australia and Manitoba. She was the recipient of the 2013 Boehringer Ingelheim Oncology Nurse of the Year Award and the 2008 Award for Clinical Excellence – South Eastern Sydney, Illawarra Health – New South Wales, Australia.

She has been employed at Cancer Care Manitoba since her return to Canada in 2008 and began working as a Nurse Educator for the Community Oncology Program for the past 8 years. Jodi enjoys cooking, hiking and hanging out with her family and two fluffy dogs.



# What is ICANS? (Immune Effector Cell Associated Neurotoxicity Syndrome)

Presenter



Chris Vargek, RN BN  
Manager of Patient Services: Systemic Therapy Program - CancerCare Manitoba

## Learning Objectives

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. Discuss the pathophysiology and underlying mechanisms of ICANS.
2. Identify the common symptoms and stages of ICANS.
3. Describe current management strategies and interventions for ICANS.

## Biographical Sketch

**Chris Vargek** has been a Registered Nurse for 15 years, spending the entirety of his career focusing on oncology. In 2009, Chris spent 10 years working in Acute Hematology and Bone Marrow Transplants at the Health Science Centre. In early 2020, he transitioned to Nurse Educator at CancerCare Manitoba and has since taken over as manager of the Systemic Therapy Program in 2022, where he currently works.

# Esophageal, GE junction pilot project with thoracic surgery

Presenter



Nicole Koschik, RN, BN, CON(C)  
Oncology Nurse Navigator, CancerCare Manitoba

## Learning Objectives

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. List the objectives and methodologies of the pilot project on esophageal and GE junction cancers.
2. State potential benefits of the pilot project outcomes for patient care.
3. Describe the clinical findings that could influence future treatment protocols.

## Biographical Sketch

**Nicole Koschik** has been part of CancerCare Manitoba since 2007 primarily in Hematology clinics until the opportunity to be part of a new Cancer Navigation program came in 2015. Nicole has been a Nurse Navigator with Cancer Navigation ever since and has enjoyed working across disciplines to make a positive impact on the cancer patient journey.

# New drug update for Lung Cancer/Esophageal Cancer

Presenter



Dr. Andrew Maksymiuk, MD, FRCP(C)  
Medical Oncologist, CancerCare Manitoba

## Learning Objectives

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. Discuss recent drug approvals for lung and esophageal cancer treatments.
2. State the mechanisms of action of new lung cancer drugs.
3. Identify potential side effects of these new therapies.

## Biographical Sketch

Graduate of the University of Saskatchewan. Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology training at McGill University in Montreal.

Fellowship in “Developmental Therapeutics” at MD Anderson Cancer Centre in Houston, Texas, focusing on leukemia and lymphoma therapeutics, cytokine research, and studies of infections in compromised hosts.

He worked at the Saskatoon Cancer Centre 1980s and 90s where he was PI for the Mayo Clinic, led North Central Cancer Treatment Group (now the Alliance), Head of Medical Oncology in Saskatoon for 8 years. Participated in the Saskatoon Task Force establishing the Breast Cancer Screening Program in Saskatchewan in the 1980s.

Moved to Manitoba in 1999. Medical Oncologist CancerCare MB 1999 - present. Active participant in Thoracic and Head and Neck DSGs, observer in Lymphoma DSG. Past Medical Director of the Community Cancer Program.

Professor, Department of Internal Medicine, Rady Faculty of Medicine U of M. Participant in resident and undergraduate teaching.

Research: PI and co-investigator in many therapeutic clinical trials in upper aerodigestive tract cancers, GI cancers and lymphoma sponsored by co-operative clinical trials groups and the pharmaceutical industry. Published treatment outcomes research in lymphoma, mesothelioma, and lung cancer. On-going collaborative metabolomics research with Laval University and BioMark Inc. in lung cancer and breast cancer.

Long-term member of the Audit and Monitoring Committee of Canadian Clinical Trials Group, long-term member of the Biomedical Research Ethics Board (REB), University of Manitoba.

Married with three children and 5 grandchildren, and spent his 50th wedding anniversary with his wife in Hawaii last year.

# Pharmacy Technician role with Home Injection Program

Presenter



Julie Molnar, rPhT  
Pharmacy Technician, CancerCare Manitoba

## Learning Objectives

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. Discuss the role of pharmacy technicians in the home injection program.
2. Identify patient safety benefits due to pharmacy technician involvement
3. Identify potential challenges in managing home injection services.

## Biographical Sketch

Pharmacy Technician at CancerCare Manitoba since January 2020. Primarily runs the Home Injection Program, organizing and dispensing LHRH injections for thousands of prostate cancer patients throughout Manitoba.

# Closed System Transfer Devices (CSTD) Implementation at CancerCare Manitoba

## Presenter



Jamie Trudel, rPhT  
Pharmacy Technician, CancerCare Manitoba



Kara Morcombe, BScPharm  
Senior Pharmacist, CancerCare Manitoba

## Learning Objectives

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. State the purpose of implementing CSTD in chemotherapy preparation.
2. List the safety benefits of CSTD for healthcare workers.
3. Discuss the steps involved in using CSTD in oncology pharmacy settings.

## Biographical Sketch

**Jamie Trudel** began his career in oncology pharmacy in early 1997. He has had roles in many areas of pharmacy, including compounding, creation and maintenance of ARIA regimens, and drug database and purchasing. Jamie is involved in several committees responsible for developing best practices, validating and training pharmacy staff, and safety initiatives.

**Kara Morcombe** is an oncology pharmacist with almost 20 years of practice in the field. After earning her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the University of Manitoba, she began inpatient hospital practice in 1998. This included various areas of practice, eventually leading to the start of her oncology practice in 2005 as part of the Adult Acute Leukemia and Blood and Marrow Transplant inpatient service. In 2008, Kara began her career at CancerCare Manitoba, practicing in the ambulatory setting within the pharmacy department and the Manitoba Blood and Marrow Transplant clinics. Kara later joined the Investigational Drug Services team in 2011, working with the Clinical Trials Unit to help bring new cancer therapies to Manitoba. During this time, she also served as the Pharmacist Representative for the GI disease site of the Canadian Cancer Trials Group. In January of 2023, Kara accepted the role of Senior Pharmacist within the CCMB pharmacy of the Systemic Therapy Program and has been involved in initiatives including the B.Braun pump implementation and most recently the closed-system transfer devices for hazardous compounding. Outside of professional endeavours, Kara enjoys being a hockey mom and working with her rescue dog.

# Addressing the psychosocial needs of advanced cancer patients during wait times and transitions

Presenter



Stephanie Lelond, RN MN CHPCN(C)  
Clinical Nurse Specialist, CancerCare Manitoba

## Learning Objectives

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. Recognize the psychosocial challenges faced by patients during treatment transitions.
2. Discuss resources available to help patients cope with psychosocial stressors.

## Biographical Sketch

**Stephanie Lelond** has been a Clinical Nurse Specialist in Early Palliative Care at CancerCare Manitoba since 2018, first working on a study assessing the impact of early palliative care on quality of life in advanced pancreatic cancer, and now on the early integration of palliative care in advanced cancers. Her background is over a decade in the WRHA Community Palliative Care Program, and she is now bringing her palliative expertise to patients within CancerCare Manitoba at the time of diagnosis. Stephanie also has a strong background in research to accompany her clinical work. As a Clinical Nurse Specialist, she is involved in direct comprehensive patient care through referral and consultation, research, education, the support of systems, and professional leadership. She holds an appointment with the University of Manitoba, serves the Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology (CANO/ACIO) and Association of Regulated Nurses of Manitoba boards, and the University of Manitoba Research Ethics Board.

# Emotional Support for Thoracic Malignancy Patients in Manitoba

Presenter



Jay Cormack, M Ed, CCC  
Psychosocial Oncology Clinician

## Learning Objectives

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. State resources available to support cancer patients.
2. Discuss the process of accessing assistance for patients.

## Biographical Sketch

**Jay Cormack** (he/they) is a counsellor working in Patient and Family Services at CancerCare Manitoba. He works with a variety of people in individual and group support settings. Jay approaches counselling support through several person-centered approaches including existential, narrative, and anti-oppressive lenses.

## Research Plenary

### Update on “Organ-Preserving Endoscopic Resection with Adjuvant RADiation and ImmunOtherapy for esophageal cancer (OPERA RADIO)” trial at Cancer Care Manitoba

Presenter



Dr. Biniam Kidane, MD, MSc, FRCSC  
Thoracic & Foregut Surgeon, Medical Director of Wilf Taillieu Thoracic Endoscopy  
Clinic, Health Sciences Centre

#### Learning Objectives

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. List the investigator-Initiated trials are ongoing at CCMB on esophageal cancer.
2. Recognize the challenges of activating clinical trials which assess multi-modal treatments, with the aim of determining future-oriented solution for patient access to essential clinical trials.

#### Biographical Sketch

**Dr. Kidane** is a thoracic and foregut surgeon with a special interest in minimally invasive and endoscopic approaches to benign and malignant thoracic/foregut disease. He was recruited to Manitoba to establish an advanced diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopy program for thoracic and foregut diseases. He completed his MD at the University of Toronto and his General Surgery Residency at Western University. He then completed thoracic surgery residency at the University of Toronto, with additional third space and foregut training in McGill. His clinical program development focuses on strategies to incorporate MIS/Endoscopic techniques, multimodal therapies & logistics to improve patient & system outcomes. He has a research interest in health services and outcomes research as it relates to esophageal and lung cancer. Esophageal cancer is a devastating illness with historically poor survival; furthermore, the treatment of esophageal cancer can be difficult and cause significant reductions in the quality of life. Dr. Kidane's program of research in esophageal cancer brings together elements of surgical quality, patient quality of life, oncologic outcomes and health resource utilization with the ultimate goal of identifying the right treatment for the right patient at the right time.



## Short Snapper

### Swallowing and Voice Considerations in Patients with Thoracic Cancer: The Role of Speech-Language Pathology (SLP)

Presenter



Dina Kyriakopoulos, MSc R-SLP (C)  
Speech Language Pathologist, CCMB MacCharles Outpatient Clinics, CancerCare  
Manitoba

#### Learning Objectives

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. Recognize the criteria for referrals to SLP.
2. Discuss the components of an SLP assessment including swallowing study (VFSS) for dysphagia.
3. Recognize dysphonia caused by vocal fold paralysis/paresis as the result of recurrent laryngeal nerve compression or damage.
4. Identify swallowing implications of chemotherapy side effects.

#### Biographical Sketch

**Dina Kyriakopoulos** is a registered Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) with over 18 years of experience specializing in voice disorders, gender-affirming voice, airway, and swallowing disorders. She holds an Honors Bachelor of Science from the University of Toronto and a Master of Science in Speech-Language Therapy from the University of Reading in the UK.

Dina has advanced competencies in areas including:

- Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation and Management of Swallowing and Voice Disorders
- Video Fluoroscopic Assessment of Swallowing Disorders
- Swallowing and Voice Restoration with Tracheotomy Tubes and Speaking Valves
- Voice Restoration with Voice Prostheses

She is dedicated to providing evidence-based and collaborative care to individuals with complex speech, voice and swallowing needs. In addition to her clinical work, Dina is an active member of Speech-Language & Audiology Canada (SAC) and volunteers on a number of SAC committees.

# Rethink Your Drink

Presenter



Kyra Gawalko, MPA  
Education and Prevention Lead, CancerCare Manitoba

## Learning Objectives

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. Discuss the link between alcohol use and cancer risk.
2. Discuss the Canada's Guidance on Alcohol and Health update.
3. State resources available for prevention messaging on the CancerCare Manitoba's website.

## Biographical Sketch

In her role as Education and Prevention lead with CancerCare Manitoba's Prevention and Screening Department, Kyra gets to work with a committed team of Health Educators who are always finding new ways to reach and engage with Manitobans. With nearly 15 years of experience in cancer prevention, she has contributed to efforts promoting smoke-free and tan-free lifestyles. Kyra finds the growing trend of Manitobans choosing an alcohol-free lifestyle particularly interesting.



## Conference Goals and Objectives

The **Provincial Cancer Care Conference** (previously known as Community Cancer Care Conference) is the largest annual oncology-focused program for healthcare professionals in Manitoba. It is a popular event annually, with typically over 200 individuals attending what has become the best local networking and learning event for the oncology community.

The target audience of this education program includes family physicians in oncology, nurses, pharmacists, nurse navigators and psychosocial oncology clinicians from around the province; who have consistently highlighted the excellent quality of this professional development event.

The goals of this educational program are to:

1. Review up to date diagnosis and treatment strategies for patients with cancer in response to the learning needs of the target audience and CancerCare Manitoba's clinical priorities.
2. Provide a forum for interactive discussion among urban and rural Manitoba health care professionals working in Oncology.
3. Offer a high-quality professional development event to better equip oncology healthcare professionals around the province to care for their patients.



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## Credits by Session

Presentation	Times	Duration (mins)	Presenters	Credits offered	Credit claimed
<b>INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP</b>					
The Lens of Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Care	12:30-14:00	90	Mackenzie Jansen, Ian Scott, and Patient Partners	1.5	
Application and Resources	14:20-15:50	90	Mackenzie Jansen and Ian Scott, and Patient Partners	1.5	
<b>KEYNOTE PRESENTATION</b>					
Inspired by Patients: A Surgeon's Research Journey	19:30-19:50	20	Dr. Biniam Kidane and Harold & Janna Clark	1.25	
Sharing Stories of Resiliency and Reconciliation	19:50-20:35	45	Kevin Chief		
Q&A	20:35-20:45	10	<i>As above</i>		
<b>ESOPHAGEAL CANCER SESSION</b>					
Surgical Procedures and Management in Esophageal Cancer	07:30-07:50	20	Dr. Akhtar-Danesh	1.5	
Updates on Medical Oncology	07:50-08:10	20	Dr. James Paul		
Radiation Oncology Update	08:10-08:30	20	Dr. Bashir Bashir		
Nutritional Care throughout the Esophageal Cancer Journey	08:30-08:50	20	Ranu Grewal		
Shared Q&A	08:50-09:00	10	<i>As above</i>		
<b>LUNG CANCER SESSION</b>					
Non-small cell lung cancer management	09:30-09:50	20	Dr. David Dawe	1.5	
Small cell lung cancer management	09:50-10:10	20	Dr. David Dawe		
Early palliative care in Thoracic Malignancies	10:10-10:30	20	Stephanie Lelond		
Management of Bispecific T-cell Engager Toxicities	10:30-10:50	20	Marc Geirnaert		
Shared Q&A	10:50-11:00	20	<i>As above</i>		
<b>INDIGENOUS HEALTH PLENARY</b>					
Interactive Panel Discussion	11:10-12:00	50	Nickie Cool Donna Everette Chantal Wahteeshkin Dr. Tunji Fatoye Allison Wiens	0.75	

<b>BREAKOUT SESSION</b>					
Addressing diagnosis challenges for Lung Cancers	13:10–3:25	15	Dr. James Bras	0.25	
Low dose CT Scan lung cancer surveillance	13:25-13:40	15	Dr. James Bras	0.25	
GERD and Barret’s esophagus Management	13:45–4:00	15	Dr. Michael Cantor	0.25	
See a Need, Fill a Need	14:00–4:15	15	Marcia Garvie	0.25	
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Grading of Cytokine Release Syndrome severity	13:10-13:40	30	Jodi Hyman	0.5	
What is ICANS? (Immune Effector Cell Associated Neurotoxicity Syndrome)	13:45–4:00	15	Chris Vargek	0.25	
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New drug update for Lung Cancer/Esophageal Cancer	13:10–3:40	30	Dr. Andrew Maksymiuk	0.5	
Pharmacy Technician role with Home Injection Program	13:45–3:55	10	Julie Molnar	0.5	
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Q&A	14:55–5:00	5	<i>As above</i>		



**SHORT SNAPPERS**

Swallowing and Voice Considerations in Patients with Thoracic Cancer: The Role of Speech-Language Pathology (SLP)	15:00–5:15	15	Dina Kyriakopoulos	0.25	
Rethink your drink	15:15-15:30	15	Kyra Gawalko	0.25	
Shared Q&A	15:30-15:45	15	As above	0.25	

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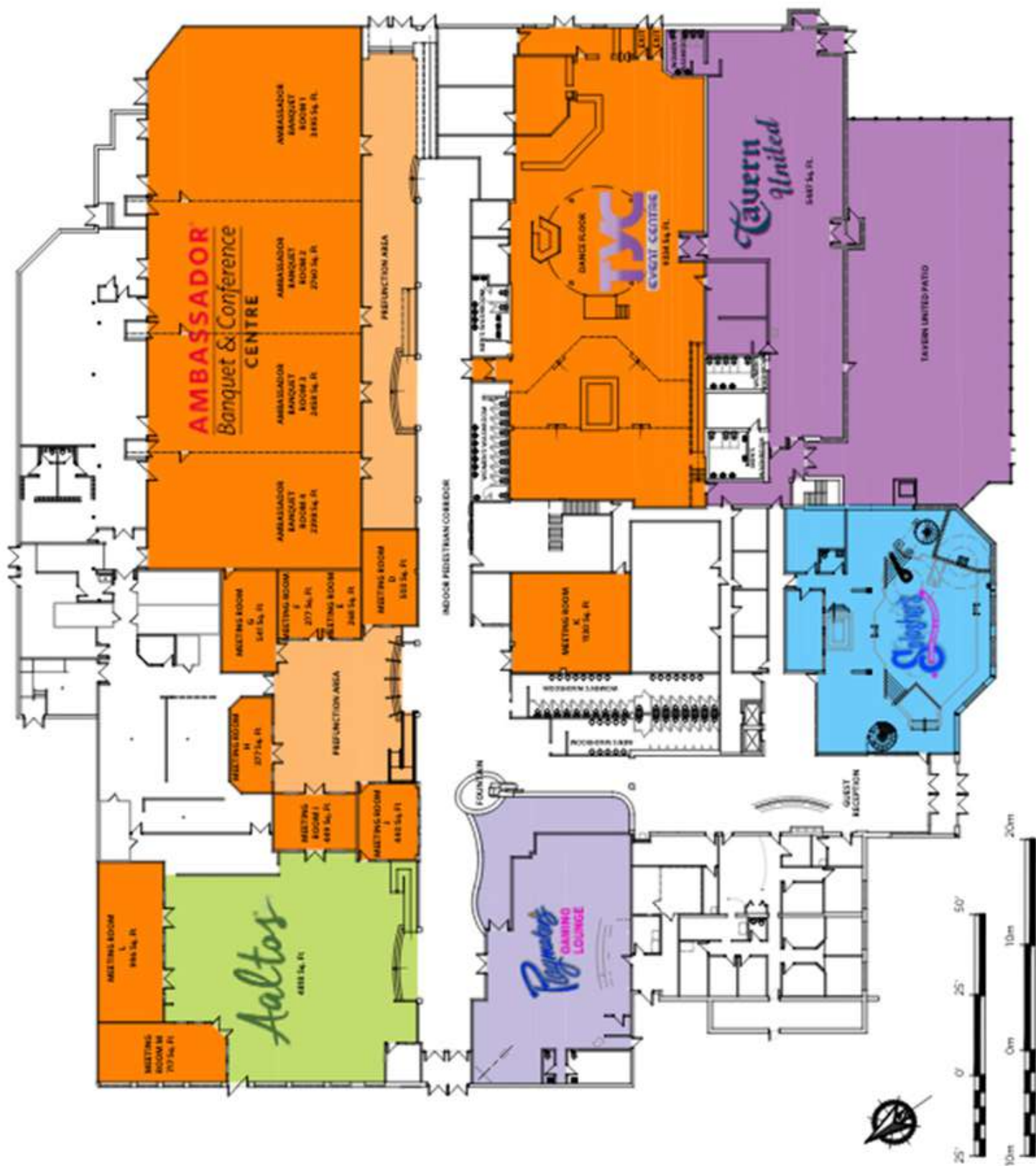
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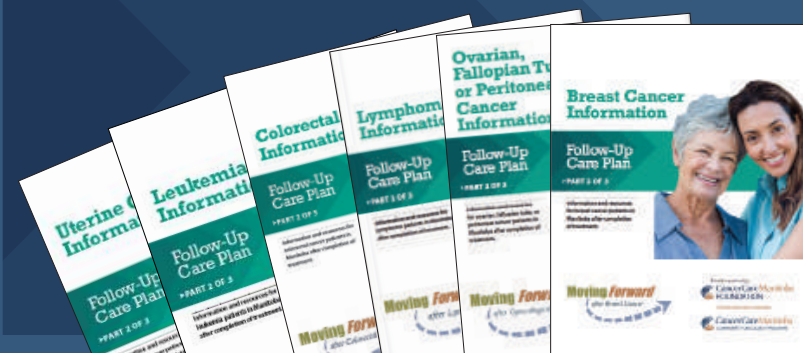
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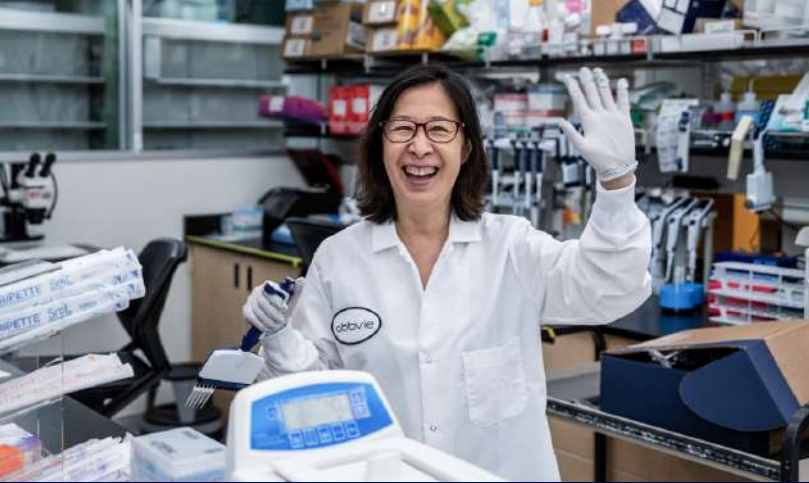
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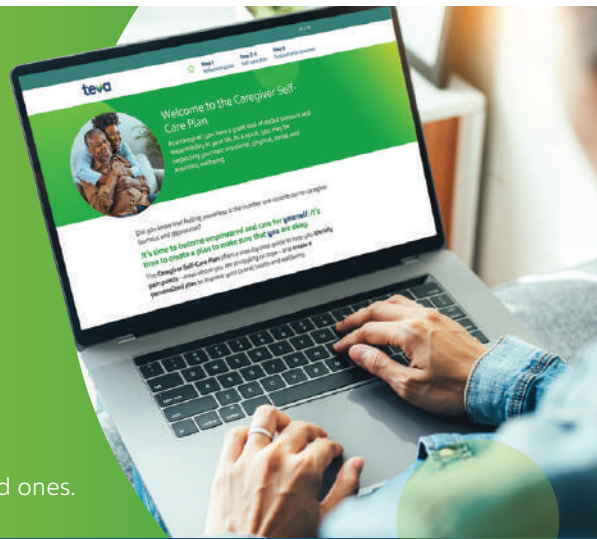






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