Cancer Strategic Clinical Network
Quick Facts

Launched in 2012, the Cancer Strategic Clinical Network™ is mandated to bring about ***transformational change across the cancer continuum and improve cancer outcomes for the people of Alberta***. The CSCN network of patients, clinicians, researchers, and policy makers, together with community partnerships outside the health system, effectively identify and implement evidence-informed improvements and promote innovation to improve outcomes and experiences for Albertans facing cancer. More information available at www.ahs.ca/cancerscn

Current Work

Provincial Lymphoma and Colorectal Cancer Diagnosis Pathways

New diagnosis pathways are being implement tod support patients with symptoms highly suspected of having lymphoma or colorectal cancer. These diagnosis pathways build on pathways developed for breast, lung and prostate cancer, which have successfully expedited cancer diagnosis and improved supports and care coordination for patients through implementation of cancer diagnosis pathways.

Alberta Cancer Diagnosis (ACD) Initiative

Today, there is no provincial diagnosis program to help coordinate and accelerate cancer diagnosis. Working with patients, families, communities and Primary Care, the CSCN is co-designing an Alberta Cancer Diagnosis Program with a vision to provide: timely diagnosis and supports in navigating the cancer system; consistent processes for accessing appropriate tests and referrals and enhanced communication to expedite and support patients through diagnosis; and coordinated and best use of resources with elimination of unnecessary tests and avoidance of hospitalizations. Meaningful and diverse engagement is a cornerstone of the ACD initiative. Engaging a broad range of clinicians, people, and communities will help us design a cancer diagnosis program that is inclusive and meets the needs of providers and Albertans in all communities.

Future of Cancer Impact Alberta Report

Designed as a resource to stimulate discussion about the evolution of cancer care amongst a broad range of stakeholders, this comprehensive report provides updated projections of numbers of cancer cases and deaths to 2040, an overview of cancer-related supports and services in Alberta, and insights into topics pertaining to models of care and health equity. While the report points to many upcoming challenges, it also indicates that our cancer care environment is well-positioned to accelerate progress through transformational and collaborative action by multiple stakeholders.

CSCN Research

The CSCN is committed to supporting and enhancing a strong and sustainable cancer research ecosystem in Alberta that creates and applies knowledge, with the goal of optimizing patient/population outcomes and experiences across the cancer continuum.

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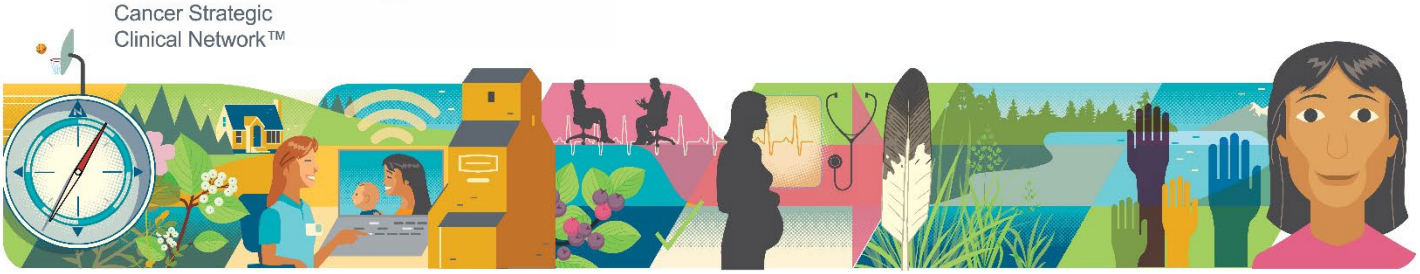
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