Western Day: Reimbursement in Oncology
October 6, 2015
Westin Edmonton, Centennial Room

8:00 am Registration Opens

Moderator for the Day: Ferg Mills, Wyatt Health Management

8:30 a.m. Introduction: Pharmaceutical trends – a public payer perspective
Speaker: Kevin Wilson, Executive Director – Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch, Saskatchewan
- Pharmaceuticals: trends in oncology and patient access in Western Canada
- The work of Cancer Agencies
- pCPA, alignment of CDR & pCODR processes
- National approaches vs. national pharmacare

9:00 a.m. pCODR update
Speaker: Mona Sabharwal, Executive Director, pan-Canadian Oncology Drug Review, CADTH
- pCODR Performance Report
- Growing importance of companion diagnostics
- Interactions with pCPA

9:45 a.m. Panel: Payer Perspectives Oncology
Moderator: Bill Dempster, CEO, 3Sixty Public Affairs
Carole Chambers, Director of Pharmacy, Cancer Services at Alberta Health Services
Michele Evans, Executive Director – Pharmaceuticals and Supplementary Health Benefits Branch at Government of Alberta
Gerry Jeffcott, Senior Associate, 3Sixty Public Affairs
- Current goals of the provinces and update on intergovernmental cooperation
- How all stakeholders can contribute to the evaluation and funding decisions on new cancer treatments

10:45 a.m. Networking Break

11:15 a.m. Panel: Value in Oncology
Moderator: Ferg Mills, Manager – Health Economics at Wyatt Health Management
Speakers:
Chris McCabe, Research Director of the Department of Emergency Medicine, University of Alberta
Kimberley Tran, Economist, Canadian Health Policy Institute
Fred Horne, former Minister of Health, Alberta
- Special considerations for funding cancer drugs: current practice, options for future approaches
- Examples from other jurisdictions
- Policy implications of different interpretations
- Opportunities for cooperation between stakeholders

1:15 p.m. Oncology: The Role of Pharmacy
Speaker: Beverly Herczegh, the Pangaea Group
- What is an oncology pharmacist?
- The role of the pharmacist in oncology, regional differences
- Payer alliances with retail: implications
- Private pay for oncology in the west
- Sustainability of current western model for oncology
- Forward looking: will we need to modify the models (both east and west) to accommodate the growth in the number of people living with cancer

2:00 p.m. Panel: Patient Input in the Oncology Process
Moderator: Steve Long, Senior Associate – Health and Life Sciences, Global Public Affairs
Durhane Wong-Rieger, President Canadian Organization for Rare Disorders
Louise Binder, Project Manager, Canadian Cancer Survivors Network
Kathy Barnard, President/Founder, Save Your Skin Foundation
- Patient Submissions: Their effect on the reimbursement process
- Getting it right: what do payers need?
- Future trends

3:00 pm Networking Break

3:15 pm Industry Panel – Approach to Oncology Reimbursement
Moderator: Helen Trifonopoulos, Director, Patient Access, Oncology at Merck Canada
Speakers:
Frederic Lavoie, Head, Oncology Policy and Reimbursement, Novartis
Thu Parmar, Senior Manager – GR and Health Policy (Oncology) Hoffmann-La Roche
- Is the West different?
- Recent changes in the environment
- Challenges and opportunities for market access

4:00 pm Closing Remarks

12:15 p.m. Networking Lunch