



2024 ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING



OCTOBER 24–26, 2024

Fairmont Château Laurier
Ottawa, ON

**FINAL
PROGRAM**

Co-Chairs:

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On behalf of Members of Ottawa City Council, I am delighted to welcome all those participating in the **Canadian Association of Medical Oncologists (CAMO) Annual Scientific Meeting**, taking place at the Fairmont Château Laurier, on unceded Anishinabe Algonquin territory, from October 24th to 26th 2024.

This Meeting serves as a premier forum for medical oncologists and other industry stakeholders to convene under the themes *Responsible Decision-making in Medical Oncology* and *Medical Oncology Workforce Well-being and Burnout*. Delegates will benefit from networking opportunities, keynote presentations, symposia, plenary sessions, and panel discussions to gain greater insights into the latest cutting-edge research, developments, and topical issues in the medical oncology community.

As Head of Council, I want to acknowledge CAMO, along with the keynote speakers, panellists, exhibitors and sponsors for dedicating efforts, expertise, services and resources to the successful organization of the 2024 Meeting, including the AGM, and Awards Gala reception.

Allow me to offer my best wishes to the participants for a productive and rewarding assembly, as well as to the visitors for an enjoyable stay in Ottawa.

Sincerely,

Au nom des membres du Conseil municipal d'Ottawa, je suis ravi d'accueillir toutes les personnes participant à la **réunion scientifique annuelle** de l'**Association canadienne des oncologues médicaux (ACOM)**, qui aura lieu au Fairmont Château Laurier, sur un territoire non cédé de la Nation Anishinabe Algonquine, du 24 au 26 octobre 2024.

Cette réunion constitue un forum de premier plan permettant aux oncologues médicaux et aux autres intervenants de l'industrie de se rassembler autour des thèmes *La prise de décision responsable en oncologie médicale* et *Le bien-être et le surmenage de la main-d'œuvre en oncologie médicale*. Les délégués pourront profiter des possibilités de réseautage, des présentations des conférenciers, des symposiums, des séances plénières et des discussions de groupe pour approfondir leurs connaissances sur la recherche de pointe, les avancées et les questions thématiques les plus récentes de la communauté de l'oncologie médicale.

En tant que chef du Conseil, je tiens à saluer l'ACOM, les conférenciers principaux, les panélistes, les exposants et les commanditaires pour le travail, l'expertise, les services et les ressources qu'ils consacrent à la réunion de 2024, qui comprend la réunion générale annuelle et le gala de remise des prix, afin d'en assurer le bon déroulement.

Permettez-moi de souhaiter aux participants une réunion productive et enrichissante, et aux visiteurs un séjour agréable à Ottawa.

Cordialement,

Mark Sutcliffe, Mayor/Maire

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OVERALL OBJECTIVES

1. Identify strategies to optimize cancer care in Canada for patients and health care providers.
2. Describe advantages and disadvantages of novel tumor molecular profiling in cancer care.
3. Discuss the challenges of unfunded non-curative cancer therapies in the Canadian context.
4. Discuss the role of pragmatic clinical trial designs in cancer care.
5. Understand the struggles and adaptations required in delivering cancer care in resource limited settings.

Scientific Planning Committee (SPC)

Co-Chairs

Dr. Maryam Soleimani, BC Cancer, Vancouver, BC
Dr. Suneil Khanna, Unity Health Toronto, Toronto, ON

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Dr. Moira Rushton, The Ottawa Hospital, Ottawa, ON

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Dr. Ghazaleh Kazemi, Juravinski Regional Cancer Centre, Hamilton, ON

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Dr. Sharlene Gill, BC Cancer, Vancouver, BC
Dr. Desiree Hao, Tom Baker Cancer Centre, Calgary, AB
Dr. Erin Powell, Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre, St. Johns, NL
Dr. Stephen Welch, London Regional Cancer Program, London, ON

Abstract Judges

Dr. Nathalie LeVasseur, BC Cancer, Vancouver, BC
Dr. Sheryl Koski, Cross Cancer Institute, Edmonton, AB
Dr. Michelle Nadler, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, Toronto, ON
Dr. Rajbir Pahil, Cape Breton Regional Hospital, Sydney, NS

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THURSDAY OCTOBER 24, 2024 | JEUDI LE 24 OCTOBRE 2024

12:00 – 17:00

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EXHIBITOR MOVE IN & POSTER BOARD SET-UP

12:00 – 13:00

Burgundy Room

NETWORKING LUNCH FOR CAMO COMMITTEE MEMBERS *(by invitation)*

13:00 – 15:00

*L'Orangerie Room
Executive Room
Frobisher Room
Champlain Room
Palladian Room*

CAMO COMMITTEE MEETINGS *(by invitation)*

- Human Resources Committee – Chair: Dr. Desiree Hao
- Membership Committee – Chair: Dr. Stephen Welch
- Advocacy Committee – Chair: Dr. Melanie Seal
- Communications Committee – Chair: Dr. Erin Powell
- Fellowship Committee – Chair: Dr. David Dawe

16:30 – 17:45

Québec Suite

CAMO NATIONAL MENTORSHIP NETWORKING RECEPTION

**Networking reception open to abstract presenters, mentees, mentors, executive & committee members*

- Wondering what career path to choose?
- Wondering about work/life balance?
- Wondering about job opportunities?

Come meet your CAMO mentors including [Drs. Melanie Seal](#) (NL), [Edward Hardy](#) (BC), [Andrea Fung](#) (AB), [Safiya Karim](#) (AB), [Scott Berry](#) (ON), [Michela Febbraro](#) (ON), [Susan Green](#) (MB) and many others!

18:00 – 20:30

Adam Room

UNLEASHING THE POWER OF AI IN CANCER CARE

An Oncology Education symposium in collaboration with CAMO
(unaccredited session)

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FRIDAY OCTOBER 25, 2024 | VENDREDI LE 25 OCTOBRE 2024

07:30 – 17:00

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REGISTRATION DESK OPENS

08:00 – 09:00

Adam Room

SPONSORED BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM (*unaccredited session*)

09:00 – 09:15

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WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS – Dr. Sharlene Gill

09:15 – 11:15

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ORAL ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS

Objectives (7-minute presentations, followed by 3-minute Q&A)

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. Describe recent research findings in the field of Medical Oncology
2. Describe interesting cases in the field of Medical Oncology

09:15-09:25: REAL-WORLD PRACTICE PATTERNS, TREATMENT-RELATED TOXICITY, AND SURVIVAL OUTCOMES IN OLDER PATIENTS WITH METASTATIC RENAL CELL CARCINOMA: RESULTS FROM THE CANADIAN KIDNEY CANCER INFORMATION SYSTEM (CKCIS) – Dr. Lauren Curry

09:25-09:35: IMPACT OF CONCURRENT ANTIBIOTICS ON SURVIVAL WITH IMMUNOTHERAPY IN THE CCTG CO.26 AND PA.7 TRIALS OF METASTATIC COLORECTAL AND PANCREATIC CANCER – Dr. Cynthia Yeung

09:35-09:45: IMPLEMENTATION OF A HEPATITIS B SCREENING PROGRAM IN PATIENTS RECEIVING SYSTEMIC ANTI-CANCER THERAPY: A CANADIAN SINGLE CENTER RETROSPECTIVE REVIEW – Dr. Jennifer Leigh

09:45-09:55: IMPROVING DIHYDROPYRIMIDINE DEHYDROGENASE GENOTYPING (DPYD) PRIOR TO INITIATION OF FLUOROPYRIMIDINE-BASED CHEMOTHERAPY AT A COMMUNITY-BASED HOSPITAL: A QUALITY IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE – Dr. Coralea Kappel

09:55-10:05: SOMATIC TISSUE TESTING IN PROSTATE CANCER USING THE ONCOMINE V3 PANEL: A SINGLE-INSTITUTION RETROSPECTIVE ANALYSIS – Dr. Lilian Hanna

10:05-10:15: ASIAN ANCESTRY IS ASSOCIATED WITH LONG TERM SURVIVAL IN EGFR POSITIVE NON-SMALL CELL LUNG CANCER (NSCLC) TREATED WITH FIRST-LINE TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS (TKI): A MULTICENTRE CANADIAN COHORT – Dr. Heather Halperin

10:15-10:25: MEANINGFUL ENDPOINTS IN PATIENTS WITH ADVANCED MELANOMA BEING CONSIDERED FOR ADJUVANT SYSTEMIC THERAPY – Dr. Daniel Goldshtein

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10:25-10:35: **LOST CHANCES: THE SYSTEMATIC EXCLUSION OF PATIENTS WITH BRAIN METASTASIS IN EARLY-PHASE ONCOLOGY TRIALS** – [Dr. Italo Fernandes](#)

10:35-10:45: **HER2-LOW STATUS IS ASSOCIATED WITH TIME TO DEVELOPMENT OF BRAIN METASTASES AMONG PATIENTS WITH BREAST CANCER: A RETROSPECTIVE COHORT STUDY** – [Dr. Kevin Fan](#)

10:45-10:55: **FINANCIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AMONG PHASE III RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED TRIALS (RCTS) EVALUATING IMMUNE CHECKPOINT INHIBITORS FOR GENITO-URINARY MALIGNANCIES** – [Dr. Karam Elsolh](#)

10:55-11:05: **PREDICTORS OF SHORT-TERM DEATH AND LONG-TERM SURVIVAL IN ADVANCED HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA (HCC) TREATED WITH CONTEMPORARY TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS OR IMMUNOTHERAPY: A MULTICENTRE ANALYSIS FROM THE HCC-CHORD CONSORTIUM** –

[Dr. Pooya Dibajnia](#)

11:05-11:15: **ADJUVANT ENDOCRINE THERAPY IN PREMENOPAUSAL WOMEN WITH HIGH-RISK HORMONE RECEPTOR-POSITIVE BREAST CANCER: A SURVEY OF PRACTICE VARIATIONS AMONGST CANADIAN MEDICAL ONCOLOGISTS** –

[Dr. Sarah Devereaux](#)

11:15 – 11:45

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REFRESHMENT BREAK & NETWORKING WITH EXHIBITORS

THEME: RESPONSIBLE DECISION MAKING IN MEDICAL ONCOLOGY

11:45 – 11:50

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WELCOME BY CHAIRS & PLENARY SESSION I

[Dr. Maryam Soleimani](#) & [Dr. Suneil Khanna](#)

11:50 – 12:05

Adam Room

CHOOSING WISELY CANADA OVERVIEW & RECOMMENDATIONS – [Dr. Safiya Karim](#)

Objectives (12-minute presentation, followed by 3-minute Q&A)

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. Review the history of the Choosing Wisely Campaign
2. Review the initial 2014 Choosing Wisely Cancer List
3. Understand the process for developing the updated Cancer List in 2023
4. Understand the future of the Choosing Wisely Campaign including new climate-conscious recommendations

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DEBATE #1 – DO NOT PERFORM TUMOUR BIOMARKER/MOLECULAR PROFILING UNLESS THERE IS AN ASSOCIATED FUNDED THERAPEUTIC INDICATION

Objectives (20-minute presentation, followed by 10-minute rebuttals)

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. Describe cost of modern molecular testing and resource limitations of hospital laboratories.
2. Understand the landscape/availability of NGS testing in Canada.

For: Tumour biomarker/molecular profiling can provide opportunities for clinical trial enrollment and prognostication and should be made available to all patients after informed – [Dr. Diana Ionescu](#)

Against: Tumour biomarker/molecular profiling for unfunded therapeutic indications causes distress for patients and places an unwarranted financial burden on the healthcare system without proven benefit – [Dr. Brandon Sheffield](#)

12:35 – 13:05

Adam Room

DEBATE #2 – DO NOT OFFER NON-CURATIVE UNFUNDED THERAPIES FOR PATIENTS WITH ADVANCED CANCER

Objectives (20-minute presentation, followed by 10-minute rebuttals)

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. Convince attendees that not offering unfunded non-curative treatment options to patients is the ethical, responsible, and humane approach to these situations.
2. Describe the reasons for delayed funding of Health Canada approved drugs/indications.

For: Unfunded therapies are extremely costly and result in financial toxicity for the vast majority of patients; for those who are made aware of them but cannot afford the cost, this causes undue psychosocial distress and thus these should not be offered – [Dr. Edward Hardy](#)

Against: Some patients with advanced cancer can live for many years with excellent quality of life and thus should be made aware of unfunded therapies and the option to pursue those should be made individually in a shared-decision making model – [Dr. Stacie Connors](#)

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LUNCH, POSTER VIEWING & JUDGING, NETWORKING WITH EXHIBITORS

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WELCOME BY CHAIRS & PLENARY SESSION II

Dr. Maryam Soleimani & Dr. Suneil Khanna

14:15 – 14:30

Adam Room

REACT – RETHINKING CLINICAL TRIALS – Dr. Marie-France Savard

Objectives (12-minute presentation, followed by 3-minute Q&A)

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. Review REaCT Program History
2. Discuss unique aspects of pragmatic trial designs
3. Develop awareness of challenges in the funding, development and implementation of research findings of pragmatic clinical trials

14:30 – 15:00

Adam Room

PANEL DISCUSSION ON RESPONSIBLE DECISION MAKING – Drs. Edward Hardy, Stacie Connors, Brandon Sheffield, Diana Ionescu Marie-France Savard, Ms. Deborah Maskens

Objectives (30-minute discussion)

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. Discuss a framework approach to shared responsible decision-making in clinical practice
2. Explore barriers to shared decision-making from both patient and provider perspectives
3. Review effective strategies for making decisions within the reality of time constraints of clinic

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (CAMO Members ONLY)

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CAMO AWARDS GALA RECEPTION

18:45 – 19:30

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PIONEER LECTURE SERIES

RWANDA: A COUNTRY OF A THOUSAND HILLS, A THOUSAND SMILES, A THOUSAND PROBLEMS AND A THOUSAND SOLUTIONS – [Dr. Roanne Segal](#)

Objectives (35-minute presentation, followed by 10-minute Q&A)

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. Recognize the challenges and limitations of delivering health care in a resource limited setting
2. Appreciate the importance of both understanding and incorporating the local values and beliefs when delivering care in a resource limited setting

19:30 – 21:00

Laurier Room

DINNER & CAMO ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS PRESENTATION

Presented by [Dr. Stephen Welch](#), Chair Membership Committee & [Dr. Sharlene Gill](#), CAMO President

- CAMO Pioneer Award Recipient
- CAMO Rising Star Award
- CAMO Distinguishes Service Award
- CAMO Humanitarian Award
- CAMO Volunteer of the Year Award

21:00 – 23:59

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CAMO KARAOKE NIGHT!

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CAMO KEYNOTE SPEAKER

09:15 – 10:15

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CAN WE HAVE IT ALL? BALANCING ACCESS, EQUITY, AND COMMON SENSE IN CANADIAN CANCER CARE – Dr. Christopher Booth

Objectives (45-minute presentation, followed by 15-minute Q&A)

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. Review the value crisis in cancer care
2. Explore value from the patient perspective and health system perspective
3. Discuss potential solutions towards high-quality, equitable and sustainable cancer care

10:15 – 10:45

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REFRESHMENT BREAK & NETWORKING WITH EXHIBITORS

THEME: MEDICAL ONCOLOGY WORKFORCE WELL-BEING & BURNOUT

10:45 – 10:50

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WELCOME BY CHAIRS & PLENARY SESSION III

Dr. Maryam Soleimani & Dr. Suneil Khanna

10:50 – 11:10

Adam Room

BURNOUT IN CANADIAN MEDICAL ONCOLOGISTS: THE ROAD AHEAD –

Dr. Simron Singh

Objectives (15-minute presentation, followed by 5-minute Q&A)

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. Review the impact of burnout on the Canadian medical oncology community
2. Assess the drivers of physician burnout in Canadian medical oncologists
3. Discuss actions to be taken to mitigate the impact of burnout and improve the wellness of Canadian medical oncologists

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WHAT CAN/SHOULD CAMO DO ABOUT MEDICAL ONCOLOGY WELLNESS & BURNOUT – A PANEL DISCUSSION – Drs. Susan Green, Simron Singh, Stephen Welch & Sharlene Gill

Objectives (30-minute discussion)

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. Recognize the current drivers of burnout among medical oncologists in Canada.
2. Explore CAMO-level strategies to promote the well-being, sustainability and resilience of medical oncologists in Canada.

11:45 – 12:00

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Sponsor Recognition, Fellowship Recipient Presentation & Best Resident Abstracts

12:00

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Closing Remarks

Program is subject to change and will be updated regularly

This event is an Accredited Group Learning Activity (**Section 1**) as defined by the Maintenance of Certification Program of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and approved by the Canadian Association of Medical Oncologists.

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