

Many Faces...
One Voice.



Canadian Cancer Action Network

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WHO ARE WE?

The Canadian Cancer Action Network (CCAN) is a volunteer-driven, incorporated organization dedicated to ensuring patient interests remain a key priority on the national cancer agenda. CCAN was created in order to ensure that the patient perspective is (and remains) an integral part of the national cancer control strategy.

CCAN unites all cancer-site patient support organizations from across Canada in support of the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer (CPAC) agenda. Functioning as a key voice, CCAN informs CPAC on issues pertaining to cancer from prevention, early detection, screening, education, control, research, treatment, care and the pursuit of a cure.

CCAN Members Council:

Cancer-Site Patient Organizations

Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada
Canadian Breast Cancer Network
Canadian Liver Foundation
Canadian Lung Association
Canadian Prostate Cancer Network
Canadian Skin Patient Alliance
Canadian Thyroid Cancer Support Group (Thy'vors Inc.)
Carcinoid NeuroEndocrine Tumour Society Canada
Childhood Cancer Foundation Candlelighters Canada
Colorectal Cancer Association of Canada
Kidney Cancer Canada
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada
Lung Cancer Canada
Lymphoma Foundation Canada
Ovarian Cancer Canada

Population Organizations

Assembly of First Nations
Canadian Cancer Society
Canadian Partnership Against Cancer
Cancer Advocacy Coalition of Canada
Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami

Provincial CCAN Organizations

CCAN Manitoba
CCAN New Brunswick
CCAN Newfoundland & Labrador
CCAN Nova Scotia
CCAN Ontario
SCAN (Saskatchewan)
Coalition priorité cancer au Québec

Representatives on
CPAC Action Groups
Cancer Guidelines
Cancer Journey
Health Human Resources
Primary Prevention
Research
Screening
Standards
Surveillance

WHAT IS IT WE DO?

CCAN empowers the cancer patient voice across Canada to ensure a strong patient perspective in health policy making and access to care. We are here to make our collective voices heard in order to bring about change to the pan-Canadian cancer landscape. In 2007/2008:

WE focused on access to pharmaceuticals.

How? CCAN developed a comprehensive position paper on limitations of access to needed pharmaceuticals for Canadian cancer patients.

WE extended the patient voice.

How? CCAN developed an inventory of cancer policy-making groups and organizations across the country where patient representation is seen to be desirable and is currently developing strategies for implementing effective representation.

WE supported diverse populations.

How? CCAN provided resources to the *Assembly of First Nations* and *Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami* positioning them to develop approaches to cancer control within their communities.

WE focused on building regional initiatives.

How? CCAN successfully mobilized provincial support in order to move forward patient-oriented initiatives and projects of CCAN and CPAC.

OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

PATIENT ISSUES: To ensure that issues relevant to cancer patients and their families are appropriately addressed by the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer, and the emerging national strategy.

PATIENT VOICE: To empower and encourage the cancer patient voice to be heard resulting in positive and quantifiable changes.

REGIONAL INITIATIVES: To establish a strong, active and recognized CCAN presence in each province and territory through provincial CCAN representation.

EDUCATION & AWARENESS: To ensure effective internal and external vehicles for communication and interaction with all relevant stakeholders are cultivated and maintained.

GROWTH & SUSTAINABILITY: To establish and implement a strong, effective governance model for CCAN.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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