

# CANADIAN CANCER ACTION NETWORK

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## Member Organizations

Assembly of First Nations  
Brain Tumour Foundation of  
Canada  
Canadian Bladder Cancer  
Network  
Canadian Breast Cancer  
Network  
Canadian Cancer Society  
Canadian Liver Foundation  
Canadian Lung Association  
Canadian Partnership Against  
Cancer  
Canadian Skin Patient Alliance  
Cancer Advocacy Coalition of  
Canada  
Carcinoid NeuroEndocrine  
Tumour Society Canada  
Childhood Cancer Canada  
Foundation  
Coalition Priorité Cancer au  
Québec  
Colorectal Cancer Association  
of Canada  
Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami  
Kidney Cancer Canada  
Leukemia and Lymphoma  
Society of Canada  
Lung Cancer Canada  
Lymphoma Foundation  
Canada  
Melanoma Network of Canada  
Myeloma Canada  
Prostate Cancer Canada  
Thyroid Cancer Canada  
Young Adult Cancer Canada



## Who we are

The Canadian Cancer Action Network (CCAN) is a volunteer-driven organization comprised of more than twenty-five national cancer-site and population organizations referred to as *Members Council*. Representing an enormous network of cancer patients and their families, CCAN provides an informed patient perspective to work underway across the cancer continuum in order to help reshape the cancer control landscape for all Canadians.



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## Patient engagement

### *Working with the Partnership*

As an affiliate partner, CCAN is committed to providing strong patient input to the initiatives and activities of the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer. In October of 2010, several CCAN delegates participated in the Partnership's Stakeholder Consultation Event held in Winnipeg as part of the development of the *Future of Cancer Control in Canada* discussion paper. In June of 2011, the majority of CCAN Members Council met with the Partnership in a consultation session targeted at identifying ways to strengthen and improve patient voice involvement in cancer control moving forward.

CCAN is proud to play an active role with various working groups, activities and initiatives of the Partnership including ongoing patient representation on the Partnership's Cancer Guidelines, Cancer Journey, Primary Prevention, Screening and Surveillance Advisory Groups.

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### ***CCAN works to ensure Canadian cancer patients have universal, equitable and affordable access to quality care.***

Access is a key priority for CCAN. Our goal is to see that all Canadians, regardless of geography or income level, have equal and affordable access to prevention, early detection, diagnosis, and quality treatment and care. At present, access to cancer drugs varies widely across Canada. CCAN is taking steps to address this issue through its Access to Cancer Drugs symposia, organized in collaboration with the Canadian Cancer Society and the Public Policy Forum. In 2010, CCAN formed a Drug Review Working Group focused on providing patient input in support of the pan-Canadian Oncology Drug Review. In collaboration with other key stakeholders, CCAN is striving to advance optimal Canadian standards for end of life/palliative care.

### ***CCAN works to reduce the financial and emotional burden faced by Canadian cancer patients and their families.***

The physical and emotional challenges of a cancer diagnosis are well recognized by the patient community. Many Canadians are unaware that the disease can also have a devastating financial impact, leaving cancer patients and their families in financial ruin or facing very difficult decisions around cancer care and treatment. In partnership with the Canadian Cancer Society Manitoba Division, CCAN is committed to addressing this area through a series of recommendations aimed at addressing deficiencies in available resources.

### ***CCAN works to provide informed cancer patient input to decision-making bodies across the cancer control continuum.***

CCAN is widely recognized as a source of informed patient opinion with a link to a broader patient community, frequently receiving requests from cancer control stakeholders to provide a unique patient perspective to committees, task forces, workshops and conferences. We take pride in providing patient input across the cancer continuum.

### ***CCAN works to strengthen and cultivate a thriving network of cancer patient spokespeople across Canada.***

In order to meet the increasing demand for patient input, CCAN is currently expanding the Patient Voice Network, which includes patient voice representatives from all corners of Canada. CCAN has recently developed an e-learning program for patient representatives with an anticipated launch date of Fall 2011.

### ***CCAN supports work in cancer control***

CCAN patient voice representatives actively participate in conferences, workshops, committees and working groups of other key cancer control stakeholders. To learn more about our work, please visit our website or follow our activities on Facebook and Twitter.



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