

Cancer SCN Core Committee Project Updates – April 2017

The Cancer Strategic Clinical Network is committed to providing its Core Committee and Stakeholders with timely and relevant updates related to its projects and activities. For more information about any of the updates below, please contact Angela.Estey@ahs.ca.

Rectal Cancer Pathway:

- An audit and feedback system has been established to provide individual physician feedback on performance and outcomes.
 - The first set of individual surgeon feedback reports cards have been distributed to 33 of 66 Surgeons who managed rectal cancer care in 2013 and/or 2015.
 - The second set of surgeon feedback report cards are in development.
 - Feedback reports for radiologists, pathologists and oncologists are in development.
 - Audit and feedback system sustainability discussions with Cancer and Surgery SCNs, DIMR, Cancer Surveillance and Reporting, and Alberta Cancer Registry are planned.
 - On-going accountability discussions occurring with CancerControl Alberta to embed the rectal cancer measurement & feedback system into existing Quality Assurance committees.
- A public-facing website with clinical pathway education materials and resources is currently in development (www.scnrectalcancer.com). This website will continue to evolve in the coming weeks so any feedback you may have is greatly appreciated.

Provincial Breast Health Initiative:

- Alysha Crocker (Senior Analyst), Shannon Parker (Clinical Nurse Educator – North), and Susan Anderes (RN Clinical Coordinator – South) have been recruited to assist with the Provincial Breast Health Initiative. Recruitment continues for the Clinical Nurse Educator - South and RN Clinical Coordinator - North positions.
- Zone consultations continue to inform implementation planning with representation from Surgery, Radiology, Pathology, Navigation and Primary Care.
- Local implementation teams are being assembled for the Perioperative and Diagnostic Assessment pathways.
- A measurement and learning strategy is under development and will describe the process for collecting and reporting on clinical, functional, financial, and patient experience measures.
- In Alberta, the proportion of same day mastectomies has been increasing over the past few years, though there is still room for improvement. Targets for day surgery rates for mastectomy in Alberta would include medically and socially fit patients (approximately 90% of major breast cancer surgery).
 - Same day mastectomies rates, cumulative from 2008/09 to 2013/14, are reported nationally through the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer. At that time, Alberta was reported at 1.4% while for comparison sake, the proportion of same day mastectomies in Ontario was 38.7% and in British Columbia was 14.7%.
- Provincial baseline data on same day mastectomy rates are highlighted below:

Same Day Surgery	Mastectomy			
	Fiscal year	Yes	%	Total
	2014/15	93	8.1%	1,154
	2015/16	115	9.8%	1,168
	2016/17*	110	21.1%	522

*Note: 2016/17 fiscal year not completed

- Baseline data on wait-times for diagnostic work-up from suspicion to biopsy are currently being compiled.
- A provincial Patient Education Workgroup will be established in May to provide advice on how best to address educational needs of women with breast cancer. A Patient and Community Engagement Researcher (PaCER) has been contracted to engage patients in this process.
- A provincial environmental scan of patient education supports and resources has been completed. This work identified where opportunities exist for provincial spread, as well as potential gaps.
- A provincial website for breast health patients and providers is being developed to house educational resources, along with links to existing websites/resources within AHS and other relevant organizations.

Palliative and End of Life Care:

- Mandate and support for an pan-SCN initiative, with support from Critical Care, Emergency and Cancer SCN, has been obtained from Alberta Health to understand acute care utilization in patients with oncological and non-oncological advanced or end-stage disease, including care provider and patient perspectives.
 - A stakeholder meeting to develop the study protocol is being held in Edmonton at end of May with participation from Critical Care, Palliative Care, Emergency Medicine, Internal Medicine, Gastroenterology, Nephrology, Cardiology, Pulmonology, Primary Care, and patients and families.
- A workshop on Advanced Care Planning (ACP) for SCNs and teams developing clinical care pathways is being in May to stimulate thinking and collaboration on embedding ACP into routine clinical practice across the continuum of care, including cancer care.

Bladder Cancer Pathway:

- Literature reviews have been completed to identify evidenced-based best practices for bladder cancer care and environmental scans have been conducted across Canada to assess how care is delivered.
- Patient and Community Engagement Researchers (PaCERs) have been brought on to lead the scoping of the bladder cancer work. Areas of concerns and pressure points within the system will be identified through patient focus groups and one-on-one interviews.
- Analytical support has been secured to identify and summarize the current state of bladder cancer care within Alberta.

Other Work Underway:

- Dr. Anna Pujadas Botey has joined the Cancer SCN into the role of the Assistant Scientific Director.
- The Cancer SCN Transformational Roadmap is in the final stages of being refreshed. We aim to seek feedback from key stakeholders and finalize the document in Spring 2016.
- The 'IHE SCN Open Innovation Platform' crowdsourcing tool is being trialed within the SCNs to co-identify and co-design potential initiatives aimed to address unmet clinical need, as well as quality improvement opportunities. All Core Committee members are encouraged to test out the platform, share their thoughts, and invite others who may be interested.
- The Cancer SCN website (www.ahs.ca/cancerscn) is regularly refreshed with monthly news updates, project information, and other relevant material.