BC Cancer Summit 2026
One vision, one system, one future

Overall Learning Objectives:

Following this program, participants will be better able to:

- Translate innovative cancer care visions into practical actionable strategies to improve outcomes across British Columbia.
- Practice patient-centered, equitable, and culturally responsive cancer care.
- Identify and address systemic barriers to ensure equity, diversity, and inclusion are actively integrated into every phase of cancer care delivery.
- Lead change initiatives within their organizations and communities, advancing cancer care from concept to measurable impact.

Detailed Session Agendas

This document contains the detailed agenda for all the sessions over the three days of the Summit. Scroll through the document to review details for the whole program or to view a specific session agenda, click on the relevant link below:

Thursday, November 19, 2026:

Breakout Sessions:

- BC Cancer Research Institute Rising Stars: the future of cancer research in BC
- Co-Designing Together: Creating Supportive Care Navigation Resources for Clinicians and Patients
- Connection as Medicine – BC Cancer Psychotherapy Groups
- Elevating Indigenous Voices in Radiotherapy Care
- Enhancing the First Steps in Care: Co-Creating a "What to Expect" Video for Cancer Patients
- Equity in Action: Standardizing Financial Assessment within a Unified Cancer System
- Ethics in Action: Meaningful Patient Engagement in Cancer Research
- Explainable AI for Cancer Care Navigation: Understanding and Shaping How an AI Assistant Explains Itself
- From Strategy to Practice: Advancing Team-Based Care Across BC Cancer
- Head and Neck Tumour Group
- Hereditary Cancer Program Research & Innovation
- Hereditary Cancer Program Planning Workshop
- Medical Physicist Entrustable Professional Activities Workshop
- More Than Numbers: Transforming Cancer Care Through Data and Analytics
- Partnering to improve cancer care for people living in the Downtown Eastside
- Pheochromocytoma and Paraganglioma in BC: Moving Toward a Provincial Care Model
- POG Patient Working Group: Putting Year 2 Priorities into Action - Co-Designing Patient-Centered Precision Oncology Resources
- Provincial Systemic Therapy Retreat
- Ramping up ART: A Roadmap to Increasing Adaptive Radiation Therapy Capacity in British Columbia
- Small Tests, Big Impact: Learning Our Way to Better Cancer Care Through Quality Improvement
- Statistical methods to address real-world issues in clinical research

- Supportive Care: Battle of the Branches (Psychosocial vs. Rehabilitation vs. Pain & Symptom / Palliative Care)
- Turning Staff Feedback into Action: Advancing Wellbeing Across BC Cancer

Friday, November 20, 2026:

- Keynotes and Brights Plenary

Breakout Sessions:

- An AYA Cancer Care & Support Program for BC/Yukon – Exploring the Plan
- Breast Tumour Group
- Building Lifestyle Medicine in Oncology
- Building operational readiness roadmaps for new cancer centres: from vision to activation
- Cancer Survivorship Research: Priorities, Partnerships, and Patient-Centered Innovation
- Community Oncology Network
- From Conversations to Documentation: Strengthening Advance Care Planning Through Quality Improvement
- From Implementation to Innovation: The Future of Molecular Imaging and Therapy at BC Cancer
- From Participation to Partnership: Building Engagement Capable Environments in Cancer Care
- Gastrointestinal Tumour Group Session
- GLP-1 Therapy for Weight Management in Oncology: Risks, Benefits, and Coordination of Care
- Innovative Radiation Therapist Facilitated Models of Care
- Launching Cancer Rehabilitation–Physiatry at BC Cancer: Early Impact, Lessons Learned, and the Path Forward
- Lung Tumour Group
- Medical Physics Professional Town Hall
- Navigating the Grey Zones of Research Ethics Review: Real Cases, Real Decisions, Real Impact on Cancer Research
- Navigating the Meaning of Body Image Among Adults with Breast Cancer – A Photovoice Experience
- Opening the Conversation: Advancing Sexual Health as Core Oncology Care Through a Provincial Video Partnership
- Sarcoma Tumour Group

Saturday, November 21, 2026:

Breakout Sessions:

- American Sign Language in Radiation Oncology – Preliminary findings from a Feasibility Study
- BC Cancer Rehabilitation Service Expansion & Panel of Community Cancer Exercise Partners
- Bridging End of Life Care: Collaborative Models for Better Patient and Caregiver Support
- Community Conversations: Co-Creating Indigenous Cultural Safety Frameworks for Cancer Clinical Trials
- How Cancer Shapes Us As: Students Researchers and Survivors
- Oncology Pharmacy
- Nutritional Management of Pancreatic Cancer
- Serious Illness Conversation Workshop
- What's New in Oncology Care: Practical Tumour Site Updates for GPOs

Thursday, November 19, 2026

BC Cancer Research Institute Rising Stars: the future of cancer research in BC

Thursday, November 19, 2026

1:00-8:30pm

Moderators:

Dr. Wan Lam, Distinguished Scientist, BC Cancer
Dr. Kevin Bennewith, Distinguished Scientist, BC Cancer
Marlene Manson, Coordinator, BC Cancer

Learning Objectives:

This in-person event will feature oral presentations from BCCRI post-doctoral fellows and graduate students presenting a cross-section of research topics that reflect the scientific breadth and themes of BCCRI Departments. There will also be a special speed-talk session for BC Cancer Rising Stars Award winners and an in-person poster session.

Co-Designing Together: Creating Supportive Care Navigation Resources for Clinicians and Patients

Thursday, November 19, 2026

3:30–5:30pm

Moderators:

Dr. John-Jose Nunez, Associate Medical Director, Supportive Care, Provincial Programs, BC Cancer – Vancouver
Ben Lee, Director, Provincial Programs, BC Cancer - Vancouver

Learning Objectives:

1. Review BC Cancer's current supportive care navigation activities, including our AI-powered patient and staff/community-provider navigation assistants and our patient and clinician ECHO peer-learning programs.
2. Summarize what patients told us in our recent navigation workshop about their information needs across the cancer care journey.
3. Identify what clinicians and staff need from an AI-powered navigation assistant to support referrals and resource-finding in daily practice.
4. Contribute to a hands-on design exercise shaping the next phase of the clinician/staff-facing AI navigation assistant.

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
3:30-3:35pm	Welcome & introductions	**Ben Lee**, Director, Provincial Programs, BC Cancer - Vancouver
3:35-3:50pm	Overview: BC Cancer's supportive care navigation activities (patient & staff AI navigators, patient & clinician ECHO)	**Ben Lee**, Director, Provincial Programs, BC Cancer - Vancouver
3:50-4:00pm	What we heard: findings from our recent patient navigation workshop	**Ben Lee**, Director, Provincial Programs, BC Cancer - Vancouver
4:00-4:15pm	Demo: introducing the clinician/staff-facing AI navigation assistant	**Dr. John-Jose Nunez**, Associate Medical Director, Supportive Care, Provincial Programs, BC Cancer – Vancouver

4:15-4:45pm	Hands-on: try it yourself, small-group feedback	**Dr. John-Jose Nunez**, Associate Medical Director, Supportive Care, Provincial Programs, BC Cancer – Vancouver
4:45-5:05pm	What features would you like to see? Group brainstorm	**Dr. John-Jose Nunez**, Associate Medical Director, Supportive Care, Provincial Programs, BC Cancer – Vancouver
5:05-5:25pm	Design, UX/UI, and workflow integration: what matters to you?	**Dr. John-Jose Nunez**, Associate Medical Director, Supportive Care, Provincial Programs, BC Cancer – Vancouver
5:25-5:30pm	Closing remarks & next steps	**Dr. John-Jose Nunez**, Associate Medical Director, Supportive Care, Provincial Programs, BC Cancer – Vancouver **Ben Lee**, Director, Provincial Programs, BC Cancer - Vancouver

Connection as Medicine – BC Cancer Psychotherapy Groups

Thursday, November 19, 2026

1:30-3:30pm

Moderator:

Dr. Alan Bates, Psychiatrist, Program Medical Director, Supportive Care, BC Cancer - Vancouver

Learning Objectives:

1. Review modalities of group psychotherapies offered at BC Cancer
2. Participate in an experiential learning exercise for each form of psychotherapy
3. Discuss eligibility and referral routes for group psychotherapies at BC Cancer

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
1:30-1:40pm	Introduction	**Dr. Alan Bates**, Psychiatrist; Program Medical Director, Supportive Care, BC Cancer
1:40-2:00pm	CBT Group	**Dr. Jenny Laidlaw**, Psychiatrist, BC Cancer **Leslie Warner**, Collaborative Care Counsellor, BC Cancer
2:00-2:20pm	Meaning Centered Psychotherapy Group	**Dr. Stefanie Montgomery**, Psychiatrist, BC Cancer
2:20-2:40pm	Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction Group	**Sandy Kwong**, Social worker and Chinese Language Counsellor, BC Cancer **Alice Wong**, Chinese Language Counsellor, BC Cancer
2:40-3:00pm	CALM Supervision	**Dr. Matthew Ta**, Psychiatrist, BC Cancer
3:00-3:30pm	Eligibility and Referral information	All speakers

Elevating Indigenous Voices in Radiotherapy Care

Thursday, November 19, 2026

10:30-11:30am

Moderators**:**
Nikki Hunter, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Provincial, Indigenous Cancer Control, BC Cancer
Michelle Padley, Research Project Manager, Radiation Oncology, BC Cancer - Vancouver
Jalissa Brent, Project Coordinator, Radiation Oncology, BC Cancer - Vancouver

Learning Objectives:

1. Describe the unique structural and geographic barriers that influence access to radiotherapy services for First Nations Peoples living in rural and remote regions of British Columbia
2. Understand how Indigenous research methodologies and Indigenous community governance structures must inform improvements in radiotherapy service delivery and patient experience
3. Identify practical strategies to strengthen relational, coordinated, and culturally safe approaches to engagement in radiotherapy care across healthcare teams and regions

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
10:30-10:35am	Welcome & Opening	**Nikki Hunter**, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Provincial, Indigenous Cancer Control, BC Cancer **Michelle Padley**, Research Project Manager, Radiation Oncology, BC Cancer - Vancouver
10:35-11:00am	• Introductions • Project Overview and What we have learned so far • Case Study	**Nikki Hunter**, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Provincial, Indigenous Cancer Control, BC Cancer **Michelle Padley**, Research Project Manager, Radiation Oncology, BC Cancer - Vancouver **Jalissa Brent**, Project Coordinator, Radiation Oncology, BC Cancer – Vancouver **Dr. Jessica Chang**, Radiation Oncologist, Radiation Oncology, BC Cancer Vancouver
11:00-11:15am	Round Table Discussion	
11:15-11:25am	Commitment Wall & Closing Reflections	**Nikki Hunter**, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Provincial, Indigenous Cancer Control, BC Cancer **Michelle Padley**, Research Project Manager, Radiation Oncology, BC Cancer - Vancouver **Jalissa Brent**, Project Coordinator, Radiation Oncology, BC Cancer – Vancouver **Dr. Jessica Chang**, Radiation Oncologist, Radiation Oncology, BC Cancer Vancouver
11:25-11:30am	Evaluations	

Enhancing the First Steps in Care: Co-Creating a "What to Expect" Video for Cancer Patients

Thursday, November 19, 2026
9:30am-12:30pm

Moderators**:**
Satnam Sidhu, Leader, Patient & Family Partnerships & Experience, BC Cancer
Nick EbbadiCook, Leader, Patient & Family Partnerships & Experience, BC Cancer
Efe Fruci, Leader, Patient & Family Partnerships & Experience, BC Cancer

Session Description:
Starting cancer care is an emotional and uncertain time, and patients and families often wonder what the first steps of their journey at BC Cancer will look and feel like. This session shares how BC Cancer partnered with Emily Carr University's Health Design Lab and Patient & Family Partners to co-design a series of What to Expect videos intended to reduce anxiety, clarify expectations, and make the early stages of care more person-centred.

The session will begin with a brief reflection activity inviting participants to consider what patients and families may be experiencing when they first enter cancer care. Presenters will then provide an overview of the human centred, co design approach used to develop the videos, including early discovery work, process mapping, storytelling sessions with patient partners, design and storyboarding, all the while working with patient and family advisors to review materials and refine processes. Presenters will highlight how design decisions were shaped by lived experience and the principles of trauma-informed design, emotional safety, and person-centred care.

A dedicated segment, led by patient partners, will explore the meaningful role of lived experience in the project. Patient partners will speak about why these videos matter, how they reflect real patient and caregiver needs, and what the co-design process felt like from their perspective.
Participants will then view selected clips from the What to Expect video series and engage in facilitated small group discussions. Discussions will explore key themes surfaced in the videos, including navigating uncertainty, preparing for the first appointment, communication needs, and the supports that matter most early in the cancer journey. Through guided discussion and reflection, participants will consider how these insights can strengthen more compassionate and person-centred interactions at the beginning of care.

Patient partners will also respond to themes emerging from the discussions, offering additional perspective on how care teams can better support patients and families during these critical first steps. Attendees will leave with a deeper understanding of what matters most to patients at the beginning of their cancer journey, and with practical insights into how storytelling and co-designed educational tools can enhance care experiences across BC Cancer.

Learning Objectives:
1. Describe how co-design methodologies, involving patients, caregivers, clinicians, and design partners shape the development of meaningful patient-centred educational tools
2. Recognize the role and impact of storytelling and lived experience in communicating complex cancer care information in ways that foster clarity, empathy, and emotional safety
3. Identify key elements of person-centred design processes, including engagement, storytelling and iterative feedback, and how they were applied in this project
4. Reflect on insights from the What to Expect videos and identify opportunities to strengthen person centred communication and support for patients and families at the beginning of care

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
9:30-9:40am	Introduction, Welcome & Land Acknowledgement	**Saori Yamamoto**, Leader, Patient & Family Partnerships & Experience, BC Cancer
9:40-9:55am	Connection before Content – opening reflection	TBD
9:55-10:05am	Introduce the why & goals of the project	**Saori Yamamoto**, Leader, Patient & Family Partnerships & Experience, BC Cancer
10:05-10:25am	Introduce Emily Carr HDL and involvement of the project	**Caylee Raber**, Director, Health Design Lab, Emily Carr **Jon Hanaan**, Associate Dean, Master of Design, Emily Carr
10:25-10:45am	The heart of the project – Co-Design with Patient & Family Partners	**Pamela Geunther**, Patient and Family Partner **Marlo Edwards**, Patient and Family Partner
10:45-11:00am	Break	
11:00-11:20am	Video Viewing	
11:20-11:30am	Reflections on Videos – Table Discussions	**Saori Yamamoto**, Leader, Patient & Family Partnerships & Experience, BC Cancer
11:30am-12:05pm	Panel Discussion with Lived Experience Partners	**Pamela Geunther**, Patient and Family Partner **Marlo Edwards**, Patient and Family Partner **Nivan Sharma**, Patient and Family Partner **Laurie Mercer**, Patient and Family Partner **Claudine Sevilla**, Patient and Family Partner **Roberta Walker**, Patient and Family Partner
12:05-12:15pm	Next Steps – actions and where to see videos	**Saori Yamamoto**, Leader, Patient & Family Partnerships & Experience, BC Cancer
12:15-12:30pm	Wrap Up and Close (Evaluations)	**Saori Yamamoto**, Leader, Patient & Family Partnerships & Experience, BC Cancer

We wish to also acknowledge the following individual(s) for their contributions to this session:

Tammy Hoefer, Director, Patient & Family Partnerships & Experience, BC Cancer
Otilie Spantulesecu, Coordinator, Health Design Lab, Emily Carr

Equity in Action: Standardizing Financial Assessment within a Unified Cancer System

Thursday November 19, 2026
1:30-2:30pm

Moderators:
Jacqueline Walter, Allied Health Educator, Patient & Family Counselling, Learning & Development, BC Cancer
Kayla Bajic, Provincial Leader, Patient & Family Counselling, Professional Practice, BC Cancer

Learning Objectives:
1. Define and explain financial toxicity and its effects on psychosocial well-being, treatment adherence, and quality of life for people affected by cancer
2. Analyze the role of financial assessment within comprehensive psychosocial oncology care and its impact on patient- and family-centred outcomes
3. Identify and apply core components of an effective financial assessment, including urgency, practical needs, employment changes, and available resources
4. Select and implement appropriate interventions and referral pathways to reduce financial hardship and mitigate financial toxicity

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
1:30-1:35pm	Welcome & introduction	
1:35-1:40pm	Case introduction	
1:40-1:45pm	Understanding financial toxicity	
1:45-2:05pm	Financial assessment = core care	
2:05-2:20pm	Interventions and referral pathways	
2:20-2:25pm	Closing and questions	
2:25-2:30pm	Evaluations	

Ethics in Action: Meaningful Patient Engagement in Cancer Research

Thursday, November 19, 2026
11:00am-12:00pm

Moderators:
Amrit Bhullar, Ethics Officer, Research Ethics, BC Cancer - Vancouver
Summer Konechny, Community Member, Research Ethics Board

Learning Objectives:
1. Develop an understanding of the value and contributions of patient partners in research
2. Identify principles of responsible conduct in patient-oriented research
3. Recognize key ethical considerations in engaging patient partners
4. Strengthen understanding of effective and ethical patient–researcher relationships

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
11:00–11:05am	Welcome and Session Overview	**Amrit Bhullar**, Ethics Officer, Research Ethics, BC Cancer - Vancouver
11:05-11:10am	What is patient-oriented research?	**Summer Konechny**, Community Member, Research Ethics Board
11:10–11:20am	The Value of Patient Partners in Cancer Research	**Summer Konechny**, Community Member, Research Ethics Board
11:20–11:30am	Ethical Principles in Patient-Oriented Research	**Amrit Bhullar**, Ethics Officer, Research Ethics, BC Cancer - Vancouver
11:30–11:40am	Key Ethical Challenges and Considerations	**Amrit Bhullar**, Ethics Officer, Research Ethics, BC Cancer - Vancouver
11:40–11:45am	Building Effective and Ethical Partnerships	**Summer Konechny**, Community Member, Research Ethics Board
11:45–11:50am	Key Takeaways and Call to Action	**Amrit Bhullar**, Ethics Officer, Research Ethics, BC Cancer - Vancouver
11:50am–12:00pm	Questions	**Amrit Bhullar**, Ethics Officer, Research Ethics, BC Cancer - Vancouver **Summer Konechny**, Community Member, Research Ethics Board

We wish to also acknowledge the following individual(s) for their contributions to this session:

Monica Shin, Research Ethics Officer, BC Cancer – Vancouver
Cheryl Carrasco, Research Ethics Officer, BC Cancer – Vancouver
Jessica Bigland, Research Ethics Director, BC Cancer – Vancouver
Dr. Howard Lim, Medical Oncologist, Research Ethics Board Chair, BC Cancer – Vancouver
Dr. Anna Tinker, Medical Oncologist, Research Ethics Board Vice-Chair, BC Cancer - Vancouver

Explainable AI for Cancer Care Navigation: Understanding and Shaping How an AI Assistant Explains Itself

Thursday, November 19, 2026

1:00–3:00pm

Moderators:
Dr. John-Jose Nunez, Associate Medical Director, Supportive Care, Provincial Programs, BC Cancer - Vancouver
Cristina Conati, Professor, Department of Computer Science, University of British Columbia

Learning Objectives:

1. Describe the current state of our AI-powered cancer care navigation assistant, including progress since the 2025 Summit co-design workshop.
2. Define core concepts in Explainable AI (XAI), and articulate why these matter for AI tools in oncology.
3. Add further detail and depth to how concerns raised by patients and clinicians in our prior workshop (e.g., around bias, accountability, accuracy, and the clinician-patient relationship) motivate the need for explainability in cancer care AI.
4. Contribute feedback on how explanation features should be designed and integrated into both patient-facing and clinician/staff-facing versions of the navigation assistant, considering that each user group may have distinct explanation needs.

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
1:00-1:05pm	Welcome & introductions	**Dr. John-Jose Nunez**, Associate Medical Director, Supportive Care, Provincial Programs, BC Cancer - Vancouver
1:05-1:15pm	Update: AI Cancer Navigator development since the 2025 Summit	**Dr. John-Jose Nunez**, Associate Medical Director, Supportive Care, Provincial Programs, BC Cancer - Vancouver
1:15-1:35pm	Explainable AI (XAI) 101: core concepts and why they matter in oncology AI	**Cristina Conati**, Professor, Department of Computer Science, University of British Columbia
1:35-1:55pm	What our 2024 Summit participants already told us: analysis of 255 comments on transparency, bias, accountability, and trust	**Dr. John-Jose Nunez**, Associate Medical Director, Supportive Care, Provincial Programs, BC Cancer - Vancouver
1:55-2:00pm	Break	
2:00-2:25pm	Small-group activity: designing explanations for the patient-facing assistant	**Dr. John-Jose Nunez**, Associate Medical Director, Supportive Care, Provincial Programs, BC Cancer - Vancouver Cristina Conati
2:25-2:50pm	Small-group activity: designing explanations for the clinician/staff-facing assistant	**Dr. John-Jose Nunez**, Associate Medical Director, Supportive Care, Provincial Programs, BC Cancer - Vancouver **Cristina Conati**, Professor, Department of Computer Science, University of British Columbia
2:50-3:00pm	Group report-back & synthesis: prioritizing explainability features for next phase	**Dr. John-Jose Nunez**, Associate Medical Director, Supportive Care, Provincial Programs, BC Cancer - Vancouver **Cristina Conati**, Professor, Department of Computer Science, University of British Columbia

From Strategy to Practice: Advancing Team-Based Care Across BC Cancer

Thursday, November 19, 2026

8:00-10:00am

Moderators**:**
Dr. Stacy Miller, Radiation Oncologist, Executive Medical Director, BC Cancer - Victoria
Susan Schroeder, Executive Director, BC Cancer - Surrey
Haaris Tiwana, Senior Project Manager, Strategy, Planning & Implementation, BC Cancer

Learning Objectives:

1. Summarize the current state and strategic direction of Team-Based Care (TBC) at BC Cancer
2. Recognize practical examples of centre-led approaches and their impact on team capacity, autonomous practice, and patient-centred care
3. Reflect on opportunities to strengthen team-based approaches within their own settings and identify actionable strategies to support teams to work to full scope

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
8:00–8:05am	Welcome, Territorial Acknowledgment & Goals for the session	**Dr. Stacy Miller**, Radiation Oncologist, Executive Medical Director, BC Cancer - Victoria
8:05–8:10am	Opening remarks	**Tracy Irwin**, Chief Operating Officer, BC Cancer
8:10–8:15am	Background on TBC refinement work	**Dr. Stacy Miller**, Radiation Oncologist, Executive Medical Director, BC Cancer - Victoria
8:15–8:30am	TBC staff survey findings	**Leah Lambert**, Senior Scientist, Nursing Research, BC Cancer Research Institute
8:30–8:45am	Reflections on Victoria refinement	**Heather Wood**, Executive Director, BC Cancer - Victoria
8:45–9:00am	Reflections on Surrey refinement	**Susan Schroeder**, Executive Director, BC Cancer - Surrey
9:00–9:15am	Patient reflections	**Kim Sanderson**, Patient Partner
9:15–9:20am	Stretch Break	
9:20–9:55am	Panel: Successes, challenges & lessons learned in TBC refinement	**Kim Sanderson**, Patient Partner Nurse Pharmacist Clerk Oncologist
9:55–10:00am	Closing & evaluation	**Susan Schroeder**, Executive Director, BC Cancer - Surrey

We wish to also acknowledge the following individual(s) for their contributions to this session:

Sarah Edwards, Provincial Pharmacy Practice Leader, Professional Practice, BC Cancer
David Waller, Senior Executive Director, Professional Practice, Learning & Development and Policy Office, Professional Practice, BC Cancer

Head and Neck Tumour Group

Thursday, November 19, 2026

1:30-4:00pm

Moderators**:**
Dr. Nicole Chau, Medical Oncologist, BC Cancer - Vancouver
Dr. Sarah Hamilton, Radiation Oncologist, BC Cancer - Vancouver

Learning Objectives:

1. Describe evolving approaches in the management of head and neck cancers
2. Discuss the emerging role of circulating tumour DNA (ctDNA) in the management of head and neck cancer, including its potential applications in disease monitoring and treatment decision-making.
3. Review contemporary approaches to the management of oropharyngeal cancer and consider factors that influence treatment selection based on BC outcomes
4. Discuss current outcomes and evolving treatment approaches for anaplastic thyroid cancer
5. Recognize the multidisciplinary considerations involved in the management of patients with head and neck cancer

Hereditary Cancer Program Planning Workshop

Thursday, November 19, 2026
10:30am-12:30pm

Moderators:
Adam Kahnamelli, Clinical Operations Director, Hereditary Cancer Program, BC Cancer
Dr. Intan Schrader, Co-Medical Director, Hereditary Cancer Program, BC Cancer

Learning Objectives:
1. Summarize the Hereditary Cancer Program's recent program advances and proposed short term program development priorities
2. Analyze opportunities to align, refine and strengthen the plan through partner perspectives on tiered service delivery, mainstream testing, equitable access, education, digital enablement, research and high-risk care
3. Define how partner teams across BC Cancer and the wider health system can collaborate on a shared vision for coordinated, patient-centred hereditary cancer care and near-term implementation

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
10:30-10:35am	Welcome, introductions and workshop overview	**Adam Kahnamelli**, Clinical Operations Director, Hereditary Cancer Program, BC Cancer **Dr. Intan Schrader**, Co-Medical Director, Hereditary Cancer Program, BC Cancer
10:35-10:50am	HCP accomplishments to date and proposed initiatives for the next three years	**Adam Kahnamelli**, Clinical Operations Director, Hereditary Cancer Program, BC Cancer **Dr. Intan Schrader**, Co-Medical Director, Hereditary Cancer Program, BC Cancer
10:50-11:50am	Facilitated breakout sessions: partner review and contribution to priority elements of the three-year plan	**Adam Kahnamelli**, Clinical Operations Director, Hereditary Cancer Program, BC Cancer **Dr. Intan Schrader**, Co-Medical Director, Hereditary Cancer Program, BC Cancer
11:50am-12:30am	Facilitated debrief, synthesis of key insights, evaluation and closing	**Adam Kahnamelli**, Clinical Operations Director, Hereditary Cancer Program, BC Cancer **Dr. Intan Schrader**, Co-Medical Director, Hereditary Cancer Program, BC Cancer

Hereditary Cancer Program Research & Innovation

Thursday, November 19, 2026
4:00-5:00pm

Moderators:
Dr. Intan Schrader, Co-Medical Director, Hereditary Cancer Program, BC Cancer
Jennifer Nuk, Practice Leader, Hereditary Cancer Program, BC Cancer

Learning Objectives:

1. Describe key Hereditary Cancer Program research and innovation completed in recent years and its contribution to hereditary cancer care
2. Identify emerging research, clinical innovation and implementation initiatives planned for the near future
3. Explore opportunities for collaboration, connection, engagement and feedback across partners

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
4:00-4:05pm	Welcome, introductions and session overview	**Dr. Intan Schrader**, Co-Medical Director, Hereditary Cancer Program, BC Cancer
4:05-4:25pm	Overview of HCP research and innovation completed to date	**Dr. Intan Schrader**, Co-Medical Director, Hereditary Cancer Program, BC Cancer **Jennifer Nuk**, Practice Leader, Hereditary Cancer Program, BC Cancer
4:25-4:45pm	Showcase of upcoming research and innovation	**Dr. Intan Schrader**, Co-Medical Director, Hereditary Cancer Program, BC Cancer **Jennifer Nuk**, Practice Leader, Hereditary Cancer Program, BC Cancer
4:45-5:00pm	Questions, discussion, collaboration opportunities, evaluation and closing	**Dr. Intan Schrader**, Co-Medical Director, Hereditary Cancer Program, BC Cancer

Medical Physicist Entrustable Professional Activities Workshop

Thursday, November 19, 2026

1:00pm-3:30pm

Moderators**:**
Steven Thomas, Senior Medical Physicist, Medical Physics, BC Cancer - Vancouver
Andrew Robertson, Medical Physicist, Medical Physics, BC Cancer - Vancouver
Allison Jamieson, Medical Physics Residency Coordinator, Provincial Programs, BC Cancer - Vancouver

Learning Objectives:

1. Become familiar with Entrustable Professional Activities and their role in competency-based residency training
2. Develop pilot EPAs for Quality Assurance, Imaging, Treatment Planning, & Brachytherapy MPRP rotations
3. Create an implementation strategy for 2027

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
1:00-1:15pm	Introduction/Welcome	**Samantha Lloyd**, Senior Medical Physicist, Medical Physics, BC Cancer - Kelowna
1:15-1:30pm	Entrustable Professional Activities in Medical Education	**Dr. Michael Peacock**, Radiation Oncologist, BC Cancer - Vancouver
1:30-1:45pm	Resident Perspective	Radiation Oncology Resident (TBC)
1:45-3:00pm	Workshop – Breakout discussions	
3:00-3:30pm	Regroup & Summary	**Samantha Lloyd**, Senior Medical Physicist, Medical Physics, BC Cancer - Kelowna

We wish to also acknowledge the following individual(s) for their contributions to this session:

Linsday Mathew, Medical Physicist, Medical Physics, BC Cancer – Abbotsford
Marcus Sonier, Regional Leader, Clinical Medical Physics, Senior Medical Physicist, Medical Physics, BC Cancer – Abbotsford

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More Than Numbers: Transforming Cancer Care Through Data and Analytics

Thursday, November 19, 2026

1:30–4:30pm

Moderators**:**
Ryan Woods, Executive Director, Data & Analytics, BC Cancer
Vince Chow, Director, Business Analytics, Data & Analytics, BC Cancer
Andrew Brown, Director, Data & Analytics, BC Cancer

Learning Objectives:

1. See how cancer data becomes action — from registries and linked data to reporting tools that support planning, care delivery, and system improvement
2. Discover how analytics reveals the cancer care journey — highlighting outcomes, access, demand, quality, and opportunities to improve care across BC
3. Explore the future of cancer intelligence — including automation, machine learning, dashboards, and partnerships that help turn data into better decisions

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
1:30-1:50pm	Welcome & BC Cancer's Data & Analytics Journey: An Introduction and Retrospective	**Ryan Woods**, Executive Director, Data & Analytics, BC Cancer **Andrew Brown**, Director, Data & Analytics, BC Cancer **Vince Chow**, Director, Business Analytics, Data & Analytics, BC Cancer
1:50-2:15pm	Modernizing the Foundation: The BC Cancer Registry	**Jon Simkin**, Director, BC Cancer Registry, Data Analytics Reporting and Evaluation (DARE), BC Cancer
2:25-2:40pm	Connecting the System: Linked Data for Cancer Outcomes and Quality	**Kim DeVries**, Manager, Surveillance and Research Support, Data and Analytics, BC Cancer
2:40-3:05pm	Seeing the Whole Journey: Helping Tumour Groups Drive Improvement	**Colleen McGahan**, Manager, Cancer System Intelligence, Data & Analytics, BC Cancer
3:05-3:30pm	Behind the Dashboard: Building Reliable Analytics Products	**Paul Drosinis**, Manager, Business Analytics, Data & Analytics, BC Cancer
3:30-3:55pm	Planning Ahead: Data-Driven Cancer Service Delivery	**James Newell**, Manager, Business Analytics, Data & Analytics, BC Cancer
3:55-4:20pm	Making Screening Smarter: Practical Machine Learning in Operations	**Robin Suprun**, Data Scientist, Advanced Analytics, Data & Analytics, BC Cancer **Thiru Nadesan**, Data Scientist, Advanced Analytics, Data & Analytics, BC Cancer
4:20-4:25pm	From Insight to Impact: Closing Reflections	**Ryan Woods Ryan Woods**, Executive Director, Data & Analytics, BC Cancer
4:25-4:30pm	Evaluation	

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Partnering to improve cancer care for people living in the Downtown Eastside

Thursday, November 19, 2026

10:00am-12:30pm

Moderators:
Naeema Al-Mridha, Project Leader, PHSA Physician Quality Improvement
Dr. Michael McKenzie, Radiation Oncologist, BC Cancer – Vancouver
Dr. Matthew Laing, Vancouver Coastal Health, Family Physician at the Downtown Community Health Centre

Learning Objectives:

1. Understand common system-level factors creating complex care challenges for patients from the Downtown Eastside
2. Explore how to use quality improvement methods to tackle equity-related barriers in cancer care
3. Examine strategies to connect team-based cancer care and primary care providers in complex care coordination and collaborative planning
4. Discuss approaches to scaling equity-focused change ideas across BC communities

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
10:00–10:05am	Welcome & Land Acknowledgement	**Naeema Al-Mridha**, Project Leader, Physician Quality Improvement, PHSA
10:05–10:15am	Project backgrounds	**Dr. Michael McKenzie**, Radiation Oncologist, BC Cancer – Vancouver **Leah Lambert**, Senior Scientist, Nursing Research, BC Cancer Research Institute
10:15–10:25am	System-level gaps and complex care realities facing patients from the downtown eastside	**Dr. Matthew Laing**, Vancouver Coastal Health, Family Physician at the Downtown Community Health Centre **Jagbir Kaur**, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Nursing Research, BC Cancer
10:25–10:35am	Practical ways to improve the delivery of equity-focused cancer care	**Naeema Al-Mridha**, Project Leader, Physician Quality Improvement, PHSA **Bethina Abrahams**, Director, Medical Staff Development Initiatives, PHSA
10:35–11:05am	Table activity: driving equity-focused improvements in cancer care	Table Facilitators
11:05–11:15am	Break & activity gallery view	
11:15–11:25am	Feasible strategies to improve communication with primary care partners for accessible care coordination	**Dr. Michael McKenzie**, Radiation Oncologist, BC Cancer – Vancouver
11:25–11:55am	Table activity: testing change in real world scenarios	Table Facilitators
11:55am–12:10pm	Spreading our approach: improving identification and response to equity-related needs in your practice	**Jagbir Kaur**, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Nursing Research, BC Cancer **Emily Lonsdale**, Project Manager, Nursing Research, BC Cancer

12:10-12:25pm	Interactive Q&A with equity-focused clinical champions	**Naeema Al-Mridha**, Project Leader, Physician Quality Improvement, PHSA **Dr. Michael McKenzie**, Radiation Oncologist, BC Cancer – Vancouver Dr. Matthew Laing
12:25–12:30pm	Session evaluation & close	**Naeema Al-Mridha**, Project Leader, Physician Quality Improvement, PHSA

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Pheochromocytoma and Paraganglioma in BC: Moving Toward a Provincial Care Model

Thursday, November 19, 2026

8:00-9:00am

Moderator(s):

Learning Objectives:

1. Describe the current landscape of pheochromocytoma and paraganglioma (PPGL) care in British Columbia, including gaps, variability in access, and opportunities for a coordinated provincial model
2. Apply principles of hereditary risk assessment and genetic counseling in PPGL, including indications for testing, interpretation of results, and implications for patients and families
3. Review contemporary surgical management of PPGL, including referral pathways, perioperative considerations, and outcomes in specialized centers
4. Integrate advanced nuclear medicine imaging and theranostics (e.g., 68Ga-DOTATATE PET, MIBG, PRRT) into diagnosis, staging, and treatment selection
5. Outline systemic therapy options and longitudinal care strategies for PPGL, including management of metastatic disease and coordination across multidisciplinary teams

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
8:00–8:10am	Introduction	Moderator
8:10–8:20am	Hereditary Cancer Program and Genetic Testing	**Jennifer Nuk**, Genetic Counselor, Hereditary Cancer Program, BC Cancer - Vancouver **Dr. Intan Schrader**, Medical Geneticist, Hereditary Cancer Program, BC Cancer - Vancouver
8:20–8:30am	Surgical Management of Pheochromocytoma / Paraganglioma (PPGL)	**Dr. Heather Stuart**, Surgical Oncologist, General Surgery, Vancouver General Hospital
8:30–8:40am	Role of Functional Imaging and Theranostics in PPGL	**Dr. Ian Alberts**, Nuclear Medicine Physician, Nuclear Medicine, BC Cancer - Vancouver
8:40–8:50am	Updates on Systemic Management of Malignant PPGL	**Dr. Brandon Bernard**, Medical Oncologist, Medical Oncology, BC Cancer - Vancouver
8:50–9:00am	Questions	Moderator and All Speakers

POG Patient Working Group: Putting Year 2 Priorities into Action - Co-Designing Patient-Centered Precision Oncology Resources

Thursday, November 19, 2026
4:00-5:30pm

Moderators:
Dr. Nathalie Levasseur, Medical Oncologist, BC Cancer - Vancouver
Kathleen Wee, Research Associate, Clinical Informatics, Canada's Michael Smith Genome Sciences Centre - Vancouver
Sanjana Sankar, Project Manager, Canada's Michael Smith Genome Sciences Centre - Vancouver

Learning Objectives:
1. Describe the role of patient partnership in shaping patient-centered precision oncology initiatives
2. Identify key gaps and opportunities in patient education and communication related to cancer genomics and personalized medicine
3. Generate recommendations for co-designing patient-facing resources, including educational materials, digital content, and genomic results communication tools

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
4:00-4:15pm	Introduction	**Dr. Nathalie Levasseur**, Medical Oncologist, BC Cancer - Vancouver
4:15-4:30pm	Showcasing early concepts/potential initiatives	**Kathleen Wee**, Research Associate, Clinical Informatics, Canada's Michael Smith Genome Sciences Centre - Vancouver
4:30–5:00pm	Roundtable Discussion/Brainstorming	
5:00-5:30pm	Wrap up and Final Discussions/Clear Calls to Action	**Dr. Nathalie Levasseur**, Medical Oncologist, BC Cancer - Vancouver

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Provincial Systemic Therapy Retreat

Thursday, November 19, 2026
8:00-11:00am

Moderators:
Dr. Helen Anderson, Medical Oncologist, Senior Executive Director, Systemic Therapy and Clinical Programs, Provincial Systemic Therapy – BC Cancer
Dr. Cheryl Ho, Medical Oncologist, Provincial Medical Director, Systemic Therapy Implementation and Sustainment, Provincial Systemic Therapy, BC Cancer
Anika Patel, Manager, Provincial Systemic Therapy, BC Cancer

Learning Objectives:

1. Integrate multidisciplinary approaches, real-world case insights, and innovative therapies to enhance decision-making and delivery of systemic cancer care
2. Evaluate provincial data, clinical outcomes, and emerging evidence to inform best practices, quality improvement, and system-level planning
3. Apply advances in systemic therapy and collaborative care models to improve patient outcomes, safety, and sustainability in modern oncology practice

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
8:00–8:10am	Welcoming and Introduction	**Dr. Helen Anderson**, Medical Oncologist, Senior Executive Director, Systemic Therapy and Clinical Programs, Provincial Systemic Therapy – BC Cancer **Dr. Cheryl Ho**, Medical Oncologist, Provincial Medical Director, Systemic Therapy Implementation and Sustainment, Provincial Systemic Therapy, BC Cancer
8:10-9:30am	Integrated Case Review: Multidisciplinary Approaches in Systemic Therapy	TBD Panel Speakers
9:30-9:45am	Bio Break	
9:45-10:20am	Advancements and Outcomes: Annual Review of Provincial Systemic Therapy	**Dr. Cheryl Ho**, Medical Oncologist, Provincial Medical Director, Systemic Therapy Implementation and Sustainment, Provincial Systemic Therapy, BC Cancer **Anika Patel**, Manager, Provincial Systemic Therapy, BC Cancer **Sandie Du**, Project Manager, Provincial Systemic Therapy, BC Cancer **Shelby Ritchey**, Clinical Nurse System Specialist, Provincial Systemic Therapy BC Cancer **Yuna Jang**, Clinical Nurse System Specialist, Provincial Systemic Therapy BC Cancer TBD
10:20-1055am	Innovative Therapies, Modern Practice: Advancing Systemic Therapy Care	TBD
10:55-11:00am	Closing	**Dr. Helen Anderson**, Medical Oncologist, Senior Executive Director, Systemic Therapy and Clinical Programs, Provincial Systemic Therapy – BC Cancer **Dr. Cheryl Ho**, Medical Oncologist, Provincial Medical Director, Systemic Therapy Implementation and Sustainment, Provincial Systemic Therapy, BC Cancer

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Ramping up ART: A Roadmap to Increasing Adaptive Radiation Therapy Capacity in British Columbia

Thursday, November 19, 2026

4:00 – 5:30pm

Moderator:
Robert Kosztyla, Senior Medical Physicist, Medical Physics, BC Cancer

Learning Objectives:

1. Review emerging adaptive radiation therapy technologies and clinical indications for adaptive radiation therapy
2. Describe use of the Ethos radiation therapy system for adaptive radiation therapy in British Columbia
3. Identify radiation therapy workflows that increase patient access to adaptive radiation therapy

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
4:00–4:10pm	Welcome and Introduction to adaptive radiation therapy technologies	**Robert Kosztyla**, Senior Medical Physicist, Medical Physics, BC Cancer
4:10–4:35pm	Ethos adaptive radiation therapy at BC Cancer – Kelowna	**Nathan Becker**, Regional Medical Physics Leader, Medical Physics, BC Cancer - Kelowna **Karen Yendley**, Lead Radiation Therapist, Radiation Therapy, BC Cancer - Kelowna
4:35–5:00pm	Ethos adaptive radiation therapy at BC Cancer – Vancouver	**Robert Kosztyla**, Senior Medical Physicist, Medical Physics, BC Cancer **Sheri Grahame**, Treatment Resource Radiation Therapist, Radiation Therapy, BC Cancer - Vancouver
5:00–5:25pm	Roundtable discussion: Strategies to increase patient access to adaptive radiation therapy in British Columbia	**Nathan Becker**, Regional Medical Physics Leader, Medical Physics, BC Cancer - Kelowna **Karen Yendley**, Lead Radiation Therapist, Radiation Therapy, BC Cancer - Kelowna **Robert Kosztyla**, Senior Medical Physicist, Medical Physics, BC Cancer **Sheri Grahame**, Treatment Resource Radiation Therapist, Radiation Therapy, BC Cancer - Vancouver
5:25–5:30pm	Session end and time for evaluations	

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Small Tests, Big Impact: Learning Our Way to Better Cancer Care Through Quality Improvement

Thursday, November 19, 2026

11:30am-12:30pm

Moderators:
Bradley Hubbard, Leader, Patient Safety, Quality & Accreditation, BC Cancer
Michelle Tam, Leader, Patient Safety, Quality & Accreditation, BC Cancer
Saba Yassemi, Leader, Patient Safety, Quality & Accreditation, BC Cancer

Learning Objectives:

1. Describe key Quality Improvement (QI) principles and how they apply to everyday challenges in cancer care
2. Apply practical QI methods (e.g., aim statements, simple measures, and tests of change) to identify and explore an improvement opportunity
3. Identify how to move a Quality Improvement idea forward within BC Cancer, using a structured approach that supports safe testing, learning, and system-wide improvement

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
11:30am-12:30pm	Welcome & Framing the Session Quality Improvement • Setting the Stage: What is Quality Improvement? • Interactive Activity: Exploring a QI Challenge • Debrief & Shared Learning • Moving Ideas into Action at BC Cancer • Call to Action & Close	**Bradley Hubbard**, Leader, Patient Safety, Quality & Accreditation, BC Cancer **Michelle Tam**, Leader, Patient Safety, Quality & Accreditation, BC Cancer **Saba Yassemi**, Leader, Patient Safety, Quality & Accreditation, BC Cancer **Leslie Chiang**, Manager, Patient Safety, Quality & Accreditation, BC Cancer

Statistical methods to address real-world issues in clinical research

Thursday, November 19, 2026

4:00-5:30pm

Moderators:
Thi Phuong Le Nghiem (Le), Senior Methodologist, Department of Clinical Research, Data and Analytics, BC Cancer
Richard Musoke, Biostatistical Analyst, Data and Analytics, BC Cancer
Kimberly DeVries (Kim), Manager, Data and Analytics, BC Cancer

Learning Objectives:

1. The audience will have an intuitive understanding of simulation methods and how we apply that in supporting clinical research in BC Cancer. We will demonstrate its application in the design of clinical trials
2. Describe and compare common approaches used to handle missing data in clinical trials and observational research and when a given approach can be used

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
4:00–4:15pm	Welcome and introduction	**Le Nghiem**, Senior Methodologist, Department of Clinical Research, Data and Analytics, BC Cancer **Richard Musoke**, Biostatistical Analyst, Data and Analytics, BC Cancer **Kim DeVries**, Manager, Data and Analytics, BC Cancer
4:15–4:45pm	Simulation in clinical research	**Le Nghiem**, Senior Methodologist, Department of Clinical Research, Data and Analytics, BC Cancer
4:45–5:15pm	Methods for handling missing data in research	**Richard Musoke**, Biostatistical Analyst, Data and Analytics, BC Cancer
5:15–5:30pm	Q&A and attendees to complete evaluation	**Le Nghiem,** Senior Methodologist, Department of Clinical Research, Data and Analytics, BC Cancer **Richard Musoke**, Biostatistical Analyst, Data and Analytics, BC Cancer **Kim DeVries**, Manager, Data and Analytics, BC Cancer

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Supportive Care: Battle of the Branches (Psychosocial vs. Rehabilitation vs. Pain & Symptom / Palliative Care)

Thursday, November 19, 2026

8:00–11:00am

Moderators:
Ben Lee, Director, Provincial Programs, BC Cancer - Vancouver
Dr. John-Jose Nunez, Associate Program Medical Director, Support Care, Provincial Program, BC Cancer - Vancouver

Learning Objectives:

1. Review the importance of Supportive Care to quality of life, patient experience, and survival
2. Assess the current state and recent progress of Psychosocial Oncology, Cancer Rehabilitation, and Pain & Symptom Management / Palliative Care
3. Generate new ideas for the future of Supportive Care at BC Cancer

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
8:00-8:05am	Welcome	**Ben Lee**, Director, Provincial Programs, BC Cancer - Vancouver
8:05-8:15am	Importance of Psychosocial Oncology	**Dr. Alan Bates**, Program Medical Director, Supportive Care and Provincial Medical Director, Psychosocial Oncology
8:15-8:25am	Importance of Pain & Symptom Management / Palliative Care	**Dr. Julia Ridley**, Provincial Medical Director Pain & Symptom Management/Palliative Care, Provincial Programs, BC Cancer - Vancouver

8:25-8:35am	Importance of Cancer Rehabilitation	**Dr. Lauren Capozzi**, Provincial Medical Director, Pain & Symptom Management/Palliative Care, Provincial Programs, BC Cancer - Vancouver
8:35-8:40am	Audience voting	**Ben Lee**, Director, Provincial Programs, BC Cancer - Vancouver
8:40-8:50am	Highlights of Psychosocial Oncology	**Dr. Alan Bates**, Program Medical Director, Supportive Care and Provincial Medical Director, Psychosocial Oncology
8:50-9:00am	Highlights of Pain & Symptom Management / Palliative Care	**Dr. Julia Ridley**, Provincial Medical Director Pain & Symptom Management/Palliative Care, Provincial Programs, BC Cancer - Vancouver
9:00-9:10am	Highlights of Cancer Rehabilitation	**Dr. Lauren Capozzi**, Provincial Medical Director, Pain & Symptom Management/Palliative Care, Provincial Programs, BC Cancer - Vancouver
9:10-9:15am	Audience voting	**Ben Lee**, Director, Provincial Programs, BC Cancer - Vancouver
9:15-9:25am	Q & A - Psychosocial Oncology	**Dr. Alan Bates**, Program Medical Director, Supportive Care and Provincial Medical Director, Psychosocial Oncology
9:25-9:35am	Q & A - Pain & Symptom Management / Palliative Care	Julia Ridley
9:35-9:45am	Q & A - Cancer Rehabilitation	**Dr. Lauren Capozzi**, Provincial Medical Director, Pain & Symptom Management/Palliative Care, Provincial Programs, BC Cancer - Vancouver
9:45-9:50am	Audience voting	**Ben Lee**, Director, Provincial Programs, BC Cancer - Vancouver
9:50-10:00am	Break	
10:00-10:20am	Small group brainstorming on ideas for improvement	**Dr. John-Jose Nunez**, Associate Program Medical Director, Support Care, Provincial Program, BC Cancer - Vancouver
10:20-10:50am	Presentation of new ideas	**Dr. John-Jose Nunez**, Associate Program Medical Director, Support Care, Provincial Program, BC Cancer - Vancouver
10:50-11:00am	Concluding remarks	**Ben Lee**, Director, Provincial Programs, BC Cancer - Vancouver

Turning Staff Feedback into Action: Advancing Wellbeing Across BC Cancer

Thursday, November 19, 2026

1:00–3:00pm

Moderators:
Dr. Sharlene Gill, Medical Oncologist, Executive Medical Director, Medical and Staff Wellbeing and Engagement, BC Cancer - Vancouver
Dr. Janine Davies, Chair, MSES & MDSA Wellness Subcommittee, BC Cancer - Vancouver

Learning Objectives:

1. Summarize the current state and strategic direction of staff wellbeing at BC Cancer, with a focus on inclusion of all staff groups.
2. Identify how staff feedback has informed concrete wellbeing actions, including a "you said, we heard, we're doing" overview of progress.
3. Recognize examples of staff-led initiatives supported through wellbeing grants and their impact across the system.
4. Reflect on shared responsibility for staff wellbeing and identify practical ways to support a unified wellbeing culture.

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
1:00-1:05pm	Welcome / Opening Remarks	**Dr. Sharlene Gill**, Medical Oncologist, Executive Medical Director, Medical and Staff Wellbeing and Engagement, BC Cancer - Vancouver
1:05-1:20pm	Update from BC Cancer Staff Wellbeing and Engagement Initiative	**Dr. Sharlene Gill**, Medical Oncologist, Executive Medical Director, Medical and Staff Wellbeing and Engagement, BC Cancer - Vancouver
1:20-1:35pm	Update from MDSA/MSES Wellness Subcommittee	**Dr. Janine Davies**, Medical Oncologist, Chair, MSES & MDSA Wellness Subcommittee, BC Cancer - Vancouver
1:35-2:00pm	Staff-led Wellbeing in Action: Grant Recipient Lightning Presentations (3 x 7-minutes)	TBD x 3
2:00-2:10pm	Break	
2:10-2:30pm	Panel Discussion: Enabling a Unified Wellbeing Culture	**Dr. Sharlene Gill**, Medical Oncologist, Executive Medical Director, Medical and Staff Wellbeing and Engagement, BC Cancer - Vancouver **Dr. Janine Davies**, Medical Oncologist, Chair, MSES & MDSA Wellness Subcommittee, BC Cancer - Vancouver TBD
2:30-2:50pm	Roundtable Breakouts: Advancing Wellbeing Together	
2:50-3:00pm	Closing Remarks & Evaluation Completion	**Dr. Sharlene Gill**, Medical Oncologist, Executive Medical Director, Medical and Staff Wellbeing and Engagement, BC Cancer - Vancouver

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Friday, November 20, 2026

Welcome, Keynotes and Bright Spots Plenary

Friday, November 20, 2026

8:00am–12:30pm
Grand Ballroom, Lower Level, North Tower

Moderators:
Dr. Paris Ann Ingledew, Interim Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, BC Cancer
Tracy Irwin, Chief Operating Officer, BC Cancer
Ruby Gidda, Executive Director, Clinical Capacity Optimization, BC Cancer, BC Cancer Summit Co-Chair
Dr. Dan Le, Medical Oncologist, BC Cancer, BC Cancer Summit Co-Chair

Time	Topic
8:00–8:10am	Welcome
8:10– 8:30am	Indigenous Welcome
8:35–8:45am	Housekeeping, Introductions to Keynotes and Bright Spots Plenary

Keynotes

8:45-9:45am	To Be Confirmed
9:45-10:45am	To Be Confirmed
10:45–11:05am	*Stretch Break*

Bright Spots Plenary

11:05am – 12:30pm	**Be Celebrating 30 Years of Hereditary Cancer Care Confirmed** **Adam Kahnamelli**, Clinical Operations Director, Hereditary Cancer Program, BC Cancer **Dr. Intan Schrader**, Co-Medical Director, Hereditary Cancer Program, BC Cancer Describe key milestones in the development of the Hereditary Cancer Program over its 30-year history. Recognize major accomplishments and contributors that have shaped the program's success and impact. Identify future priorities and planned milestones that will advance hereditary cancer care in British Columbia **Should This Positive Trial Change Practice? From Bright Spots to Blind Spots in Oncology Evidence** **Dr. Saroj Niraula**, Medical Oncologist, BC Cancer - Kelowna Discuss a few recurring global concerns in clinical trial interpretations, including control-arm selection, censoring, surrogate endpoints, and whether trial outcomes reflect what matters most to patients.
12:30pm – 2:00pm	Break: Light Lunch, Exhibitors, Posters and Networking Opportunity

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An AYA Cancer Care & Support Program for BC/Yukon – Exploring the Plan

Friday, November 20, 2026

2:00-4:00pm

Moderators:
Dr. Andrew Arifin, Medical Oncologist, BC Cancer - Vancouver
Cheryl Heykoop, Team Lead, Anew Research Collaborative, Royal Roads University - Victoria
Dr. Kristin Marr, Pediatric Oncologist, BC Children's Hospital, Vancouver

Learning Objectives:

1. Describe current challenges and the unique needs and priorities of AYAs navigating cancer care and support in BC/Yukon
2. Summarize key elements and goals of the draft AYA cancer care and support program plan for BC/Yukon and articulate localized efforts underway
3. Identify tangible actions to improve AYA cancer care and support in BC/Yukon
4. Highlight the collaborative development process leading to the plan's development and upcoming implementation

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
2:00-2:15pm	Welcome, Introductions (participatory), Session Overview	**Dr. Andrew Arifin**, Medical Oncologist, BC Cancer - Vancouver
2:15-2:35pm	Safekeeping, Understanding AYA Cancer Through Immersive Experience	**Cheryl Heykoop**, Team Lead, Anew Research Collaborative, Royal Roads University - Victoria **AYAs**
2:35-2:45pm	AYA Cancer Care & Support Program - the Journey Thus Far	**Cheryl Heykoop**, Team Lead, Anew Research Collaborative, Royal Roads University - Victoria
2:45-3:00pm	Progress Updates: BC Cancer BC Children's Hospital Anew Research Collaborative	**Dr. Andrew Arifin**, Medical Oncologist, BC Cancer - Vancouver **Dr. Kristin Marr**, Pediatric Oncologist, BC Children's Hospital, Vancouver **Cheryl Heykoop**, Team Lead, Anew Research Collaborative, Royal Roads University - Victoria
3:00-3:40pm	Action Planning 2027 (participatory)	**Cheryl Heykoop**, Team Lead, Anew Research Collaborative, Royal Roads University - Victoria
3:40-3:50pm	Next Steps & Commitment	**Dr. Andrew Arifin**, Medical Oncologist, BC Cancer - Vancouver
3:50-4:00pm	Evaluations & Closing	**Cheryl Heykoop**, Team Lead, Anew Research Collaborative, Royal Roads University - Victoria

Breast Tumour Group

Friday, November 20, 2026
2:00-5:00pm

Moderators:
Dr. Nathalie LeVasseur, Medical Oncologist, BC Cancer - Vancouver

Learning Objectives:
1. Explore evolving approaches to breast cancer management, including axillary surgery, sentinel node omission, and radiation de-escalation.
2. Review new developments in breast cancer diagnostics and treatment, including systemic therapy programs, companion diagnostics and pathology reporting.
3. Promote multidisciplinary alignment and knowledge sharing across the breast cancer care team.
4. Highlight current research, emerging evidence, and new program initiatives within breast cancer care in BC.

Building Lifestyle Medicine in Oncology

Friday, November 20, 2026
2:00-3:30pm

Moderators**:**
Dr. Julianna Caon, Radiation Oncologist, BC Cancer - Victoria
Dr. Thomas Hedley, General Practitioner in Oncology, Medical Oncology, BC Cancer - Vancouver

Learning Objectives:
1. Describe the six pillars of lifestyle medicine
2. Summarize data supporting programs for exercise, nutrition, and social connection in people living with or beyond cancer
3. Design opportunities for collaboration on lifestyle medicine initiatives across BC Cancer sites

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
2:00–2:10pm	Introduction + Learning Objective 1	**Dr. Thomas Hedley**, General Practitioner in Oncology, Medical Oncology, BC Cancer - Vancouver
2:10-2:30pm	Learning Objective 2	**Dr. Julianna Caon**, Radiation Oncologist, BC Cancer - Victoria **Dr. Thomas Hedley**, General Practitioner in Oncology, Medical Oncology, BC Cancer - Vancouver
2:30–2:45pm	Learning Objective 3 – group brainstorming	
2:45-3:05pm	Learning Objective 3 – group sharing and initiative generation	**Dr. Julianna Caon**, Radiation Oncologist, BC Cancer - Victoria **Dr. Thomas Hedley**, General Practitioner in Oncology, Medical Oncology, BC Cancer - Vancouver
3:05-3:10pm	Time for Session Evaluation	

Building operational readiness roadmaps for new cancer centres: from vision to activation

Friday, November 20, 2026
2:00-3:00pm

Moderators:
Robin Latondresse, Senior Executive Director, Major Capital Projects, Provincial Health Services Authority
Cherie Taylor, Executive Director, Clinical Operations & Capital Redevelopment, BC Cancer

Learning Objectives:
1. Explore the key components and planning of operational readiness for new cancer centres
2. Gain insights into workforce and health human resources planning, including recruitment, onboarding, and retention of specialized staff
3. Understand how BC Cancer and host hospital clinical, operational, and support services are preparing to align for opening day readiness

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
2:00-2:30pm	Operational readiness for new cancer centres • Overview of BC Cancer redevelopment projects • Key components of operational readiness planning for the new cancer centres • How BC Cancer and host hospitals are working together to prepare for opening day	**Robin Latondresse**, Senior Executive Director, Major Capital Projects, Provincial Health Services Authority **Cherie Taylor**, Executive Director, Clinical Operations & Capital Redevelopment, BC Cancer
2:30-2:45pm	Recruitment for new cancer centres • Workforce and health human resources planning, including recruitment, onboarding, and retention of specialized staff	TBC, Manager, Talent Acquisition BC Cancer and PHSA Medical Staff Recruitment, PHSA People & Culture
2:45-3:00pm	Q&A	

Cancer Survivorship Research: Priorities, Partnerships, and Patient-Centered Innovation

Friday, November 20, 2026
2:00-3:30pm

Moderators:
Amanda Wurz, University of the Fraser Valley
Rosie Shrout, University of British Columbia

Learning Objectives:
1. Discuss the current and emerging priorities in cancer survivorship research in British Columbia
2. Identify gaps in existing evidence and opportunities for future research
3. Collaboratively propose strategies to strengthen survivorship research and knowledge translation within BC Cancer

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
2:00-2:05pm	Introduction	**Dr. Lauren Capozzi**, Physiatrist, Supportive Care, BC Cancer - Kelowna
2:05-2:20pm	Presentation 1	**Helen McTaggart-Cowan**, Scientist, BC Cancer Research Centre, BC Cancer - Vancouver
2:20-2:30pm	Activity 1	
2:30-2:45pm	Presentation 2	**Kelcey Bland**, University of British Columbia **Kristin Campbell**, University of British Columbia
2:45-2:55pm	Activity 2	
3:00-3:15pm	Presentation 3	Patient partner
3:15-3:25pm	Activity 3	
3:25-3:30pm	Conclusion	

Community Oncology Network

Friday, November 20, 2026

4:00–5:00pm

Moderators:
Amol Gill, Director, Community Oncology Network, BC Cancer – Provincial Programs
Jessica Noble, Cancer Care Coordinator, Community Oncology Network, BC Cancer – Provincial Programs
Dr. Helen Anderson, Senior Executive Director, Systemic Therapy and Clinical Programs Medical Oncology

Learning Objectives:

1. Describe and understand the role of the Community Oncology Network (CON) in providing and supporting coordinated, high-quality cancer care across British Columbia.
2. Recognize how rural patients experience cancer care across local primary care and regional oncology, and where coordination gaps can affect patient and provider experience.
3. Identify how a rural primary care cancer support model can improve communication, navigation, symptom support, and care continuity while strengthening collaboration between primary care, oncology specialists, health authority partners, and Indigenous communities.
4. Evaluate system-wide impact of novel therapies on capacity, infrastructure, and patient care delivery
5. Apply learnings from 2025-2026 ST initiatives and to inform collaboration with CON for future implementations

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
4:00-4:15pm	Introduction & Welcome	**Amol Gill**, Director, Community Oncology Network, BC Cancer – Provincial Programs
4:15-4:35pm	Bringing Cancer Support Closer to Home: A Rural Primary Care Model in Pemberton	**Nancy Gabor**, Rural and Remote Division of Family Practice, Vancouver Coastal Health **Heidi Butler**, Director, Coastal Sea to Sky - Acute, Periop & Home Health Squamish General Hospital, Whistler Health Care Centre, Pemberton Health Care Centre, Vancouver Coastal Health **Dr. Michelle Leslie**, Physician, Vancouver Coast Health
4:35-4:55pm	Impacts and learnings of implementing novel therapies across the province	**Yuna Jang**, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Systemic Therapy, BC Cancer – Provincial Programs
4:55-5:00pm	Closing remarks	**Amol Gill**, Director, Community Oncology Network, BC Cancer – Provincial Programs

From Conversations to Documentation: Strengthening Advance Care Planning Through Quality Improvement

Friday, November 20, 2026

4:00–5:00pm

Moderators:
Dr. Michael Mckenzie, Radiation Oncologist, BC Cancer - Vancouver
Haneen Albayati, Spread Quality Lead, Medical and Academic Affairs, PHSA - Corporate

Learning Objectives:

1. Identify strategies to ensure patient wishes are documented, accessible, and actionable throughout the cancer journey
2. Apply practical quality improvement strategies, including team-based workflows and optimization of existing EMR tools, to strengthen Advance Care Planning (ACP) in their own practice
3. Use measurement and data to improve the visibility, adoption, and sustainability of ACP
4. Recognize the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration in ensuring patient wishes are communicated across providers and care settings

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
4:00–4:05pm	Welcome and Introductions	**Dr. Michael Mckenzie**, Radiation Oncologist, BC Cancer - Vancouver
4:05–4:15pm	ACP at BC Cancer: Why It Matters and Where We Are Today	**Dr. Michael Mckenzie**, Radiation Oncologist, BC Cancer - Vancouver **Pamela Hinada**, Quality Lead, Medical and Academic Affairs, PHSA - Corporate
4:15–4:20pm	Advance Care Planning Across PHSA	**Brittney Schichter**, ACP Lead, Medical and Academic Affairs, PHSA
4:20–4:40pm	Interactive Case Discussion: Advance Care Planning in Practice	**Dr. Janine Davies**, Medical Oncologist, BC Cancer - Vancouver **Haneen Albayati**, Spread Quality Lead, Medical and Academic Affairs, PHSA - Corporate
4:40–4:50pm	From Theory to Practice: Workflow Testing at BC Cancer Surrey	**Dr. Dylan Narinesingh**, Medical Oncologist, BC Cancer - Surrey **Nicole Wikjord**, Clinical Nurse Lead, BC Cancer - Surrey
4:50–5:00pm	Questions Session Evaluation and Closing	**Dr. Michael Mckenzie**, Radiation Oncologist, BC Cancer - Vancouver **Haneen Albayati**, Spread Quality Lead, Medical and Academic Affairs, PHSA - Corporate

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From Implementation to Innovation: The Future of Molecular Imaging and Therapy at BC Cancer

Friday, November 20, 2026
2:00–3:30pm

Moderators**:**
Carlos Uribe, Leader, Clinical Molecular Imaging and Therapy Physics, BC Cancer
Rajesh Sthankiya, Director Provincial Programs, Molecular Imaging and Therapy, BC Cancer

Learning Objectives:
1. Describe how provincial optimization is improving access to molecular imaging and therapy services across BC Cancer
2. Recognize emerging clinical, physics, radiopharmacy, and digital innovations that are advancing precision molecular imaging and therapy
3. Discuss how multidisciplinary collaboration is accelerating translation of new technologies into clinical practice
4. Identify future opportunities for innovation in theranostics, including novel radionuclides, artificial intelligence, and personalized therapies

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
2:00–2:05pm	Welcome and Introduction	**Carlos Uribe**, Leader, Clinical Molecular Imaging and Therapy Physics, BC Cancer **Rajesh Sthankiya**, Director Provincial Programs, Molecular Imaging and Therapy, BC Cancer
2:05–2:20pm	Provincial Capacity Optimization	**Gerald Gelowitz**, Director, Clinical Capacity Optimization, BC Cancer
2:20–2:35pm	Clinical Trials in Molecular Imaging and Therapy	Nadine Colpo, Clinical Research Technologist, Molecular Imaging and Therapy, BC Cancer - Vancouver **Heather Saprunoff**, Research Project Manager, Clinical Research, BC Cancer - Vancouver
2:35–2:50pm	Precision Molecular Imaging and Personalized Radiopharmaceutical Therapies	**Xinchi Hou**, Physicist, Clinical Molecular Imaging and Therapy, BC Cancer
2:50–3:05pm	Novel Radioisotopes and Radiopharmaceutical Innovation	**Elys Jamieson**, Graduate Student, BC Cancer Research Institute, Molecular Imaging and Therapy, BC Cancer **Jeff Collins**, Radiochemist, Molecular Imaging and Therapy, BC Cancer - Vancouver
3:05–3:20pm	AI Agents in Molecular Imaging and Therapy	**Fereshteh Yousefirizi**, Staff Scientist, BC Cancer Research Institute, Molecular Therapy and Imaging, BC Cancer
3:20–3:30pm	Q&A	All presenters

We wish to also acknowledge the following individual(s) for their contributions to this session:

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From Participation to Partnership: Building Engagement Capable Environments in Cancer Care

Friday, November 20, 2026

2:00-5:00pm

Moderators:
Efe Fruci, Leader, Patient & Family Partnerships & Experience, BC Cancer
Nick EbbadiCook, Leader, Patient & Family Partnerships & Experience, BC Cancer
Isha Joshi, Coordinator, Patient & Family Partnerships & Experience, BC Cancer

Session Description:
Across healthcare systems, there is growing recognition that patient and family partnership improves quality, safety, experience, and service design. Yet many teams struggle to move beyond inviting patient partners to meetings toward creating environments where engagement is meaningful, supported, and able to influence decisions.

This interactive workshop will explore how to build engagement-capable environments within cancer programs, committees, and improvement initiatives. Drawing on BC Cancer's experience of embedding patient and family partnerships across provincial programs, participants will learn practical strategies for creating the conditions that set the stage for meaningful engagement.

The session will introduce key principles of patient and family partnership and explore organizational factors that support engagement capable environments including leadership commitment, clarity of purpose, inclusive meeting design, regular check-ins, and structures that support patient and family partners to contribute fully. Participants will be introduced to practical tools developed at BC Cancer to support engagement in action, including approaches to designing engagement-capable meetings and agendas, planning engagement activities, and incorporating feedback loops to ensure that patient and family perspectives meaningfully inform decisions.

Through facilitated discussion, small group exercises, and real-world examples, participants will reflect on their own programs and identify opportunities to strengthen engagement practices within their teams and initiatives. Participants will leave with practical ideas and tools they can apply immediately to strengthen patient and family partnership in their own work.

Learning Objectives:
1. Describe core principles of meaningful patient and family partnership in cancer care
2. Identify key elements that enable and sustain engagement-capable environments within healthcare programs and committees
3. Apply practical tools to design and plan meetings, initiatives, and improvement projects that support meaningful patient and family partner participation
4. Reflect on opportunities to strengthen engagement practices within their own teams and initiatives

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
2:00-2:10pm	Welcome & Land Acknowledgement – introduce session	**Satnam Sidhu**, Leader, Patient & Family Partnerships & Experience, BC Cancer
2:10-2:20pm	Connection before content exercise	**Nick EbbadiCook**, Leader, Patient & Family Partnerships & Experience, BC Cancer
2:20-2:35pm	What makes engagement capable environments	**Satnam Sidhu**, Leader, Patient & Family Partnerships & Experience, BC Cancer
2:35-2:50pm	Table Discussion – What elements help to support and enhance meaningful participation? What's missing - what's working well?	
2:50-3:10pm	Foundations of meaningful Partnership – Partner views	Patient Partners

		Patient Partners
3:10-3:30pm	Table discussion – What are elements that help to support and enhance patient participation from the partner perspective?	
3:30-3:45pm	BREAK	
3:45-4:25pm	Walk through tools (engagement capable meetings & agendas, PFC Toolkit, PHSA Framework etc.	**Saori Yamamoto**, Leader, Patient & Family Partnerships & Experience, BC Cancer **Satnam Sidhu**, Leader, Patient & Family Partnerships & Experience, BC Cancer **Kate Barker**, Clinical Manager, Supportive Care and Medical Secretaries, BC Cancer - Vancouver
4:25-4:40pm	Table Exercise – Create an engagement capable environment – for a specific project or initiative	
4:40-4:50pm	Share back	**Isha Joshi**, Coordinator, Patient & Family Partnerships & Experience, BC Cancer
4:50-4:55pm	Reflection & Check out	**Efe Fruci**, Leader, Patient & Family Partnerships & Experience, BC Cancer
4:55-5:00pm	Wrap up and close	**Satnam Sidhu**, Leader, Patient & Family Partnerships & Experience, BC Cancer

We wish to also acknowledge the following individual(s) for their contributions to this session:

Tammy Hoefer, Director, Patient & Family Partnerships & Experience, BC Cancer

Gastrointestinal Tumour Group Session

Friday, November 20, 2026

2:00-4:00pm

Moderators:
Dr. Dan Renouf, Medical Oncologist, BC Cancer - Vancouver

Learning Objectives:

1. Assess ongoing updated data for GI Cancers
2. Define multidisciplinary care of GI Cancers

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
2:00-2:30pm	Assess ongoing updated data of GI Cancers	TBD
2:30-3:00pm	Define multidisciplinary care of GI Cancers	TBD
3:00-3:30pm	Q&A	

GLP-1 Therapy for Weight Management in Oncology: Risks, Benefits, and Coordination of Care

Friday, November 20, 2026
4:00-5:00pm

Moderator(s):
Sarah Edwards, Provincial Professional Practice Leader, Provincial Pharmacy, BC Cancer
Misuzu Noguchi, Allied Health Educator, Nutrition, Professional Practice, Learning & Development, and Policy, BC Cancer
Gloria Chan, Clinical Dietitian, Nutrition & Rehabilitation, BC Cancer - Vancouver

Learning Objectives:
1. Understand the impact GLP-1 medication may have on treatment tolerance, symptoms and overall cancer care goals and incorporate them into clinical decision-making
2. Identify and manage potential medication safety concerns including drug interactions, side effects and nutrition-related risks such as malnutrition and coordinating with non-oncology prescribers
3. Integrate interdisciplinary perspectives to support shared decision-making with patients and ensure safe, consistent approaches to GLP-1 use for weight management across care teams.

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
4:00-4:05pm	Welcome, Land Acknowledgement & Introduction of Speaker 1	Moderator
4:05-4:17pm	Speaker 1	**Dr. Heather Halperin**, Medical Oncologist, PGY4, BC Cancer
4:17-4:20pm	Introduction of Speaker 2	Moderator
4:20-4:32pm	Speaker 2	**Robyn Latt**, Drug Information Pharmacist, Provincial Pharmacy, BC Cancer
4:32-4:35pm	Introduction of Speaker 3	Moderator
4:35 – 4:45pm	Speaker 3	**Hanna Kim**, Clinical Dietitian, Nutrition & Rehabilitation, BC Cancer - Vancouver
4:45-5:00pm	Panel discussion	Moderators

Innovative Radiation Therapist Facilitated Models of Care

Friday, November 20, 2026
2:00-4:00pm

Moderators:
Aissa Keulen, Provincial Educator, Learning & Development, BC Cancer
Liz Stevenson, Provincial Educator, Learning & Development, BC Cancer
Sara Cowan, Provincial Professional Practice Leader, Professional Practice & Policy, BC Cancer

Learning Objectives:
1. Explain the concept of models of care. State examples being used by radiation therapists at BC Cancer and how they can support a connected, patient-centered, and forward-thinking provincial system

2. Explore patient (and family) perspectives on RTT-led roles and identify key lessons learned from these experiences
3. Understand development of a multifaceted, high-level strategy for a new care model and creation of a roadmap to support provincial implementation
4. Describe future opportunities for RTT role development and innovation within evolving models of care

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
2:00-2:05pm	Welcome, land acknowledgement, intro to concept of models of care	Practice & Learning RTT
2:05-2:15pm	Clinical Trials RTT Role	**Erika Facchin**, Radiation Therapist, Radiation Therapy, BC Cancer - Vancouver
2:15-2:25pm	Triage RTT Role	**Arish Alam**, Radiation Therapist, Radiation Therapy, BC Cancer - Victoria
2:25-2:35pm	Ambulatory Care unit Navigator RTT Role	**Julia Campbell**, Radiation Therapist, Radiation Therapy, BC Cancer - Kelowna
2:35-2:45pm	Patient Navigator RTT Role	**Alex Guytingo**, Radiation Therapist, Radiation Therapy, BC Cancer - Vancouver
2:45-2:55pm	Patient Partner feedback	Practice & Learning RTT
2:55-3:00pm	Part 1 Questions and Closing	Practice & Learning RTT
3:00-3:10pm	Break	
3:10-3:15pm	Intro	Practice & Learning RTT
3:15-3:30pm	Developing a MR RT Program at BC Cancer	**Rupinder Atwal**, Executive Director, Leadership – BC Cancer Abbotsford
3:30-3:35pm	Questions	Practice & Learning RTT
3:35-3:45pm	Future Opportunities for RTT Models of Care	Practice & Learning RTT
3:45-3:50pm	Questions and Closing	Practice & Learning RTT
3:50-4:00pm	Session Evaluations	Practice & Learning RTT

Launching Cancer Rehabilitation–Physiatry at BC Cancer: Early Impact, Lessons Learned, and the Path Forward

Friday, November 20, 2026

4:00-5:30pm

Moderators**:**
Dr. Alan Bates, Psychiatrist, Program Medical Director, Support Care, BC Cancer - Vancouver
Dr. Lauren Capozzi, Physiatrist, Provincial Medical Director, Cancer Rehabilitation, BC Cancer - Kelowna

Learning Objectives:
1. Describe the role of Cancer Rehabilitation, Physiatry (Rehabilitation Medicine) and allied health members in addressing functional impairments across the cancer trajectory
2. Review early outcomes and real-world data from the first 7 months of the BC Cancer Rehabilitation–Physiatry clinic launch
3. Discuss opportunities and next steps to expand a provincially integrated cancer rehabilitation model across BC Cancer
4. Highlight innovative collaborations with local health authorities to support the growth of the Cancer Rehabilitation program.

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
4:00–4:05pm	Introduction + Welcome	**Dr. Alan Bates**, Psychiatrist, Program Medical Director, Support Care, BC Cancer - Vancouver
4:05-4:15pm	Supportive Care Expansion of Cancer Rehabilitation Services – Alignment with the Strategic Plan and Vision	**Dr. Alan Bates**, Psychiatrist, Program Medical Director, Support Care, BC Cancer - Vancouver
4:15-4:35pm	Cancer Rehabilitation + Physiatry Clinic Launch – The Impact of the First Year at BC Cancer Kelowna	**Dr. Lauren Capozzi**, Physiatrist, Provincial Medical Director, Cancer Rehabilitation, BC Cancer - Kelowna **Julia Campbell**, Radiation Therapist, Capstone MSc Student, BC Cancer - Kelowna **Marie Taccayan**, Team base care RN, BC Cancer - Kelowna
4:35-4:45pm	Cancer Rehabilitation Impact on Oncology Staff and Patients	**Julia Campbell**, Radiation Therapist, Capstone MSc Student, BC Cancer - Kelowna **Marie Taccayan**, Team base care RN, BC Cancer - Kelowna
4:45-5:00pm	Why it all Matters - The Patient Experience	**Sarah Johnston**, Associate Director, Interior and North, BC Cancer Foundation - Kelowna
5:00-5:10pm	Innovative Partnerships with Interior Health to Facilitate the Cancer Rehabilitation Program	**Ben Lee**, Director, Provincial Programs, BC Cancer - Vancouver
5:10-5:30pm	Questions + Discussion	All speakers

Lung Tumour Group

Friday, November 20, 2026

2:00-3:30pm

Moderators**:**
Dr. Srinivas Raman, Radiation Oncologist, BC Cancer - Vancouver

Learning Objectives:
1. To highlight the recent developments in lung cancer screening and workup
2. To discuss the increasing role of multi-modality treatment in lung cancer surgery
3. To review the changes in systemic therapy in lung cancer
4. To discuss updates in molecular testing for lung cancer

Medical Physics Professional Town Hall

Friday, November 20, 2026
4:00–5:30pm

Moderators:
Miller Macpherson
Carlos Uribe, Leader, Clinical Molecular Imaging and Therapy Physics, BC Cancer

Learning Objectives:

1. Welcome new members and updates on the residency programs around the different regional BC Cancer sites.
2. Understand future staffing challenges in the medical physics discipline at BC Cancer.
3. Understand the roadmap for the provincial expansion and the challenges within different physics groups.

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
4:00–4:15pm	Updates from the Executive Director Clinical Medical Physics	**Miller Macpherson**
4:15–4:25pm	Updates on the Molecular Imaging and Therapy Physics Landscape	**Carlos Uribe**, Leader, Clinical Molecular Imaging and Therapy Physics, BC Cancer
4:25–5:05pm	Updates from the different regional sites	**Isabelle Gagne**, BC Cancer **Sandra Meyers**, BC Cancer **Nick Chng**, BC Cancer **Nathan Becker**, BC Cancer **Marcus Sonier**, BC Cancer **Haley Clark**, BC Cancer
5:05–5:25pm	Open Forum	All attendees
5:25–5:30pm	Closing remarks	**Miller Macpherson** **Carlos Uribe**, Leader, Clinical Molecular Imaging and Therapy Physics, BC Cancer

Navigating the Grey Zones of Research Ethics Review: Real Cases, Real Decisions, Real Impact on Cancer Research

Friday, November 20, 2026
4:30-5:30pm

Moderators**:**
Monica Shin, Officer, Research Ethics, Provincial Research Administration, BC Cancer
Cheryl Carrasco, Officer, Research Ethics, Provincial Research Administration, BC Cancer
Jessica Bigland, Director, Research Ethics, Provincial Research Administration, BC Cancer

Learning Objectives:

1. Clarify the BC Cancer REB's scope: overview of the Research Ethics Office activities, the institutions and projects that fall within the REB's purview, and the REB's initial review process
2. Build confidence in recognizing and assessing whether a project is classified as research versus quality improvement, quality assurance, or other
3. Define the REB requirements for student research: amendment to an existing application vs. new application
4. Uncover the misconceptions around REB review requirements for grants and publications
5. Apply the lessons **learned** from different historical cases and real-world scenarios

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
4:30-4:35pm	Introduction	**Monica Shin**, Officer, Research Ethics, Provincial Research Administration, BC Cancer
4:35-4:50pm	Overview of the Research Ethics Office activities and guidance on determining what projects fall within vs outside of REB's purview	**Jessica Bigland**, Director, Research Ethics, Provincial Research Administration, BC Cancer
4:50-5:00pm	Exemptions: student research	**Cheryl Carrasco**, Officer, Research Ethics, Provincial Research Administration, BC Cancer
5:00-5:20pm	Case examples: student research, QA/QI, Research Challenge	**Monica Shin**, Officer, Research Ethics, Provincial Research Administration, BC Cancer
5:20-5:30pm	Q&A, session evaluation	**Monica Shin**, Officer, Research Ethics, Provincial Research Administration, BC Cancer **Cheryl Carrasco**, Officer, Research Ethics, Provincial Research Administration, BC Cancer **Jessica Bigland**, Director, Research Ethics, Provincial Research Administration, BC Cancer **Amrit Bhullar**, Officer, Research Ethics, Provincial Research Administration, BC Cancer

We wish to also acknowledge the following individual(s) for their contributions to this session:

Dr. Howard Lim, Medical Oncologist, REB Chair, Research Administration, BC Cancer – Vancouver
Dr. Anna Tinker, Medical Oncologist, REB Vice-Chair, Research Administration, BC Cancer – Vancouver

Navigating the Meaning of Body Image Among Adults with Breast Cancer – A Photovoice Experience

Friday, November 20, 2026

2:00-3:30pm

Moderators**:**
Chelsea Kenny, Clinical Nurse Mentor, Provincial Programs, BC Cancer – Abbotsford & Surrey
Joy Bunsko, Senior Practice Leader, Professional Practice, BC Cancer - Abbotsford
TBC - Jagbir Kaur, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Nursing & Allied Health Research & Knowledge Translation, BC Cancer – Vancouver

Learning Objectives:

1. To understand the frameworks available to support Patient & Family Engagement (PHSA & IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation
2. Understand what authentic patient engagement can look like through the voices of Patient Partners and Participants

3. Understand how the frameworks and patient engagement came together in the study: Navigating the Meaning of Body Image Among Adults with Breast Cancer: A Photovoice Experience

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
8:30-8:40am	Introductions	**Chelsea Kenny**, Clinical Nurse Mentor, Provincial Programs, BC Cancer – Abbotsford & Surrey
8:40-9:00am	Into to Frameworks (PHSA & IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation)	**Shauna Remin**, Registered Nurse, Provincial Nurse Line, BC Cancer Patient Partners Participants
9:00-9:30am	Intro to Patient Partner & Participant Voice	Patient Partners Participants
9:30-9:35am	Stretch break/mindfulness component	**Shauna Remin**, Registered Nurse, Provincial Nurse Line, BC Cancer
9:35-9:55am	Closing/remaining questions answered	**Shauna Remin**, Registered Nurse, Provincial Nurse Line, BC Cancer Participants Patient Partners

Opening the Conversation: Advancing Sexual Health as Core Oncology Care Through a Provincial Video Partnership

Friday, November 20, 2026

4:00-5:00pm

Moderators**:**
Theressa Zapach, Senior Practice Leader, Nursing, BC Cancer – Professional Practice
Kayla Bajic, Provincial Professional Practice Lead, PFC, Allied Health, BC Cancer – Professional Practice

Learning Objectives:

1. Identify what worked—and what didn't—in a real-world cross-organizational partnership, including key lessons from co-developing a sexual health learning resource with Movember
2. Describe the trade-offs and tensions in designing low-barrier, scalable learning (e.g., speed vs. depth, reach vs. specificity), particularly for sensitive topics in oncology care
3. Recognize the conditions required to move from a single resource to system-level impact, including alignment, governance, and shared ownership
4. Apply key lessons from this experience to strengthen future partnership-based learning initiatives within their own contexts

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
4:00–4:05pm	Welcome & Introduction	
4:05–4:10pm	Why Sexual Health Matters in Oncology Care	
4:10– 4:20pm	Partnership in Action: The Provincial Video Initiative	
4:20–4:25pm	Lessons Learned from Collaboration	
4:25–4:35pm	Designing for Impact: Tradeoffs and Tensions	
4:35–4:40pm	From Resource to Systems Level Change	
4:40–4:45pm	Applying the Learning to Your Context	
4:45-4:55pm	Closing & Questions	
4:55-5:00pm	Evaluations	

Sarcoma Tumour Group

Friday, November 20, 2026
4:00-5:00pm

Moderators (maximum 3 – list below)**:**
Dr. Michelle Bale, Radiation Oncologist, BC Cancer – Vancouver
Dr. Karen Goddard, Radiation Oncologist, BC Cancer – Vancouver

Learning Objectives:
1. Highlight recent advances in medical, surgical, and radiation oncology for sarcoma management
2. Discuss ongoing quality improvement initiatives and clinical trials within the sarcoma tumour group
3. Review referral pathways and ways to optimize patient time to diagnosis and treatment including centre-specific barriers to timely care
4. Solicit feedback on Sarcoma Tumour Group Education Days and list topics to prioritize for upcoming sessions
5. Assess physician wellness within the Sarcoma Tumour Group and discuss ways to support collegiality, teamwork, and reduce burnout

Saturday, November 21, 2026

American Sign Language in Radiation Oncology – Preliminary findings from a Feasibility Study

Saturday, November 21, 2026
9:00-10:00am

Moderator:
Leyton Vergeire, Radiation Therapist, Radiation Therapy, BC Cancer - Abbotsford
TBD

Learning Objectives:

1. Understand the linguistic mismatch between linear, text-heavy, written English-based resources and the visual-spatial characteristics of American Sign Language (ASL) primarily used by culturally Deaf people, and how this mismatch compromises health literacy
2. Explore preliminary findings of ASL based patient education among culturally Deaf people with respect to radiation therapy treatment
3. Identify practical, evidence-based recommendations to bolster accessibility in clinical spaces that lack robust ASL infrastructure

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
9:00-9:45am	• Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, and Introduction • Background on Deaf Culture, Accessibility challenges in Radiation Therapy • Patient Education Handouts in ASL and its Impact on Deaf community	**Leyton Vergeire**, Radiation Therapist, Radiation Therapy, BC Cancer - Abbotsford
9:45-9:55am	Question and Answer	**Leyton Vergeire**, Radiation Therapist, Radiation Therapy, BC Cancer - Abbotsford
9:55-10:00am	Evaluations	**Leyton Vergeire**, Radiation Therapist, Radiation Therapy, BC Cancer - Abbotsford

BC Cancer Rehabilitation Service Expansion & Panel of Community Cancer Exercise Partners

Saturday, November 21, 2026

10:30am-12:00pm

Moderators:
Sarah Buddingh Smith, Physiotherapist, Rehabilitation, BC Cancer - Vancouver
Dr. Lauren Capozzi, Provincial Medical Director of Cancer Rehabilitation, Physiatrist, BC Cancer - Kelowna
Stefanie Del Gobbo, Physiotherapist, Rehabilitation, BC Cancer - Vancouver

Learning Objectives:

1. Screening people with cancer for exercise and rehabilitation needs
2. Introducing expanded BC Cancer rehabilitation services, including new disciplines and programs
3. Providing an overview of cancer exercise and rehabilitation community partners and online resources
4. Panel of community partners, including Inspire Health, Prostate/Bladder Supportive Care Center, UBC Cancer Exercise Research Lab, Cancer Thrivers, BC Brain Wellness, Private Physiotherapy

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
10:30-10:35am	Welcome	**Sarah Buddingh Smith**, Physiotherapist, Rehabilitation, BC Cancer - Vancouver
10:35-10:50am	Screening people with cancer for exercise and rehabilitation needs, Introduce expanded BC Cancer rehabilitation services	**Dr. Lauren Capozzi**, Provincial Medical Director of Cancer Rehabilitation, Physiatrist, BC Cancer - Kelowna **Stefanie Del Gobbo**, Physiotherapist, Rehabilitation, BC Cancer - Vancouver
10:50-11:05am	Physiotherapy Knowledge Translation Challenge overview, Introduce new BC Cancer Exercise & Rehabilitation Resources handout, Introduce panel	**Sarah Buddingh Smith**, Physiotherapist, Rehabilitation, BC Cancer - Vancouver
11:05-11:10am	Inspire Health	**Reegan Garrett**, Manager of Programs and Partnerships, Exercise Program Lead, Clinical Exercise Physiologist, InspireHealth Supportive Cancer Care
11:10-11:15am	Prostate & Bladder Supportive Care Centers	**Calvin Wong**, Physiotherapist, Prostate and Bladder Cancer Supportive Care Programs, Vancouver Prostate Centre
11:15-11:20am	UBC Cancer Exercise Research Lab	**Kendra Zadravec**, Physiotherapist, PhD Candidate, Treloar Physiotherapy Clinic
11:20-11:25am	West Vancouver Community Center: Cancer Thrivers	**Ian Horne**, Health and Fitness Program Coordinator, Clinical Exercise Physiologist, Cancer Thrivers, West Vancouver Community Centre
11:25-11:30am	BC Brain Wellness	**Sally-Anne Stelling**, Co-Director, Exercise and Education Team Lead, Physiotherapist, BC Brain Wellness Program, University of British Columbia
11:30-11:35am	Private Physiotherapy	**Kate Kennedy**, Physiotherapist, Treloar Physiotherapy Clinic
11:35-11:40am	KT Challenge Patient Partners	**Katia Dilkina**, Patient Partner, Patient and Family Experience, BC Cancer **Hannelore Roos**, Patient Partner, Patient and Family Experience, BC Cancer

11:40-11:55am	Panel Discussion / Question & Answer period	All
11:55am-12:00pm	Complete Evaluations	**Sarah Buddingh Smith**, Physiotherapist, Rehabilitation, BC Cancer - Vancouver

Bridging End of Life Care: Collaborative Models for Better Patient and Caregiver Support

Saturday, November 21, 2026

9:00-10:00am
Moderators:
Dr. Michael Mckenzie, Radiation Oncologist, MAiD Physician Lead, BC Cancer - Vancouver

Learning Objectives:

1. Describe how interprofessional, team-based care across health authorities (Provincial Health Services Authority and Island Health) support patients and caregivers throughout the End of Life care process.
2. Identify opportunities to improve coordination and consistency of End of Life care across health systems.

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
9:00-9:08am	Welcome and Project Overview	**Dr. Michael Mckenzie**, Radiation Oncologist, MAiD Physician Lead, BC Cancer - Vancouver
9:08-9:16am	Community Partner Perspective	**Labhrás Quigley**, Community
9:16-9:24am	BC Cancer Perspective	**Dr. Theodora Olivotto**, Radiation Oncologist, BC Cancer - Victoria
9:24-9:32am	Palliative Care Perspective	TBD
9:32-9:45am	MAiD Perspective	**Sue Bartnik**, Clinical Nurse Specialist, End of Life, MAiD, Island Health **David Robertson**, Medical Director, MAiD, Island Health
9:45-10:00am	Question Period	**Dr. Michael Mckenzie**, Radiation Oncologist, MAiD Physician Lead, BC Cancer - Vancouver

We wish to also acknowledge the following individual(s) for their contributions to this session:

Kevin Wade, Palliative Care Consultant, Island Health, BC Cancer

Community Conversations: Co-Creating Indigenous Cultural Safety Frameworks for Cancer Clinical Trials

Saturday, November 21, 2026
9:00am-12:00pm

Moderators:
Laura Rockafellow, Indigenous Cultural and Safety Lead, Centre for the North, Clinical Trials, BC Cancer – Prince George
Vanessa Mitchell, Consultant & Project Co-Lad, Centre for the North, Clinical Trials, BC Cancer – Prince George
Leadership Circle Members – TBD

Learning Objectives:
1. Understand the difference between Indigenous-led research and research that simply incorporates an Indigenous lens
2. Explore barriers and opportunities impacting Indigenous participation in cancer clinical trials
3. Learn from community-identified priorities and recommendations for making cancer trials safer and more accessible for Indigenous peoples
4. Co-create practical strategies for strengthening Indigenous Cultural Safety in clinical trial environments
5. Reflect on your own roles and responsibilities in advancing equitable cancer research

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
9:00-9:30am	Opening & Building Good Relations	
9:30-10:30am	Group Activity: Community Voices World Café	
10:30-10:45am	15-minute break	
10:45-11:00am	Group Reporting Back	
11:00-11:30am	Group Activity: Critical Reflection	
11:30-11:45am	Group Reporting Back	
11:45am-12:00pm	Closing & Evaluation	

We wish to also acknowledge the following individual(s) for their contributions to this session:

Roel Schlijper-Bos, CTU Manager, Centre for the North, Clinical Trial, BC Cancer – Prince George

How Cancer Shapes Us As: Students, Researchers, and Survivors

Saturday, November 21, 2026
9:00am-12:00pm

Moderators**:**
Jasmine Rehal, Student, University of British Columbia
Monica Luo, Student, BC Cancer Research Institute - Vancouver

Learning Objectives:
1. Understand how cancer experiences shape educational, professional, and personal pathways
2. Learn how patient voices can strengthen healthcare systems, research, and student leadership
3. Create a safe and empowering platform for storytelling and knowledge-sharing, with inclusive and patient-centered discussions

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
9:00–9:05am	Introduction and land acknowledgement	**Jasmine Rehal**, Student, University of British Columbia **Monica Luo**, Student, BC Cancer Research Institute - Vancouver
9:05–9:20am	Speaker 1 Presentation	**Jasmine Rehal**, Student, University of British Columbia
9:20–9:35am	Speaker 2 Presentation	**Matt Sha**, Student, Patient Partner, University of British Columbia
9:35–9:50am	Speaker 3 Presentation	**Naman Hundal**, Student, Patient Partner, University of British Columbia
9:50–10:05am	Speaker 4 Presentation	**Kari Marken**, Professor, University of British Columbia
10:05–10:15am	Buffer period for speakers	
10:15–10:30am	Discussion Period 1	Speakers 1-4
10:30–10:45am	Speaker 5 Presentation	**Nivan Sharma**, Family Medicine Resident, Patient Partner, University of British Columbia
10:45–11:00am	Speaker 6 Presentation	**Audrey Chan**, Student, University of British Columbia
11:00–11:15am	Speaker 7 Presentation	**Madeline Lauener**, Researcher, City of Hope National Medical Centre, University of British Columbia
11:15–11:30am	Speaker 8 Presentation	**Grace Cheng**, Staff Scientist, BC Cancer Research Institute - Vancouver
11:30–11:45am	Buffer period for speakers	
11:45am–12:00pm	Discussion Period 2	Speakers 5-8

Oncology Pharmacy

Saturday, November 21, 2026

9:00am-3:00pm

Moderators (maximum 3 – list below)**:**
Lynne Nakashima, BSc(Pharm), PharmD, RPh, FCAPhO, FISOPP, Senior Director, Provincial Pharmacy, BC Cancer, Pharmacy Residency Program Director, BC Cancer – Provincial Pharmacy
Naushin Hooda, Provincial Pharmacy Education & Residency Coordinator, BC Cancer – Provincial Pharmacy
Amy Lim, BPharm, PharmD, Cancer Drug Manual Writer, BC Cancer – Provincial Pharmacy

Learning Objectives:

1. To discuss GLP-1 therapy for weight loss in oncology patients
2. To review evidence-based practice for oncology pharmacy practice
3. To update on new cancer drug treatments
4. To discuss culturally safe conversations in oncology pharmacy practice
5. To consider why we are persuaded by weak evidence using natural health products and acetaminophen interactions as examples

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
9:00-9:15am	Welcome and Introduction	**Lynne Nakashima**, BSc(Pharm), PharmD, RPh, FCAPhO, FISOPP, Senior Director, Provincial Pharmacy, BC Cancer, Pharmacy Residency Program Director, BC Cancer **Naushin Hooda**, Provincial Pharmacy Education & Residency Coordinator, BC Cancer – Provincial Pharmacy **Amy Lim,** BPharm, PharmD, Cancer Drug Manual Writer, BC Cancer – Provincial Pharmacy
9:15-10:00am	Approaching GLP-1 Therapy for Weight Loss in Oncology Patients	**Robyn Latt**, Oncology Drug Information Specialist, BC Cancer – Provincial Pharmacy
10:00-10:45am	Evidence Based Medicine in Oncology Pharmacy Practice	**Naushin Hooda**, Provincial Pharmacy Education & Residency Coordinator, BC Cancer – Provincial Pharmacy
10:45-11:15am	BREAK	
11:15-11:45am	New Cancer Drug Review 1	**Georgia Fung**, BSc (Biochem and Molecular Biology), PharmD, Pharmacy Resident
11:45am-12:15pm	New Cancer Drug Review 2	**Tracy Shu**, BSc (Life Sciences), PharmD, Pharmacy Resident
12:15-1:00pm	LUNCH	
1:00-2:10pm	Culturally Safe Conversations in Oncology Pharmacy Practice	**Maxwell Murray**, Clinical Coordinator, Medication Reconciliation, BC Cancer **Sarah Edwards**, BPharm, MHA, Provincial Professional Practice Leader, BC Cancer – Provincial Pharmacy **Juliet Webster,** BSc, PharmD Student (UBC)
2:10-2:55pm	From Natural Health Products to Acetaminophen Interaction – why we are persuaded by weak evidence	**Mario L de Lemos**, BSc (Hons)(Pharm), MSc (Clin Pharm), PharmD, MSc (Oncol), FCAPhO, Professional Practice Leader & Drug Information Coordinator, BC Cancer - Provincial Pharmacy
2:55-3:00pm	Closing Remarks	**Lynne Nakashima**, BSc(Pharm), PharmD, RPh, FCAPhO, FISOPP, Senior Director, Provincial Pharmacy, BC Cancer, Pharmacy Residency Program Director, BC Cancer **Naushin Hooda**, BSc, H.BSc, PharmD, G.Dip, MPH, Provincial Pharmacy Education & Residency Coordinator, BC Cancer – Provincial Pharmacy **Amy Lim,** BPharm, PharmD, Cancer Drug Manual Writer, BC Cancer – Provincial Pharmacy

Nutritional Management of Pancreatic Cancer

Saturday, November 21, 2026
9:00-10:00am

Moderators:
Jacob Lemire, Dietitian, Nutrition, BC Cancer - Victoria
Eleah Stringer, Dietitian, Nutrition, BC Cancer - Victoria
Misuzu Noguchi, Allied Health Educator, Nutrition, BC Cancer - Vancouver

Learning Objectives:
1. Understanding the pathophysiology of pancreatic cancer
2. Understanding the nutritional impacts of pancreatic cancer
3. Present results of a novel research study which examined the use of a PERT Tool in identifying and managing at risk pancreatic patients
4. Practical applications for future clinical practice

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
9:00–9:05am	Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, and Introduction	**Jacob Lemire**, Dietitian, Nutrition, BC Cancer - Victoria
9:05-9:20am	Presentation: The pathophysiology and oncologic management of pancreatic cancer (exact title/topic is TBD)	**Dr. John Paul McGhie**, Medical Oncologist, BC Cancer - Victoria
9:20-9:25am	Topic and speaker introduction	**Jacob Lemire**, Dietitian, Nutrition, BC Cancer - Victoria
9:25-9:35am	Presentation: Using the BC Cancer Clinical Guided PERT Tool to Identify and Manage Pancreatic Enzyme Insufficiency In Pancreatic Cancer	**Cara Miller**, Dietitian, Nutrition, BC Cancer - Victoria
9:35-9:45am	Presentation: Evidence into Practice: Nutrition Recommendations for people with pancreatic cancer (exact title/topic is TBD)	**Karina Austin**, Dietitian, Nutrition, BC Cancer - Victoria
9:45-9:55am	Q+A with all speakers	**Jacob Lemire**, Dietitian, Nutrition, BC Cancer - Victoria
9:55-10:00am	Closing remarks and evaluations	**Jacob Lemire**, Dietitian, Nutrition, BC Cancer - Victoria

Serious Illness Conversation Workshop

Saturday, November 21, 2026
10:30am – 12:30pm

Moderators:
Brittney Schichter, Lead, Advance Care Planning & MAiD Program, PHSA
Laura Mercer, Clinical Resource Nurse, ACU, BC Cancer - Abbotsford
Nicole Wikjord, Clinical Nurse Specialist, BC Cancer - Surrey

****This session involves some online pre-work that will be sent out prior to the session. It is expected that attendees complete the pre-work before attending the session****

Learning Objectives:

1. Review the rationale for a systematic approach to improving conversations about patient values and priorities in serious illness
2. Review the structure of the Serious Illness Conversation intervention and its components
3. Through role play, practice using the Serious Illness Conversation Guide in a safe, facilitator-led environment

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
10:30-10:40am	Welcome	All
10:40-11:00am	Review of online module and structure of the SIC Guide	**Laura Mercer**, Clinical Resource Nurse, ACU, BC Cancer - Abbotsford **Nicole Wikjord**, Clinical Nurse Specialist, BC Cancer - Surrey
11:00am-12:00pm	Facilitated role play practice session	All
12:00-12:25pm	Resources available to support this work at BC Cancer	**Brittney Schichter**, Lead, Advance Care Planning & MAiD Program, PHSA
12:25-12:30pm	Evaluation	**Nadine Truter**, Project Coordinator, Advance Care Planning & MAiD Program, PHSA
12:30pm	Close	All

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What's New in Oncology Care: Practical Tumour Site Updates for GPOs

Saturday, November 21, 2026

8:30am–2:45pm

Moderators:
Elsie Chan, Project Manager, FPON, BC Cancer - Vancouver
Dr. Sian Shuel, Medical Education Lead, FPON, BC Cancer - Abbotsford
Dr. Catherine Clelland, Medical Director, FPON, BC Cancer

Learning Objectives:

1. Summarize select recent updates in the management of site-specific cancers relevant to the GPO role.
2. Recognize and manage common and high-risk toxicities associated with newer cancer therapies.
3. Identify patients who may benefit from hereditary cancer and biomarker testing and review impact on treatment selection.

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
8:30–8:45am	Welcome and Introductions	**Dr. Sian Shuel**, Medical Education Lead, FPON, BC Cancer - Abbotsford
8:45–9:30am	What's New in Radiation Oncology in BC	**Dr. Devin Schellenberg**, Radiation Oncologist, Senior Executive Medical Director, Radiation Therapy and Medical Programs, BC Cancer - Surrey
9:30–10:15am	Colorectal Cancer	**Dr. David Nguyen**, Medical Oncologist, BC Cancer - Kelowna
10:15–10:30am	Nutrition Break	
10:30–11:15am	Bladder Cancer	**Dr. Bernie Eigl**, Medical Oncologist, BC Cancer - Vancouver
11:15am–12:00pm	Prostate Cancer	**Dr. Corinne Maurice-Dror**, Medical Oncologist, BC Cancer - Vancouver
12:00–1:00pm	Lunch	
1:00–1:45pm	Multiple Myeloma Jeopardy!	**Dr. Jason Hart**, Medical Oncologist, BC Cancer - Victoria
1:45–2:30pm	Lung Cancer	**Dr. Zia Poonja**, Medical Oncologist, BC Cancer - Victoria
2:30–2:45pm	Closing Remarks and Evaluations	**Dr. Catherine Clelland**, Medical Director, FPON, BC Cancer

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