

**Strengthening Linkages Workshop
Primary Care Providers and Cancer Care Alberta
Saturday, April 12, 2025
8:45 am – 4:30 pm**

Family Physicians and Cancer Care Planning Committee Co-Chairs and Provincial Hosts: Dr. Karen King and Dr. Margaret Churcher

Centre	City	Meeting Room	Site Hosts
Cross Cancer Institute	Edmonton	Zoom	Dr. Karen King
Foothills Medical Centre	Calgary	Zoom	Dr. Margaret Churcher

Overall Learning Objectives

At the end of this workshop, participants will be able to:

- 1) Acquire and translate information and updates to better navigate the cancer system.
- 2) Support and participate in the improvement of the integration of care through dialogue, networking, and teamwork.
- 3) Recognize and explain services and programs enhancing patient-centered care.

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8:30 am-8:45 am	Testing Dress Rehearsal Contact IT support for issues at 1-877-311-4300		
8:45 am – 9:00 am	Welcome and Introductions Overview of Cancer Care in Alberta	Dr. Karen King, MD, FRCPC, Medical Oncologist, CCI Dr. Margaret Churcher, MD, FCFP, Family Physician, Calgary	
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Session 1: GPO Program	Gloria Roldan Urgoiti, MD, MSc, FRCPC Medical Oncology, Neuro-Oncology Clinical Associate Professor Medical Oncology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the General Practitioners in Oncology Focused Training at the University of Calgary • Testimonies from a current and a past trainee. • New Hospitalist opportunity at Arthur Child Comprehensive Cancer Centre.
9:30am-1000am	Session 2- Colorectal Cancer Screening in Alberta: Key Updates & Practical Insights for Primary Care <i>(20 min presentation, 10 min Q&A)</i>	Nicole Nemecek BN RN, Program Manager for Alberta Colorectal Cancer Screening Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand where to find and how to apply Alberta’s CRC screening guidelines in practice • Be aware of recent updates, program changes, and new initiatives in CRC screening • Identify key points that impact primary care providers in supporting effective CRC screening • Have strategies to enhance patient participation and improve screening outcomes in their practice

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10:00 am - 10:15 am	Health Break		
10:15 am – 10:45am	Session 4: Alberta Breast Cancer Screening Program Updates (20 min presentation, 10 min Q&A)	Renee Quinn, ABCSP Program Manager	Describe the current status of Alberta Breast Cancer Screening Program (ABCSP), program priorities, challenges, and opportunities.
10:45am-11:15am	Session 5: Alberta Cervical Cancer Screening Program(20 min presentation, 10 min Q&A)	Se-Inyenede Onobrakpor, Program Manager, ACCSP	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss the current screening guidelines and recommendations 2. Understand current and future of cervical cancer screening in Alberta 3. Introduce the HPV self-sampling clinical protocol 4. Apply knowledge through interactive clinical scenarios and case discussions
11:15-1200 pm	Session 6: Métis Cancer Care Experiences (45 min presentation with 15 min Q&A)	Amanda Andrew, Health Research and Project Coordinator, Otipemisiwak Métis Government (Métis Nation of Alberta)	This presentation will cover who Métis people are, their cancer care experiences in Alberta, how we can work to better support Métis people through their cancer journey, and the cancer resources and supports available at the Métis Nation of Alberta.
12:00 pm – 12:30 pm	Lunch		

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12:30 pm-1:15 pm	Session 5: Overview of recent cancer diagnosis work in Alberta from the Cancer System Innovation & Integration (CSII) team (30 min presentation with 15 min Q&A)	Speaker: Dr. Doug Stewart	Synopsis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who we are? • What we do? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Essentially, three areas of work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pathways (historical pathways, current pathways, future pathways), ▪ Community Assets ▪ Models of Care. • We would like to hear from you. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Examples: Have you ever heard of cancer diagnosis pathways for Alberta? How do you hear about any primary healthcare pathways? Are there any pathways you would like to see?
1:30 pm-2:15 pm	Session 6: <i>In Between Getting a Cancer Diagnosis and Your First Cancer Care Appointment</i> (30 min presentation, 15 min Q&A)	CCA Patient Education & Content Management Team	A new online interactive resource can help Alberta patients and their loved ones manage in between getting a cancer diagnosis and their first cancer care appointment. This session will dive into the why, what, and where of In Between Getting a Cancer Diagnosis and Your First Cancer Care Appointment.
2:30 pm-2:45 pm	Health Break		

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2:45 pm-3:30pm	Session 7: Palliative Navigation: Striving for Culturally Safer Care <i>(30 min presentation with 15 min Q&A)</i>	Juliet Foster is a Palliative and hospice certified RN with over 12 years of experience with palliative care. She is in a new navigation role with Cancer Care Alberta supporting palliative care needs for Indigenous Albertans as an Indigenous Early Palliative Cancer Patient Navigator.	Learn about the role of a navigator; learn about Juliet's unique role and how it supports Indigenous clients and communities urban, rural and remote with system navigation and symptom support for patients on their journey home. Explore the creation of a culturally safer space within our system to meet clients where they are at and to support the unique needs of Indigenous people.
330pm-4:15 pm	Session 8: Endometrial cancer: bridges to timely diagnosis <i>(30 min presentation with 15 min Q&A)</i>	Dr. Ariane Litalien, PGY5, University of Alberta Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology Supervisors: - Dr. Christa Aubrey and Dr. Tiffany Wells, gynecologic oncologists, University of Alberta Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology and Cross Cancer Institute	At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to: - Identify risk factors for endometrial cancer, as well as common and less common presenting signs and symptoms. - Understand the consequences of delays in diagnosis for endometrial cancer. - Understand the role of different investigations in the diagnosis of endometrial cancer, and review strategies to expedite diagnosis and referral. - Identify resources available to increase patient & provider awareness with regards to endometrial cancer.
4:15 pm – 4:30 pm	Closing and Evaluations	Dr. Karen King Dr. Margaret Churcher	Provide Select Survey for Evaluations

Program and Resources available at: [Strengthening Linkages Workshop](#)