

Lymphoma Canada

Accomplishments

Bi-Annual Report 2024



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A MESSAGE FROM LYMPHOMA CANADA

As we reflect on the past six months at Lymphoma Canada, we are proud to share advancements in our mission to support patients and their families affected by lymphoma. Our focus remains on supporting patients and their families through education, support, research and advocacy.

We sincerely thank our donors and supporters for their generous contributions, which enable us to provide essential resources and support to those affected by lymphoma.

OUR VISION

*Life Unlimited by
Lymphoma*

2024 ACCOMPLISHMENTS (JAN-JUN)



EDUCATION

- ❖ To further our commitment to keeping patients and caregivers informed about disease and treatment updates, we have hosted the following educational sessions in 2024: Update from the 2023 American Society of Hematology (ASH) Conference, Treatment Options for B-Cell Lymphomas, CAR-T Cell Therapy for Patients in Manitoba, Mental Health and Wellness for Lymphoma Patients, Novel Treatment Options for Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma (NHL), and Living with Lymphoma – Managing Symptoms and Side Effects
- ❖ We have disseminated, free of charge, over 2,114 resources to date in 2024
- ❖ We are happy to have added 13 new cancer centers in Canada to our distribution list



SUPPORT

- ❖ Lymphoma Canada, in collaboration with Wellspring, continue to facilitate monthly support groups (virtual) for lymphoma patients.
- ❖ We provide ongoing, one-on-one information and support to patients and caregivers through direct contact (phone and email) as well through our Lymphoma Links Peer Mentorship Program.

ADVOCACY



- ❖ Participated in all patient submission opportunities with respect to lymphoma and CLL therapies to the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH) and the Quebec equivalent, INESSS.
- ❖ Lymphoma Canada partnered alongside the Lymphoma Coalition to better understand the patient and caregiver experience via a global survey. With over 700 responses from Canadians, Lymphoma Canada will prepare reports later in the year summarizing the patient and caregiver experience for lymphoma and CLL patients.
- ❖ Lymphoma Canada also partnered with CLL Canada, supporting a letter to the pan-Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance (pCPA) in regards to the negotiation of reimbursement of Ibrutinib with Venetoclax (I +V) for the treatment of adult patients with previously untreated CLL. The letter highlights the need for equitable access to effective treatments, particularly for high-risk patients and those facing logistical challenges. The letter emphasizes that I+V aligns with patient preferences for time-limited therapies and could lead to lower overall treatment costs while ensuring better access to care.



RESEARCH

We received several excellent research award applications in 2024. The 2024 Lymphoma Canada Research Award Review Committee has completed its analysis of applicants and related projects. Our announcement with respect to successful applicants will be released in September 2024. We would like to thank and acknowledge all applicants for their well thought out submissions.

ONGOING AND UPCOMING STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

EDUCATION

- ❖ 8th Annual National Patient Conference (Virtual) – October 16-18th, 2024
- ❖ Upcoming educational webinars and education series on topics including: Palliative Care for Lymphoma Patients, Mindfulness and Stress Reduction for Lymphoma Patients, Mantle Cell Lymphoma Webinar, and Treatment Options for T-Cell Lymphomas (French)
- ❖ New Resources! Including Coping with Fatigue Resource, End of Life Brochure, and Side Effect Factsheets
- ❖ New Program Launch – Ask a Lymphoma/CLL Specialist Q&A Session

SUPPORT

- ❖ Updated our peer support database and continue to match patients with a mentor (Lymphoma Links one on one support)

ADVOCACY

- ❖ Continued participation in 100% of all new lymphoma therapy CADTH/INESSS submissions
- ❖ Rare Lymphoma Subtypes Advocacy Campaign Launch

Why we do what we do...

“Thank you Lymphoma Canada for hosting these webinars, they were very important to my understanding of the disease and what to expect.”

“Thank you. I am very impressed with these webinars and my Doctor is pleased I am educating myself on Lymphoma as I have a CLL/SLL diagnosis. Thanks again.”

“Thank you Lymphoma Canada for your fast reply’s and for sending the information and resources so quickly. Knowing what to expect is knowledge and with knowledge comes power.”



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