

CANCER *talk* for Primary Care

› YOUR SOURCE FOR UP-TO-DATE CANCER CARE INFORMATION

› PROVINCIAL CANCER REFERRAL AND NAVIGATION

Important Information for Healthcare Providers

The **CCMB Central Referral Office** is the central point of entry to referring physicians and nurse practitioners to access CCMB clinical services across the province. To ensure your patient referral includes everything necessary, please visit Referral Forms & Guidelines.

Central Referral Office Contact Information:

Phone: 1-844-320-4545
Fax: 204-786-0621

This phone number is the only number for **ALL** internal and external referrals to the Central Referral Office.

Cancer Navigation Services can be accessed directly by patients and their family members or through a referral from a primary care provider or any other healthcare professional.

Interlake Eastern

Toll free: 1-855-557-2273
Fax 1-204-785-9242

Prairie Mountain

Toll free: 1-855-346-3710
Fax 1-204-578-2833

Winnipeg

Toll free: 1-855-837-5400
Fax 1-204-235-0690

Northern

Toll free: 1-855-740-9322
Fax 1-204-677-5387

Southern

Toll free: 1-855-623-1533
Fax 1-204-331-8899

For all hubs located within the RHA's, click [here](#).

Hear from CCMB's Interim President and CEO

Read more from Dr. Donna Turner on Page 2.

Cervical Cancer Screening Histories - UPDATE

Be sure to check out the updates on Page 3.

Are you up to date with the Central Referral Office?

Check the Do's and Don'ts of referrals on Page 4.

If you have questions regarding the work-up of suspected cancer or any other cancer-related questions, contact the CancerQuestion Helpline for Healthcare Professionals, Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (204) 226-2262.

Message from the Interim President and CEO



LOOKING AHEAD: CONTINUING OUR SHARED MISSION IN CANCER CARE

Dr. Donna Turner, INTERIM PRESIDENT & CEO, CANCERCARE MANITOBA

To the Primary Care Community,

I am pleased to write to you in my new role as Interim President and CEO at CancerCare Manitoba.

I've had the privilege to meet many of you over the years, going back to when I joined CancerCare Manitoba in 1999. I have been the Chief of Population Oncology since 2007, overseeing a portfolio that includes Prevention and Screening, Quality and Patient Safety, Cancer Standards, Epidemiology and Cancer Registry, System Performance and the Manitoba Tomorrow Project. I know many of you are familiar with members of my team, notably the Prevention and Screening group, who frequently share their messages in this newsletter.

As an epidemiologist, I've always been driven by understanding cancer trends at the population level – who is being diagnosed, with what types of cancer, and why. This work informs our efforts in cancer prevention, detection, and care delivery and I'm proud that CCMB's strength in data collection and analysis continues to position us as a leader nationally and internationally.

Stepping into this interim role certainly brings a broader scope – expanding the flow of information, the level of engagement, and the overall responsibility. I am grateful for all of the support provided by so many, which has helped to ensure a smooth transition into my new assignment. This is a particularly busy time of year with many important activities underway at CancerCare Manitoba. We recently had our on-site accreditation visit with surveyors from Accreditation Canada, which was the culmination of much preparation and collaboration. Preliminary feedback is positive!

The accreditation process has shifted to an annual review with all Service Delivery Organizations across the province participating during the same week on the same set of Standards, providing a coordinated and unified approach.

One of my priorities and a key aspect of this role is strengthening and maintaining our valued relationships with all partners, including those in primary care. I certainly appreciate Dr. Tunji Fatoye, Head of Primary Care Oncology at CancerCare Manitoba, and the important role he plays in connecting the primary care community with CancerCare Manitoba.

We deeply value the crucial role the primary care community plays in delivering cancer services to Manitobans on many levels – messaging the importance of cancer prevention and screening to patients, assisting in early detection, diagnosis and timely referral when cancer is diagnosed, maintaining connection with patients coming to CancerCare Manitoba, and guiding them as they return to daily life after cancer. Your consistent involvement throughout each step of a patient's cancer experience is essential and we are sincerely grateful. As we move forward, our shared commitment to patient-centred care remains a top priority. Our commitment to working with you continues and I look forward to partnering with you as we care for Manitobans with cancer.

Dr. Donna Turner, PhD

Interim President and CEO, and Chief of Population Oncology, CancerCare Manitoba
Associate Professor, Department of Community Health Sciences, University of Manitoba

UPDATES FROM CANCERCARE MANITOBA PREVENTION & SCREENING PROGRAMS



Mail Disruption

In the event of a Canada Post work stoppage:

- BreastCheck and ColonCheck will be unable to send result letters. Patients with abnormal results will be contacted by phone. Normal result letters will be sent out once mail service resumes.
- FIT kits will be available for in-person pick up at ColonCheck's Winnipeg office, 5-25 Sherbrook Street. Indicate on the [FIT Requisition Form](#) that your patient will pick up the kit. ColonCheck will contact your patient once it is ready for pickup.
- Completed FIT kits should be dropped off at a Shared Health Lab, Nursing Station or Health Centre. Visit [Fecal Immunochemical Test Drop Locations](#) to find a Shared Health Lab location accepting FIT kits.

Cervical Cancer Screening Histories

The layout of the Cervical Cancer Screening History report has been updated. Changes include:

- Cytology results (since 2000), colposcopy visits (since 2003), and HPV vaccine status continue to be included.
- To enhance navigation, headings for each column have been added, and unnecessary and duplication information have been removed.
- Colposcopy impressions are no longer listed on the history. Only treatments done in colposcopy will appear.
- Cytology recommendations are included only with the Pap test was performed in a primary care setting.

Healthcare Provider Needs Assessment

To help us plan educational experiences that meet the needs of healthcare providers, we invite you to complete a short survey. Visit the [Healthcare Provider Needs Assessment \(2025\) Survey](#) or scan the QR code:



Central Referral Office



Send Referrals to CCMB Central Referral Office:

Fax: 204-786-0621 | Phone: 1-844-320-4545

Adolescent and Young Adult/AYA Program
 CCMB Allergy Clinic
 Bone Marrow Transplant/Leukemia
 Breast
 Central Nervous System/Brain Tumor Clinic
 Hereditary GI Clinic
 Gastrointestinal (GI)
 Genitourinary (GU)
 Gynecologic Oncology
 Head and Neck
 Hematology

Hereditary GI Clinic
 Liver
 Lymphoproliferative
 Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia
 Myeloma
 Lymphoma
 Medical Oncology (for all DSGs)
 Pain & Symptom
 Pediatric Oncology and Hematology
 Radiation Oncology
 Radiation Rapid Access Clinic

Sarcoma
 Skin/Cutaneous
 Surgical Oncology
 Surgical Oncology
 Head & Neck Surgical Oncology
 CCMB Plastic Surgery
 Thoracic
 Thyroid/Endocrine
 Unknown Primary
 All referrals to Western Manitoba Cancer Centre (WMCC) Radiation Oncology

Central Referral Office



Do not send to CCMB Central Referral Office:

Please send the following referrals directly to the respective department:

CCMB Hope and Healing Program - Fax to 204-786-0623
 Psychosocial Oncology
 Dietician Referrals
 Physiotherapy
 Smoking Cessation - Fax to 204-786-0185
 Early Breast Survivorship Clinic Referrals - Fax to 204-786-0185
 Speech Language - Fax to 204-786-0625
 Urology referrals for Manitoba Prostate Centre (MPC) (prostate only) - Fax to MPC fax 204-786-0637
 Sexuality counselling - Fax to 204-786-0623
 General Genetics - Fax to HSC Genetics
 Shared Care Referrals to Family Physician (FPO) in Oncology clinics - Follow the CCMB Shared Care Referral Process
 Referrals to CCPNs

Any external referrals outside of CCMB:

Thoracic Surgery Referrals - Fax to HSC Thoracic Surgery 204-787-7143
 Breast Health Centre referrals - Fax to BHC 204-231-3839 or (231-3783)
 Urology for non-prostate referrals - Fax to the respective Urologist the patient is being referred to

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Salliq (Coral Harbour) is a Traditional Inuit community in the Kivalliq Region with about 1,035 residents. Inuktitut and English are the main languages.

Health care is provided at the **Coral Harbour Health Centre**: (867) 925-9916.

For cancer support, call the **Cancer Navigation Line** in Winnipeg: 1-855-837-5400 (fax: 1-204-235-0690).

Kivalliq Inuit Services (KIS) offers care coordination and Inuktitut interpretation for clients with a Nunavut health number: (204) 989-1020.

Medical travel assistance is available 24/7 at 1-844-886-8020 or 1-867-645-4336.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

PCCC 2025



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Provincial Cancer Care Conference

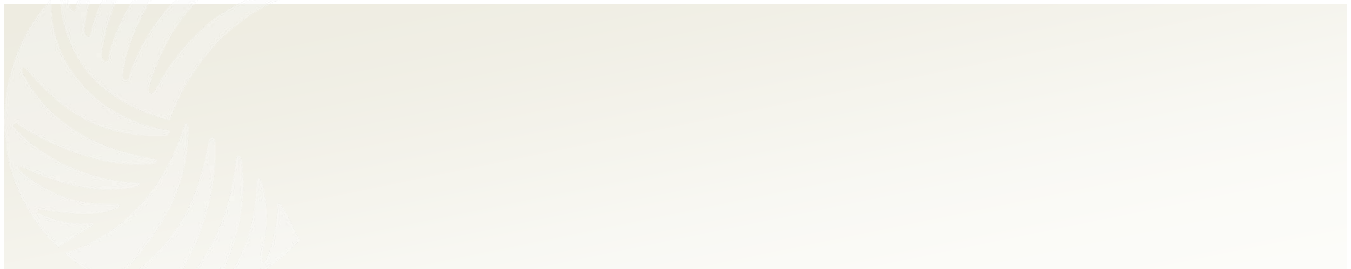
for Healthcare Professionals with a focus on breast cancers and multidisciplinary approaches

September 11 & 12, 2025
Victoria Inn Hotel & Convention Centre

For more information visit: cancercare.mb.ca/conference



CancerCare Manitoba
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Canadian Association of General Practitioners in Oncology Annual Meeting



2025 CAGPO ANNUAL MEETING

22nd
EDITION

September 25-28, 2025 | The National Arts Centre, Ottawa, ON

The Canadian Association of General Practitioners in Oncology (CAGPO) is hosting their 22nd annual conference in Ottawa, Ontario, September 25 to 28, 2025 at the National Arts Centre. This event brings together GPOs, medical and radiation oncologists, and other experts to share the latest updates in oncology care.

If you are interested in learning more about the evolving standards in cancer care, [register now](#).

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Kinosao Sipi (Norway House Cree Nation) is a northern First Nation community with a population of approximately 5,750. Located in a remote area, it can be reached by road or by air. Cree is the primary language spoken by residents.

Health care services are provided through the local Nursing Station and the Norway House Indian Hospital, with additional support available via Telehealth. Cancer care is accessible through the **Northern Cancer Navigation Line** at 1-855-740-9322. The closest Community Cancer Program is in Thompson, while radiation therapy services are offered at CancerCare Manitoba in Winnipeg.

Visit cembindigenouscommunityprofiles.ca

COMMUNITY ONCOLOGY ROUNDS AND CASES IN CANCER VIDEOS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Missed a session? Catch up anytime - **recorded sessions are available online.**

These informative videos offer valuable insights into the latest advances in cancer care, with expert-led discussions, real case reviews, and collaborative perspectives from across medical disciplines. Whether you're a healthcare professional, student, researcher, or simply curious about oncology, these sessions give you an inside look at how specialists work together to diagnose, treat, and manage cancer.

Topics include:

- Cancers of Unknown Primary
- Neuroendocrine Tumours
- Melanoma
- Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia
- Ovarian Cancer
- Cervical Cancer
- ...and more

Explore the full library of sessions on the CancerCare Manitoba website and stay up to date with current practices and innovations in cancer treatment.

Click [here](#) to watch now.



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Sainte Rose du Lac is a Métis community in MMF's Northwest Region, about 50 km from Dauphin. With roughly 1,000 residents, English is the main language.

Health services are available nearby in Ste. Rose, Dauphin, Waterhen, Alonsa, and McCreary, covering cancer navigation, diagnostics, palliative, and home care. Cancer navigation support is available through Prairie Mountain at 1-855-346-3710, with the nearest cancer program in Dauphin and radiation therapy in Winnipeg.

While the community offers mental health, senior care, and recreation services, gaps exist due to staffing shortages and travel barriers, including the lack of public transportation.

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2025 Online Patient and Family Conference

Friday, November 21
Evening Keynote Speaker

Saturday, November 22
All day education sessions

CancerCare Manitoba's Hope and Healing Program is pleased to present its fourth conference offering information to patients and families to help understand and navigate cancer care.

Registration is free. More details to follow.

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