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## **Chapter Reports**

### **London Oncology Nurses' Interest Group—Chapter**

--Submitted by Susan Collins

Our chapter is called London Oncology Nurses' Interest Group –LONIG and was started in the 1970's by a dedicated group of oncology nurses in the London Regional Cancer Centre.

Current executive members remain the same as last year:

Susan Collins: President  
Pat Stalker: Treasurer  
Adrienne Fulford: Secretary/ VP

Membership in LONIG is increased as our boundaries have widened to include Windsor and environs as part of the Southwest LHIN. Although we have had connections with members from Owen Sound and Sarnia for some time, we have still not made formal connections with our colleagues in Windsor. Our total number of members is about 40, given our wider base. We have also had an increase in members from the in-patient unit at LHSC. Unfortunately, being a member does not translate into being an 'active' member and we are currently trying to remedy that by calling for nominations for the Executive and also recruiting those who might wish to participate in conference and program planning.

Oncology Nursing Day in London was celebrated with luncheons for nurses where CANO pens and pins were presented, and publicity with photos in our hospital publication. During that week we also held a dinner, inviting a local hematologist to bring us up to date on Multiple Myeloma. However, this event was local and not feasible for those outside London.

We are in the process of planning for our next conference, likely in the spring of 2012. This is a one day conference, usually well attended and received by members and non-members alike. We also hope to have an event, possibly a dinner meeting and presentation in the fall.

Our mandate, like others, is to promote Oncology Nursing through educational sessions and our conferences, usually held every 18 months. We encourage membership in CANO and support nurses to share their projects and presentations at the local and national levels. Two of our nurses presented at Edmonton for the first time last fall. Unfortunately, we are not sending any presenters to the conference in Halifax. We would also like to start working on strategies that will allow for greater participation by all LONIG members in our events.

### **Manitoba Chapter Report**

--Submitted by Michelle L. Rosentreter, RN, CON(c),

#### Executive Committee:

President: Michelle Rosentreter  
Vice-President: Darlene Grantham  
Past President: Erin Streu (Elphee)  
Treasurer: Barbara Ammeter  
Secretary: Evelyn DeGrave (vacant as of July 2011)  
Awards Committee/Website: Darlene Grantham

Membership: Over 65 nurses within the city of Winnipeg and across rural Manitoba  
Our ongoing mission is to provide educational activities and programs for Manitoba nurses who have an interest in providing care for people with cancer. We believe that supporting professional oncology



nursing development is the best way for us to impact cancer care in our province. As an executive, our goals are in keeping with the national strategic plan to promote the exchange of ideas and knowledge within our membership, and increase awareness and visibility within our profession and the province of Manitoba. Our goal is to increase our membership numbers every year and to encourage and support our nurses to become active participants in their professional development. We strive to provide a blend of information that is clinically relevant, evidence based, and stimulating to our diverse membership. It is our ongoing goal to encourage and to support nurses to share their work with colleagues at the local, provincial and national levels. We are proud of the growing number of CANO-MB members who are attending or presenting their work through CANO activities.

Our quarterly education sessions for the 2010-2011 season included:

- September 2010 - "2010 CANO National Highlights "
- Barbara Hues (Projects in Sync: CANO/AC10 Membership Learning Needs Assessment and CANO/AC10 Standards and Competencies for Cancer Chemotherapy)
- Lori Santoro (Improving Communication and understanding of Cancer Treatment information for the Immigrant Population)
- November 2010- "Autologous Stem Cell Transplantation Demystified"
- Presenter Tracey Robinson, CNS BMT Program
- January 2011- "Approach to the Management of Infections in Patients with Terminal Cancer. Be Mindful of the Goals of Treatment"
- Presenter Dr. Eric Bow
- May 2011 - "Cetuximab and Panitumumab in Advanced Colorectal Cancer"
- Presenters: Kristi Hofer, CCPN Liaison Pharmacist Evelyn DeGrave, CCPN Liaison Nurse
- Annual Spring Education Workshop 2011

"We hosted our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Education Workshop and AGM for 38 nurses on April 16, 2011 at the Niawka Golf & Country Club. The theme of this year's workshop was "Focus on the 90%" with guest motivational speaker and author, Darci Lang. The keynote address was made by Darci Lang, who motivated the audience with her story telling, positive attitude and overall wonderful message. Other presenters included Barb Hues, on "Leadership in the Trenches." Candace Meyers, "Communication Issues with Head and Neck Cancer Patients," and Dr. Susan McClement on "Anorexia and Cachexia at the End of Life." It was a day of fun, education and networking by Manitoba oncology nurses. The Manitoba Chapter has been able to sponsor "The Best Poster Award" at the National CANO Conference for the past 3 years. The award is for \$500 and we feel that sponsoring this award is in keeping with goals of supporting and encouraging nurses to present their work in a safe and nurturing environment.

Monetary awards of \$1000 to support CANO Manitoba members toward education or conference attendance to Connie Randell, a community cancer care nurse. Awards of Excellence in Oncology Nursing were provided to Barbara Ammeter and Evelyn DeGrave in the amount of \$1000 for their commitment in oncology care, focusing on their strengths of research and teaching. Financial assistance to CANO Manitoba members who have obtained or maintained through recertification their CNA specialty certification in Oncology. Darlene Grantham successfully obtained her CON(C) designation & Kim Paradoski successfully recertified in 2011.

Esther Redekopp, RN, BN, Con(c) was recognized on Oncology Nurses Day for her dedication to oncology nursing.



## Ontario- Northeastern Chapter

--Submitted by Micheline LaPierre R.N. BScN., CON(C)  
Executive/ Leadership

Micheline LaPierre	-	President
Suzanne Levesque	-	Past-President
Barbara Ballantyne	-	President-Elect
Terry MacKenzie	-	Fundraising
Denise Chaumont	-	Fundraising
Rhodine White	-	Secretary
Nicole McDonald	-	Treasurer

### Membership

The Northeastern Chapter of Oncology Nurses (NEOCON) currently has 32 members representing oncology nurses from all over Northeastern Ontario.

### Mandate

To promote oncology nursing through meetings, educational and social events such as oncology nursing events.

### Key Initiatives:

In June 2010, the chapter hosted an educational event on breast reconstruction featuring a local plastic surgeon, Dr. Charles Kettle. The event was well attended by approximately 50 oncology & surgical nurses as well as a few patients. This event was planned as part of our 2010 Oncology Nurses Day celebration.

NEOCON provided 3 members with chapter grants to attend the 2010 CANO conference in Edmonton. Recipients were: Lizette Deacon, Margaux Lachance and Linda Masko.

A number of chapter members had abstracts accepted to the annual CANO conference in Edmonton. These included Terry MacKenzie, Barbara Ballantyne, Suzanne Levesque, Linda Masko, Margaux Lachance, Lizette Deacon, Tracie Parks, Denise Chaumont.

In November 2010 local pediatric oncology nurse Sylvie Kozlowskyj presented an overview of pediatric oncology. This event was again attended by approximately 50 people and for the first time ever, there were a number of nursing students from Laurentian University in attendance.

For Oncology Nurses Day 2011 NEOCON members Bonnie MacKinnon & Margaux Lachance prepared a display in the main lobby of the Regional Cancer Program. This display outlined the various roles that oncology nurses play in our local oncology program. Chapter treasurer Nicole McDonald was acknowledged by her peers for her dedication to patients and her professionalism. Nicole was also recognized as part of the hospital's annual nurses' week celebration in May.

Our third educational event of the year was also held as part of our Oncology Nurses Day celebration, Teresa Marsh presented on the concept of vicarious trauma. She also shared her personal experience as an oncology nurse in South Africa.

Fundraising was very successful again this year. Funds have been generated through our annual Christmas gourmet basket and quilt raffle as well as an Easter bake sale/used book sale/penny table. Funds generated from these events are used to support members' attendance at the annual CANO conference.



## Plans for 2011/2012

Increase CANO membership among new staff members hired to Oncology  
Plan a series of coffee breaks to increase awareness of CANO and encourage membership by in-patient nurses.

### **Ottawa/Champlain CANO Chapter**

Co-Chairs of the Ottawa/Champlain Chapter:

Patricia McCarthy RN(EC) MSc(A), nurse practitioner, pediatric oncology, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario and Kelly-Anne Baines RN CON(C), PDN Ottawa Hospital Cancer Center

Members:

Treasurer: Jeanne Robertson, BScN, BA, MBA

Secretary: Amber Killam, RN, MScN

Education subcommittee: Heather Lloyd-Easy, BScN, CON(C) & Stephanie Pick, RN, MN, CON(C)

Grants & awards subcommittee: Marion Waldie, RN, BScN, CON(C) & Kim Franchina, RN, CON(C)  
CHPCN(C)

There are 85 active members in the Champlain region. The Ottawa/Champlain executive consists of a dynamic group of 12 active local chapter members with varied backgrounds, levels of education, and years of experience.

### Local Conference Planning Committee Co-chairs:

Heather Perkins, RN, BScN, CON(C), CPON® &  
Pat McCarthy, RN(EC), MSc(A), NP Ped/Onc, CHEO

Scientific Planning Committee Co-chairs:

Gail Macartney, RN(EC), MSc(A), CON(C) &

Lynn Kachuik, RN, BA, MS, CON(C), CHPCN(C)

Our mandate for the time period of Sept. 2010 – Sept. 2011 was to:

- Recruit an Ottawa Chapter Executive
- Increase the profile of CANO in Ottawa
- Hold two educational sessions
- Form a planning committee for the 2012 National Conference in Ottawa

Key initiatives (over the past year):

- We held a lunch & Learn - Abstracts from the 2010 CANO Conference were presented in brief and feedback was very positive.
- We applied for and received a local chapter grant from CANO.

Group outputs:

A one-day workshop was organized and held on April 5<sup>th</sup> in light of Oncology Nursing Day for the oncology nurses in Winchester; there were 60 attendees and it was very well received.

Special recognition:

Lynne Kachuik, APN Palliative Care & Linda Johnson were the recipients of the Oncology Nursing Day Award for the Ottawa Champlain Chapter.



Work plan for next year:

Our main focus will be organizing for the 2012 National Conference and developing a fundraising & advocacy initiative to bring a nurse from the international arena to attend our conference.

Recruitment information (identify contact of who should get involved):

Amber Killam has been instrumental as our secretary; she has taken on the job of developing an organization chart of the chapter executive with bios and pictures. She has also been ensuring that all chapter activity is forwarded to main office and placed on the CANO website.

### **Prince Edward Island Chapter**

--Submitted by Katherine Grant-Smith

#### *Executive*

President- Katherine Grant-Smith RN, BScN, CON(C)

Vice President- Megan Smallwood RN, BScN, MN, CON(C)

Treasurer- Elaine Smith RN

Secretary- Cathie Bernard RN, BN, CON(C)

*Current Membership: 16*

#### *Mandate*

Our goal is to support the advancement of oncology nurses in P.E.I by promoting and developing excellence in oncology nursing and to share our expertise with other Registered Nurses across the Island involved in the care of oncology patients and their families. To promote new membership and to encourage past members to renew.

#### *Key Initiatives*

To promote education. We fund raise throughout the year to support our members in attending local, regional and national education sessions and conferences. This year we will support up to six member to attend the 2011 CANO Annual Conference in Halifax.

We have organized the following committee's:

OND: Meagan Smallwood and Jackie Affleck

Education: Katherine Grant-Smith and Cathie Bernard

Fall Conference 2012: Mar Vloet Morrison & Elaine Smith

Fund Raising: Leona MacIntosh

#### *Special Recognition*

For oncology nurses day we celebrated our profession with dinner, followed by a chapter Meeting  
Congratulations to Cindy Cousins who has received her CON(c) June 2, 2011!

#### *Work Plan for 2011-2012*

We held our annual fall provincial conference on September 24, 2011. The topic this year is Multiple Myeloma, speakers included: Jo Ann Edwards NP Nurse Practitioner in Hematology QEII Health Sciences Centre, Halifax NS

Dr. Wanda Hasegawa: Specialty, Myeloma Bone Marrow Transplants QEII Health Sciences Centre, Halifax NS



Teresa Micelli: RN BSN CON, Mayo Clinic, Member of the Nurse Leadership Board of the International Myeloma Foundation

Engage oncology nurses who work outside of the PEI Cancer Treatment Centre by hosting education sessions and working with the oncology unit educator.

Change of Executive in September 2011.

We continue to promote CANO membership, education and national certification.

### **Quebec Chapter/ Association québécoise des infirmières en oncologie (AQIO)**

Submitted by: Marika Swidzinski, RN., B.A., MEd., CON(C), Quebec Chapter, AQIO Representative to CANO, Nurse Manager Hematology Oncology Services, McGill University Health Centre, Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal

Name of the executive:

President & Provincial Seminar for *infirmières pivots en oncologie (IPO)* – Sylvie Bélanger

Vice President – Linda Hershon

Treasurer & AQIO Annual Conference – Jacinthe Brodeur

Secretary – Sonia Joannette/Julie Dallaire

Board Members:

Onco-Nursing Journal: Sylvie Croteau (Editor), Nicole Tremblay, Linda Hershon, Nathalie Filion

Translation Committee: Marie de Serres

Communication and Website: Lise Lavasseur,

AQIO Representative to CANO: Marika Swidzinski

Education Committee: Maryse Carignan, Lucie Tardif

AQIO Annual Conference: Jacinthe Brodeur

Group Characteristics:

The Quebec Chapter has a membership of 127 nurses.

Mandate:

AQIO recognizes the responsibilities and the role of nurses in Quebec in promoting and assuring quality care to individuals diagnosed with cancer or those at risk of developing cancer and their family. A cancer diagnosis is an event, which changes the life not only of individuals who are diagnosed with cancer but also their loved ones. In this life experience, nurses consider families or significant others as partners in care and also as individuals who are in need of support, information and counseling towards the resolution of problems.

Oncology Care encompasses prevention, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation, long-term survival, palliative care and end-of-life care. Nurses recognize the knowledge and skills required to assure competence in the complex needs of individuals diagnosed with cancer. In order to accomplish this, AQIO is implicated in the consolidation and development of quality evidence-based oncology nursing practice.

Objectives:

- Establish a communication network among nurses in Quebec with an interest in Oncology.
- Promote the exchange of knowledge, information and ideas in order to enrich the quality oncology care in Quebec.
- To support the development of specialized oncology nursing education.
- Promote oncology-nursing research in Quebec.
- Assure that oncology nurses are represented in organizations implicated in the fight against cancer at the provincial and national levels.
- Work collaboratively with the Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology.



#### Key Initiatives:

Over the past year AQIO has sponsored three Educational Evening Dinner Conferences. As every year, attendees who are CANO/ACIO members were able to attend the educational evenings without a registration fee.

The first conference in Montreal focused on sharing the highlights of the CANO/ACIO Annual Conference held in Calgary. Over 55 nurses attended the evening in November 2010. The presenters were Julie Dallaire (McGill University Health Center); Lucie Tardif (CSSS de Laval); Nicole Tremblay (Hôpital Maisonneuve Rosemont) and Jacinthe Brodeur (Centre hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal). AQIO would like to express sincere gratitude to Amgen Canada, Celgen, Sanofi Aventis, and Ortho Biotech for supporting this educational session.

The second educational evening, in February 2011, was sponsored by Novartis Pharma Canada, Celgen and Amgen Canada. The theme of the conference was based on topics from the CANO/ACIO and the Oncology Nursing Society Annual Conferences. Forty oncology nurses from Quebec City attended the presentations by Sandra Blanchette, Annik Gagné and Nathalie Gravel.

The third educational conference occurred in Montreal in February 2011 entitled, *La chimiothérapie orale de la clinique à la communauté: nouveaux défis liés au traitement anticancéreux* took place in February. Annie Bazinet, pharmacist from CSSS de Laval presented to 50 nurses on the subject of oral antineoplastic agents. This continuing education event was sponsored by Roche.

A full-day conference on colorectal cancer was organized in collaboration Amgen Canada and the interdisciplinary team of gastrointestinal cancers from the Centre hospitalier universitaire de Québec in May. Seventy-five nurses from the Quebec City region participated in this activity.

April 8, 2011 was the date of AQIO's Annual Provincial Conference entitled *Perennité des soins en oncologie: bilan de la trajectoire parcourue*. Over 190 nurses attended the conference. The conference provided oncology nurses the opportunity to choose from 8 different workshops. This year, the 6<sup>th</sup> annual seminar for the *infirmières pivots en oncologie (IPO)* was organized as part of the content of the AQIO Annual Provincial Conference. In collaboration with *la Direction de la lutte contre le cancer* an afternoon workshop, *Que faut-il savoir pour mieux évaluer et intervenir auprès de la personne âgée atteinte d'un cancer* was attended by 68 Pivot Nurses in Oncology. France Collins and Karine Labarre from le Centre d'excellence sur le vieillissement du Québec addressed the care of the elderly oncology patient.

AQIO would like to take the opportunity to thank the conference committee for their commitment in once again developing an Annual Provincial Conference which continues to be a great success: Jacinthe Brodeur, Lise Deslandes, Caroline Mathieu, Johanne Brodeur, Karine Bilodeau, Karine Lepage Catherine Genest, Josiane Rousseau, Cania Vincelli and Linda Benoît.

#### Group Outputs:

The AQIO web site ([www.aqio.org](http://www.aqio.org)) continues to provide oncology nurses in Quebec and beyond with information and a venue to promote networking with colleagues. Over the next year AQIO plans to update the site. A link is also available via the CANO/ACIO website - Chapters section.

Our journal, Onco-Nursing provides oncology nurses in Quebec with the opportunity to share their knowledge with their colleagues. The biannual journal continues to offer a bilingual article for our Anglophone members.

#### Special Recognition:

AQIO proudly acknowledged Marie de Serres from Centre hospitalier universitaire de Québec (CHUQ) in Quebec City as this years oncology nurse who exemplifies these theme: « Oncology Nursing: Celebrate



our Voice/Les infirmières en oncologie : Unissons nos voix ». Marie is a role model for all of us. She is a visionary and definitely a voice in oncology nursing that we all have a high regard and respect for.

This year, at the Annual Conference, AQIO honoured Lucie Laporte, Clinical Nurse Specialist at le **Centre** intégré de **cancérologie** de la **Montérégie** with the *AQIO prix d'excellence* for her dedication in oncology nursing in Quebec.

AQIO also recognized the following individuals at the Annual Conference, for their achievements in receiving special awards: Alexi Parent for *Prix Florence 2011– Releve* at the Ordre des infirmières et infirmiers de Québec (OIIQ), Myriam Skrutkowski Award of Distinction 2010– Mentorship at the Ordre régional des infirmières et infirmiers de Montréal/Laval (ORIIIM/L) and Dr. Andrea Maria Laizner for receiving the Prix Florence 2009 - Nursing Research by the OIIQ.

Work Plan for Next Year:

- AQIO's goals for the upcoming year include the following objectives:
- Continue to increase the membership in Quebec.
- Encourage nurses to submit articles, conference summaries, educational articles for publishing in our journal Onco-Nursing.
- Update our website.
- Continue to offer educational opportunities for oncology nurses minimally twice a year as well as our Annual Provincial Conference.
- Develop a strategic plan for oncology nursing in Quebec in conjunction with the OIIQ and La direction de lutte contre le cancer.
- Promote nursing research in oncology in Quebec.
- Assure that oncology nurses are represented in provincial and national committees, which are implicated in the fight against cancer.

## Special Interest Group Reports

### Advanced Practice Nurses Special Interest Group

--Submitted by Lorraine Martelli-Reid and Lisa Shirt, Co-Chairs, APN SIG

The Advanced Practice Nurses special interest group has been recently revived! In the spring, we sent out a small national survey to gauge interest in reviving this SIG and received tremendous support! We currently have 49 APNs from across the country in the group including representation from almost every province and several different areas of practice.

Our future plans are to send out a more comprehensive survey to further refine our goals and objectives and determine the needs of the group. We are planning a meeting at the CANO conference to set goals and objectives of the SIG in order to move forward, as well as a networking dinner. We are hoping to plan activities such as teleconferences or webinars throughout the year.

### CANO/ACIO Complementary Medicine (CAM) Special Interest Group (SIG)

--Submitted by Tracy Truant and Lynda Balneaves, Co-Chairs, CANO/ACIOCAM SIG

Now into its third year, the CANO/ACIO CAM SIG is gaining momentum, focusing on offering educational workshops to oncology nurses across North America and collaborating on initiatives with international partners, such as the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) Complementary and Integrative Therapies (CIT) SIG.

Significant activities over the past year included:

- At the CANO/ACIO annual conference in Edmonton, 2010, CAM SIG members hosted a preconference workshop, *What's evidence got to do with it?*, offering delegates hands on learning opportunities to provide evidence-informed CAM decision support to patients and families.
- Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at the 2010 conference to set new goals and objectives for 2010-2011.
- At the ONS Congress in Boston, MA, in April 2011, a workshop, *Complementary Medicine and Cancer: Putting the Evidence into Practice*, was co-hosted by the Co-Chairs of the CANO/ACIO CAM SIG and the ONS CIT SIGs. This workshop was extremely well received and plans are underway to co-host another workshop at the 2012 ONS Congress in New Orleans.

Plans for the upcoming year (2011-2012):

- At the CANO/ACIO annual conference in Halifax, 2011, three important events will occur:
- A CAM workshop will be hosted by the CAM SIG, *Exploring CAM to promote health, wellness and self-care for oncology nurses*.
- The Joint CANO/ONS Symposium will be facilitated by Co-Chairs of the CANO/ACIO CAM SIG and the ONS CIT SIG, *Talking about Complementary Medicine in Cancer Care: A North American Agenda*.
- The CAM SIG AGM will be held Monday September 12, 7-8pm.
- Additional plans for the upcoming year include increasing membership, exploring offering webinar education about CAM and cancer, improving the CAM SIG webpage on the CANO/ACIO website, and planning for another workshop at CANO/ACIO 2012 in Ottawa!
- Research plans include the submission of a MPD grant to the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) to support the continued development of a national oncology nursing curriculum on CAM and a CIHR operating grant with Dr. Kristina Kavinen that will explore the impact of an exercise education intervention for oncology nurses on their practice.

## **Radiotherapy Special Interest Group**

Respectfully submitted by: Myriam Skrutkowski, Chair of CANO/ACIO SIG RT

At the 2010 Edmonton conference sixteen enthusiastic nurses attended the SIG in Radiotherapy (RT). With representation from across the country, nurses shared many concerns common at both novice and expert levels. They reached consensus for a position statement on the role of the nurse in radiation oncology and for the SIG terms of reference (TOR). In March 2011 these two documents were posted on the SIG RT webpage.

Presently the number of nurses in the SIG RT email list is 32. Ten nurses participated in a teleconference call (July 21) in which they finalized the TOR and planned the SIG RT meeting agenda in Halifax with the following objectives for 2011-2012:

- Complete and post on the SIG RT webpage the French translation for the position statement and TOR.
- Create a members-only link on the SIG RT webpage to respond to questions.
- Develop guidelines on side effects, prioritizing radiation-induced skin reactions.
- Highlight RT at the 2012 conference with an abstract submission for a workshop on nursing interventions of radiation-induced symptoms.



## **Quality End-of-Life Care Coalition of Canada**

--Submitted by Debbie Gravelle

The Quality End-of-Life Care Coalition of Canada (QELCCC) is a group of 30 national organizations concerned about quality of end-of-life care. The QELCCC provides a forum for its members to share information, identify needs and gaps in end-of-life care, and advocate – with federal and provincial governments -- for better hospice palliative and end-of-life care for all Canadians.

The number of professionals and volunteers with the skills to provide hospice palliative end-of life care has increased significantly: all 17 medical schools across the country now educate new physicians in palliative care and education programs for nurses, social workers, pharmacists and pastoral care providers include training in end-of-life care.

To continue to improve care at end of life for all Canadians, the QELCCC will focus on four priorities over the next 10 years. Please see pages 14 to 16 for additional details to these recommendations.

1. Ensure all Canadians have access to high quality hospice palliative end-of-life care.
2. Provide more support for family caregivers.
3. Improve the quality and consistency of hospice palliative end-of-life care in Canada.
4. Encourage Canadians to discuss and plan for end of life

## **Update on the National Survivorship Working Group Meeting**

Submitted by: Anne Katz RN PhD

This meeting was intended to be the penultimate meeting of the above group, given that the current mandate of CPAC will end in March 2012.

At this meeting, the four projects that were funded to develop programs related to survivorship care plans (SCPs) presented the final reports of their work.

Wellspring, Toronto

This project focused on a volunteer model with a 'guided conversation' about 4 key areas related to survivorship. The survivor completed the first section of the document (medical history), and then worked through the other 3 sections with the volunteer in sessions 2 weeks apart.

Young Adult Cancer Canada

This project focused on a web-based SCP called "Goaltender" developed for young adults with cancer. The website added a community portal where posts can be made (like FaceBook) as well as a tour for non-survivors to review the program.

CancerCare Manitoba

The CCMB project targeted colo-rectal patients with the development of a EMR-populated SCP which is presented to the survivor at a transitional appointment where the survivor is discharged to their primary care provider. The survivor receives a 3-part print out of the SCP and the same document is faxed to the primary care provider.

Alberta CancerBRIDGES

This project focused on head & neck survivors and breast cancer survivors. Provision of the SCP was done by nurses (CNS, Nurse Navigator, RN) supported by a provincial, multi-disciplinary team.



The meeting concluded with an update on the final project to be completed by December 2011. This is a 3-phase project about Back to Work issues for cancer survivors and a "request for quote" (RFQ) is forthcoming within 2 weeks.

A short discussion took place at the end of the meeting about strategic planning for the future, with the understanding that funding for CPAC from 2012 – 2018 has not been approved as yet.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent CANO on this committee. I would like to continue in this role until the end of the CPAC mandate in 2012 and beyond if this is the will of the CANO Executive.