

# Discover the Canadian Association of Medical Oncologists

## INTRODUCTION

### Our Mission

The Canadian Association of Medical Oncologists [CAMO (<https://camo-acom.ca/>)], a national specialty society of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, will contribute to cancer control through research, education, and clinical practice in prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment, supportive care, palliative care, and rehabilitation.

The Association is committed to achieving and maintaining, among its members, excellence in clinical and scholarly activity, within a culture of compassion and respect for human dignity.

### Goals

- Serve as a national forum for the discussion of issues of common interest to medical oncologists in Canada.
- Support the continuing education and maintenance of competence of its members.
- Promote postgraduate clinical and research training in the discipline of medical oncology.
- Advocate for appropriate medical oncology content in the curricula of medical schools and other health care training organizations.
- Provide a national forum at which trainees in medical oncology can present their research results.
- Advocate with the federal and provincial governments and other agencies, as appropriate, on the need for health human resources to provide systemic therapy services.
- Advocate on behalf of patients with cancer requiring systemic therapy.

## KEY CAMO INITIATIVES

### CAMO/Rx&D Research Fellowship Program

#### *Chair: Dr. Sukhbinder Dhesy-Thind*

The CAMO/Rx&D Research Fellowship Program provides an opportunity for individuals who have completed their medical oncology training in Canada to have additional clinical and fundamental (basic) research experience. It is expected that this targeted investment will build Canadian capacity and expertise in the area of oncology and will promote excellence in research through training awards.

Congratulations to Dr. Erica Tsang, 2020 CAMO Fellowship Recipient, for her project “Circulating Tumor DNA and Metabolic Imaging in Resectable and Borderline Resectable Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma (DIRECT-PDAC).”

#### Past CAMO/Rx&D Research Fellowship Program recipients

Year	Recipient and project
2019	Dr. Lawson Eng <i>Fellowship project:</i> Acute care use and outcomes of immune-related adverse events (irAEs) during immunotherapy <i>Location:</i> Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON
2018	Dr. Michael Raphael <i>Fellowship project:</i> Volume–outcome association for the systemic treatment of cancer: a population-based study <i>Location:</i> Queen’s University, Queen’s Cancer Research Institute, Kingston, ON
2017	Dr. Doreen Ezeife <i>Fellowship project:</i> Establishing a level playing field: development of a value assessment framework for oncology drugs <i>Location:</i> University of Toronto, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, and Sunnybrook Odette Cancer Centre, Toronto, ON

## MEET THE CAMO EXECUTIVE

President: Dr. Bruce Colwell, Halifax, NS	Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. Sharlene Gill, Vancouver, BC
President-Elect: Dr. Desiree Hao, Calgary, AB	Past President: Dr. Hal Hirte, Hamilton, ON
Executive Director: Ms. Alexi Campbell	

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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2016	<p>Dr. Jonathan Loree</p> <p><i>Fellowship project:</i> Impact of intratumor heterogeneity and low-frequency <i>RAS</i> mutations on clinical outcome in colorectal cancer</p> <p><i>Location:</i> MD Anderson Cancer Center, University of Texas, Houston, Texas, U.S.A.</p>
2015	<p>Dr. Sunil Parimi</p> <p><i>Fellowship project:</i> Genomic profiling of circulating tumour DNA (ctDNA) as a predictive biomarker for patients with castration-resistant prostate cancer</p> <p><i>Location:</i> BC Cancer Agency—Vancouver Cancer Centre, Vancouver, BC</p> <p>Dr. Katarzyna Jerzak</p> <p><i>Fellowship project:</i> Thyroid hormone receptors in breast cancer—prognostic, predictive, and therapeutic implications</p> <p><i>Location:</i> Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. Women's College Hospital, Juravinski Hospital and Cancer Centre, Toronto and Hamilton, ON</p>

## Annual Scientific Meeting

The Association's Annual Scientific Meeting is an excellent opportunity for medical oncologists from across Canada to meet in an atmosphere conducive for medical, scientific, and social networking, and to learn about new aspects of tumour biology, diagnosis, and treatment.

Attend the 2020 CAMO Annual Scientific Meeting on 30 April 2020 in Toronto, Ontario, whose theme is "I Want a New Drug—Navigating Newly Approved and Unfunded Treatment Options for Canadian Oncology Patients."

### Themes of past CAMO Annual Scientific Meetings

2019	In Search of the Best Support
2018	Beyond Systemic Therapy: Other Ways for Medical Oncologists to Help Patients
2017	A New Pillar of Cancer Treatment: Immuno-oncology
2016	Cancer Survivorship in Canada: Being Prepared for the Future
2015	Question for the Ages: Geriatric Oncology

## Continuing Professional Development

### Chair: Dr. Ghazaleh Kazemi

The Association is now an accredited provider under the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. It will provide continuing professional development and will accredit and co-develop group learning events and self-assessment programs with other physician and non-physician organizations.

The Continuing Professional Development Accreditation Committee is responsible for maintaining the accreditation status of CAMO and for accrediting group learning events and self-assessment programs.

Applications for Section 1, Section 3 (Self-Assessment Programs), and Section 3 (Simulation-Based Activities)

accreditation are based on whether an organization is a physician or non-physician organization.

More information? Contact Alexi at [info@camo-acom.ca](mailto:info@camo-acom.ca).

## Pioneers in Oncology Award

The Pioneers in Oncology Award is given annually to a retired CAMO clinician or researcher who has made a significant contribution to the field of oncology in Canada. The Award was first introduced in 2005. The 2020 recipient is Dr. Peter Venner, who will receive the award on Thursday, 30 April 2020, during the CAMO Annual Scientific Meeting.

### Recent Pioneers in Oncology Award recipients

2019	Dr. Elizabeth Eisenhauer
2018	Dr. Kathleen Pritchard
2017	Dr. Vivian Bramwell
2016	Dr. Ian Tannock
2015	Dr. Jean Maroun

## Committees

- Human Resources Committee—Chair, Dr. Desiree Hao
- Communication Committee—Chair, Dr. Sharlene Gill
- Membership Committee—Chair, Dr. Hal Hirte
- Continuing Professional Development Committee—Chair, Dr. Ghazaleh Kazemi

## MEMBERSHIP

### Why Should You Become a CAMO Member?

- Investment in your career and support for your profession
- Reduced CAMO Annual Scientific Meeting registration fee
- Reciprocal membership with European Society for Medical Oncology
- Eligibility for a European Society for Medical Oncology membership at a reduced annual fee of €130—a savings of €45 over the usual €175 fee
- 15% Discount on publication fees with *Current Oncology*
- Opportunities to participate in key CAMO committees
- Support for the CAMO/Rx&D Research Fellowship Program
- Network of professional (and social!) contacts
- Maintaining support of the Royal College training program in Medical Oncology through representation on specialty committees
- Continuing professional development that fulfils the Royal College Maintenance of Certification Program

### How Can I Become a CAMO Member?

The Association offers various membership and associate opportunities, including free membership for residents and fellows in Medical Oncology. For more information, visit <https://camo-acom.ca/Join-CAMO>.

Apply by 1 May 2020 and receive 15% off your first-year membership dues (promo code **CO\_Spring2020**, new members only). Contact the CAMO office to apply the code.

**Already a Member?**

Consider referring a new member! The Member Referral Campaign is our way of saying thank you for sharing the value of

membership with your colleagues. Members will receive 1 free year of membership dues for every 3 dues-paying members they refer to CAMO from 1 January to 31 December 2020.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

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**2020 Annual Scientific Meeting**

I Want a New Drug: Navigating Newly Approved and Unfunded Treatment Options for Canadian Oncology Patients  
Thursday, 30 April  
MaRS Centre, Toronto, ON  
Chairs: Dr. Jonathan Loree (BC Cancer, Vancouver, BC) and Dr. Erin Powell  
(Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre, St. John's, NL)

**2020 CAMO-WinC Evening Symposium**

Keynote speaker: Dr. Mary Gospodarowicz, Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto, ON  
Friday, 1 May  
Adega Restaurant, Toronto, ON

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