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## Gynecologic Oncology SIG Annual Report July 2017 – June 2018

### Specific Objectives:

- To provide a national networking opportunity for oncology nurses interested in gynecological cancer care.
- To provide a forum for nurses to exchange knowledge, skills, and resources related to the specialty.
- To incorporate CANO standards of practice in the groups initiatives.
- To initiate small projects for the specialty, if needs are identified by our members.
- To explore opportunities to collaborate with members of the Society of Gynecologic Oncology of Canada.
- To continually strive to enhance patient care with advancement of knowledge through the sharing and dissemination of research and education in the area of gynecological cancer care.

### Key Initiatives/Educational Events:

Summer 2017 – Survey monkey sent to SIG members to assess how the SIG could best meet the needs of members. Received responses from 13 members.

October 2017 – SIG meeting at CANO Annual Conference in Gatineau

- Nine members attended. During the meeting results of survey monkey were presented to group members. Discussion focused on results of survey and planning SIG activities based on responses to the survey. Decided that 2-3 teleconferences/year will be held, as well as the annual SIG meeting at the CANO Annual Conference. During teleconferences presentations on topics of interest will be done, in addition for time to discuss current issues/share resources. Marilyn Sapsford, Manager, National Programs at Ovarian Cancer Canada (OCC) updated the SIG participants at the Face-to-Face meeting regarding initiatives taking place at OCC and obtained feedback and suggestions to take back to the organization. Presentation on “Addressing Female Sexual Health and Intimacy – Part 1” given by Jan Giroux, NP in Gyne Onc at Kingston Health Sciences Centre. Feedback received to share similar presentation for a teleconference meeting in the new year.

February 2018 – Teleconference

- Nine participants. Presentation on “Addressing Female Sexual Health and Intimacy – Part 2” given by Jan Giroux, NP in Gyne Onc at Kingston Health Sciences Centre.

June 2018 – Teleconference

- Eight participants. Presentation on “Practical Tips for Managing Fear of Cancer Recurrence” given by Dr. Christine Maheu, McGill Ingram School of Nursing



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June 2018 – SIG webpage updated

- SIG webpage content reviewed, links and file library updated

Ovarian Cancer Canada (OCC) and CANO Relationship

- Jan Giroux (SIG co-chair) sits on Ovarian Cancer Canada (OCC) Board of Directors as a representative of CANO. She has participated in board meetings that occur 5-8 times per year.
- She is currently completing her 2<sup>nd</sup> term with a succession plan to have a replacement CANO member step in for Fall 2019.

National BRCA Collaborative

- Christa Slatnik is CANO Gyne Onc SIG representative on National BRCA Collaborative spearheaded by the Society of Gynecologic Oncology of Canada. The collaborative serves as a central coordinating body to advance the BRCA-testing agenda while respecting stakeholders' autonomy, makes the case for BRCA as a distinct disease entity, fosters the dissemination of position statements and allows for the coordination of research efforts and the harmonization of the information around BRCA testing.

### **Plans for Next Year:**

- Jan Giroux has decided to step down as co-chair of the SIG at the CANO Conference in Charlottetown. In mid-September we will send an e-mail to the SIG membership to ask members to express their interest if they are interested to take on the co-chair role.
- Plan to have two teleconferences/year (January/February and May/June) in addition to SIG Face-to-Face meeting at Annual Conference. We will continue to include presentations on topics of interest to the group.
- SIG Membership will nominate a CANO member for the Annual Boehringer Ingelheim Oncology Nurse of the Year Award

### **Submitted by:**

Joanne Power RN, MScN, CON(C) & Janet Giroux RN (EC), MScN, CCN(C), CON(C), de Souza APN



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## Immuno-Oncology SIG

**Year: 2018**

**Submitted by: Marcie Flynn-Post & Christina MacDonald**

### **SIG Chair(s)**

- 1. Name(s) Marcia Flynn-Post & Christina MacDonald**
- 2. Term Start Date** *October 2018*
- 3. Contact Information**  
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### **Key Initiatives /Educational Events for the year:**

- **organization of SIG and recruitment of members**
- **develop goals and direction for the SIG**
- **inauguration of SIG at CANO conference**

### **Plans for the next year:**

- **look at current practice in the centers of the members**
- **Inventory of initiatives in progress across provinces and through CANO**
- **Identify opportunities to enhance nursing practice for patients being treated with immunotherapies**
- **develop project(s) to address them**

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# Leadership SIG

**Year:** 2018

**Submitted by:** Janice Chobanuk

## **SIG Chair(s)**

- Janice Chobanuk Co-Chair is vacant
- **Term Start Date:** 2009

## **Key Initiatives /Educational Events for the year:**

- Held annual meeting in Calgary in 2017 and will be holding annual meeting in PEI in 2018
- Increased membership from 40 to 95 members
- Submitted a joint abstract for a leadership workshop at the annual conference for 2018
- Search for a new co-chair continues
- Needs assessment to determine what the leadership SIG membership would like to plan for 2019
- Reviewed and updated new TOR
- Planning underway to have president provide SIG with an update on leadership initiative underway in CANO
- Beginning an exploration of innovative models of service delivery across the country that remain patient centred but improve efficiency and quality
- Experienced challenges in finding dates for meetings this year

## **Plans for the next year:**

- Coordinate regular quarterly conference call meetings
- Seek a new chair and Co-chair
- Put together an action plan based on the results of the needs assessment



## Oncology and Aging Special Interest Group

### ANNUAL REPORT

July 2017 to September 2018

**Submitted by:**

Fay Strohschein, RN, PhD(c) and Lorelei Newton, RN, PhD Co-Chairs

**SIG Chairs:**

- Names:** Fay Strohschein, RN, PhD(c) and Lorelei Newton, RN, PhD Co-Chairs
- Term Start Date:** October 2015
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**Group Membership:** 106 members

Alberta	14
British Columbia	14
Manitoba	6
Newfoundland and Labrador	1
Nova Scotia	3

Ontario	47
Quebec	16
Saskatchewan	2
PEI	1
USA	1
Europe	1

**Key Initiatives / Educational Events for the year:**

- October 29, 2017 Workshop presentation at annual conference in Gatineau, QC  
Tools for Understanding: Assessing and addressing the needs of older adults with cancer.  
Strohschein, F. J., Loucks, A., Jin, R. & Vanderbyl, B.
- October 29, 2017 Annual face-to-face meeting at CANO annual conference  
Engaged in priority setting for upcoming year (Position statement, educational materials, ongoing resource update and development)
- January 31, 2018 Invited presentation during teleconference meeting  
Older adults’ use of cancer-related internet information to manage their cancer experience: Patient and provider views  
Dr. Kristen Haase, University of Saskatchewan
- February 26, 2018 Signing of memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the International Society of Geriatric Oncology (SIOG)



February 2018	Publication in CONJ Strohschein, F.J. & Newton, L. J. (2018). Mobilizing purpose and passion in oncology nursing care of older adults: From conference workshop to special interest group. <i>Canadian Oncology Nursing Journal</i> , 28(2): 89-94.
May 23, 2018	CANO/ACIO & SIOG Webinar Oncology & Aging 101: Understanding the needs and concerns of older adults with cancer. Strohschein, F. J., Puts, M. T., Lemonde, M. & Newton, L.
September, 2018	Piece for CANO/ACIO Newsletter Newton, L. & Strohschein, F. J.
Ongoing	Bimonthly teleconference meetings open to all SIG members October 3, 2017; November 28, 2017; January 31, 2018; March 28, 2018; June 6, 2018; September 27, 2018
Ongoing	Development & Updating of resources page on website

#### Plans for Next Year:

October 26, 2018	Joint CANO/ACIO & SIOG Pre-Conference Workshop at CANO/ACIO annual conference in Charlottetown, PEI Integrating Geriatric Assessment into Oncology Nursing Care Strohschein, F. J., Haase, K. R. Puts, M. T., Newton, L., Jin, R. & Kenis, C.
October 28, 2018	Joint CANO/ACIO & SIOG Round Table Session to inform position statement development at CANO/ACIO annual conference in Charlottetown, PEI A National Conversation about Oncology Nurses' Role in Optimizing Care of Older Adults with Cancer Strohschein, F. J, Puts, M. T., Haase, K. R., Newton, L., Jin, R. & Kenis, C.
November 16-18, 2018	Poster presentation at SIOG annual conference in Amsterdam, Netherlands Developing an Oncology and Aging Special Interest Group for Canadian Oncology Nurses Strohschein, F. J & Newton, L. J.
November 17, 2018	Joint CANO/ACIO & SIOG Nursing and Allied Health Session & Joint round table session to inform position statement development at SIOG annual conference in Amsterdam, Netherlands



November 17, 2018	Invite oral presentation at SIOG annual conference Comprehensive geriatric assessment (CGA) program implementation in Canada: The innovative role of the nurse navigator within an interprofessional consultation service for older adults with cancer Strohschein, F. J.
November/ December 2018	Learning needs survey in collaboration with Canadian Network on Aging and Cancer Puts, M. T., Alibhai, S., Hsu, T., Strohschein, F. J.
November, 2018	Presentation and case discussion during teleconference meeting Jennifer Petronis, University Health Network, Toronto
February, 2019	Establish workgroup for 2019 CANO/ACIO annual conference workshop
November 2018 to June 2019	Gathering further input and development of report from CANO/ACIO round table workshop session "A National Conversation about Oncology Nurses' Role in Optimizing Care of Older Adults with Cancer"
November 2018 to November 2019	Collaboration with SIOG, EONS, and ONS on joint position statement

**CANO/ACIO Supports Requested:**

- Guidance and collaboration for position statement development
- Support for continuation of MOU with SIOG
- Ongoing support for webpage development
- Ongoing access to platforms for teleconference calls and webinars
- Ongoing administrative support

Thank you for the ongoing support from the CANO/ACIO board and from Malachite head office, without which none of these initiatives would have been possible!





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# Annual Report

## Surgical Oncology SIG

**Year: October 2017 – October 2018**

**Submitted by: Anita Long**

### **SIG Chair(s)**

**1. Anita Long and Tracyann Machado**

**2. Term Start Date:** Anita started in October 2016, and Tracyann started in October 2017.

*(2 years tenure is recommended for SIG Chairs. Tenure extensions and support for recruiting other leads can be discussed with the Director-at-Large – Membership)*

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### **Key Initiatives /Educational Events for the year:**

- Updated the web page slightly
- One newsletter sharing information from the CANO conference 2017 distributed
- Participation in the Pre-Conference morning workshop on Pancreatic Cancer (reached out to the SIG for their contribution/insight to surgical care in their area)

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**Plans for the next year:**

- Newsletter on a scheduled basis
- Insight from the SIG meeting to what the group would like to see going forward
- Start the recruitment for a new SIG co-chair

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## Survivorship SIG

**Year:** 2017/18

**Submitted by:** Robin Morash, Carrie Liska

**Membership:** 91 registered members

**SIG Chair(s)**

Robin Morash	<a href="mailto:morash.rob@gmail.com">morash.rob@gmail.com</a>	Original co-chair
Carrie Liska	<a href="mailto:cliska@toh.ca">cliska@toh.ca</a>	Sept. 2017

### Key Initiatives /Educational Events for the year:

- The Survivorship SIG held our annual face-to-face meeting at the CANO conference in Oct. 2017.
- A teleconference meeting was held in June that included an educational component on cardio-oncology for the members.
- A teleconference meeting is planned in October.
- The SIG members, along with other CANO members, have taken on the large task of reviewing and revising the 2011 “Adult Cancer Survivorship: A Self-Learning Resource for Nurses”.

### Plans for the next year:

- Hold face to face meeting at CANO 2018.
- Complete manual review and revisions.
- Update SIG website, sharing resources.
- Hold 2 teleconference meetings during the year and any required working group meetings.