

# Lymphoma Canada

## Accomplishments

### Bi-Annual Report 2021



LYMPHO<sup>MA</sup>  
CANADA

#### A MESSAGE FROM LYMPHOMA CANADA

During the last six months of 2021, we, our patients and healthcare professionals across the country continued to face many challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The steadfast support from our volunteers, Board of Directors, Scientific and Nurse Advisory Boards, our Patient and Family Caregiver Committee and funders and donors, have enabled us to continue to drive forward our mission to empower the lymphoma and CLL community across Canada. We are thankful for the support that we have received and are pleased to share with you Lymphoma Canada's remaining accomplishments for 2021.

#### OUR MISSION

*Empower patients and the lymphoma community through education, support, advocacy and research*

#### 2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS (JUN-DEC)



#### EDUCATION

- ❖ Hosted remaining educational sessions for a total of 10 webinars and 5 educational forums, with over 2300 registrants, on topics of interest including Fear of Recurrence, Importance of Understanding your Lymphoma Subtype, Canadian Clinical Trials, Oral Complications from Treatment and Watch & Wait for lymphoma/CLL
- ❖ Hosted the National Conference (Oct 14-15) and French Conference (Nov 12)
- ❖ Shipped over 3000 Patient Resource Manuals on NHL, CLL and HL, along with other printed resources in 2021
- ❖ Released 14 subtype fact sheets and launched an informational campaign on the Importance of Understanding your Lymphoma Subtype
- ❖ Developed a Side Effect Fact Sheet (pending SAB review)
- ❖ Updates to existing resources and webpages, alongside the French Patient Resource Manuals



#### SUPPORT

- ❖ Released the Lymphoma & CLL Patient and Caregiver COVID-19 Experience Report
- ❖ Provide ongoing one-on-one information and support to patients and caregivers through direct contact and via support groups including the SouthWestern Ontario Chapter and Wellspring Westerkirk Support Group



#### ADVOCACY

- ❖ Re-launched a Molecular Testing Information Campaign for CLL patients
- ❖ Advocated for lymphoma patient and caregiver access to the COVID-19 vaccines via Scientific Advisory Board letters of support to government; participated in Global News campaign thereon with other patient organizations
- ❖ Launched on Macleans.ca and l'Actualité.ca a three-story advocacy campaign on lymphoma and CLL, sharing patient's stories of hope and courage and highlighting the importance of the caregiver-patient relationship
- ❖ Continued advocacy for equitable access to CAR T-cell treatment for DLBCL patients across provinces in collaboration with other organizations
- ❖ Shared patient feedback in 100% of CADTH/INESSS lymphoma/CLL therapy submissions for a total of 9 submissions to facilitate access to new and innovative therapies in Canada
- ❖ Advocacy efforts targeting accessing specific lymphoma therapies that have either received negative funding recommendations or where there are provincial funding delays (i.e. Extracorporeal Photophoresis in Maritime provinces)
- ❖ Release of a National Treatment Guideline for Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma in the frontline and relapsed/refractory setting



## RESEARCH

- ❖ Awarded two Canadian researchers in their work to improve outcomes related to lymphoproliferative malignancies

**Dr. Krysta Coyle**

**Simon Fraser University, British Columbia**

Dr. Coyle's research focuses on the effect of specific molecular mutations in mantle cell lymphoma to test a new treatment in this lymphoma subtype.

**Dr. Versha Banerji**

**University of Manitoba, Manitoba**

Dr. Banerji's research focuses on the feasibility and implementation of therapies for chronic lymphocytic leukemia within the healthcare system to improve access.

## ONGOING AND UPCOMING STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

### EDUCATION

- ❖ Completion of a lymphoma storybook for children and young adolescents.

### ADVOCACY

- ❖ Completion of national Treatment Guidelines for Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia and Hodgkin Lymphoma in the frontline and relapsed/refractory settings

## How Lymphoma Canada Helps!

**Filomena, a wife, a mother of two boys and an event planner, is a courageous Hodgkin's lymphoma survivor.**

Eight years ago, after developing a serious cough during pregnancy and mistaking it for another cause, Filomena was diagnosed with Hodgkin Lymphoma. Lymphoma Canada was there to provide resources that helped her to better understand her diagnosis and her treatments. Receiving treatment right away, Filomena is now in remission and remains positive! Her goal is to increase awareness of lymphoma symptoms and has participated in Lymphoma Canada's Laps Around Lymphoma Event to spread the word about lymphoma within her community.

*"I remember picking up pamphlets while I was at the hospital. They're important for people who are newly diagnosed and they're great for family members to have, especially so they can better understand what their family member is going through."*

**THANK  
YOU**

We acknowledge the many donors and sponsors who have generously provided support for us to continue to achieve our mission. Because of you, patients and caregivers have been able to receive much needed resources and support to learn more about their lymphoma and to better navigate the changing landscape of cancer care during the COVID-19 pandemic. 2021 was an incredible year full of exciting accomplishments and we look forward to fulfilling and expanding our mission in 2022! Thank you for continuing to use Lymphoma Canada as a valuable resource throughout your lymphoma or CLL journey!



**LYMPHOMA  
CANADA**

6860 Century Avenue, Suite 202  
Mississauga, ON L5N 2W5

Toll free: 1-866-659-5556  
General Inquiries: [info@lymphoma.ca](mailto:info@lymphoma.ca)  
Website: [lymphoma.ca](http://lymphoma.ca)

Charitable Registration Number  
87346 1040 RR0001