



New Project Manager

Please join me in welcoming **Ms. Laura Sevick**, who will be the new CCTC Project Manager starting September 2012. Laura is a second year Biotechnology and Economics student from the University of Waterloo. She has worked on projects with the University of Calgary Medical School and Seamen Family MR Research Center in Calgary, Alberta.

Thanks for joining me in welcoming Laura as the new Project Manager for the COMET Clinical Trials Consortium!

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Have a question, comment or concern?

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Welcome to the CCTC Monthly Newsletter!

- The COMET Clinical Trials Consortium is a website dedicated to improving recruitment in oncology clinical trials in the Greater Toronto Area and surrounding regions
- In our newsletter, you shall find updates about membership, featured clinical trials and news about upcoming COMET events

Key Features of the CCTC

- Free patient referral website for medical oncologists and other cancer care specialists
- Database of actively recruiting oncology clinical trials
- Discussion Forum for best practices in cancer care
- LinkingHealthProfessionals email provided to all members to stay in touch with the COMET community
- GPS system that matches patients with the closest clinical trial site to their home address

Membership Update

The COMET Clinical Trials Consortium currently has **136 members** at **19 Oncology sites**. There are currently **74 active trials** on the website. Please view the chart below for a detailed breakdown of members and trials per site as of August 2, 2012:

Institution	Number of Members	Number of Active Trial Sites
Cancer Center of Southeastern Ontario	1	0
Credit Valley Hospital	13	8
Durham Regional Cancer Center	17	16
Grand River Hospital	14	5
Humber River Hospital	3	3
Markham Stouffville Hospital	1	0
Mount Sinai Hospital	1	0
North York General Hospital	7	1
Princess Margaret Hospital	16	23
Royal Victoria Hospital	7	8
Southlake Regional Health Center	8	1
St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton	2	1
St. Joseph's Health Center	4	2
St. Michael's Hospital	8	6
Sunnybrook/Odette Cancer Center	18	20
Toronto East General Hospital	6	5
Trillium Health Centre	5	3
Windsor Regional Hospital	2	0
York Central Hospital	3	0
Total	136	102



Please help the CCTC increase patient referrals by accessing CCTC to connect with Principal Investigators and Clinical Research Coordinators!

Trial of the Month

Name: A Prospective Cohort Study to Evaluate the Oncotype DX® Test in Early Stage Breast Cancer

Acronym: ONCOTYPE DX

Primary Outcome: to evaluate whether the performance of Oncotype DX® changes the treatment recommended and the treatment received in women with node negative, ER or PR positive breast cancer who are receiving (or will receive) endocrine therapy and who are candidates for chemotherapy.

Treatment Arms:	Condition	Assigned Interventions
	<p>Early Stage Breast Cancer Women with node negative, ER or PR positive breast cancer who are receiving (or will receive) endocrine therapy, and who are candidates for chemotherapy.</p>	<p>Genetic: ONCOTYPE DX Test Gene signature test containing 21 genes (16 cancer-related genes, e.g., invasion, proliferation, ER, Her 2 and five reference genes) and generates an individualized recurrence score.</p>

CCTC Study Location(s) in the Greater Toronto Area and Surrounding Regions:

Hospital	Principal Investigator	Clinical Research Coordinator
Credit Valley Hospital	Brian Higgins	Deborah MacDonald

Upcoming COMET Events

Event Name: The Second Annual Best of Oncology Meeting

Date: November 30, 2012

Location: Westin Prince Hotel, Toronto, Ontario.

Meeting Objectives:

- To discuss the pivotal oncology trials and research presented in the different disease sites;
- To review the current standard of care for key malignancies
- To discuss the current controversies in the management of specific cancers.

For further details, please check out this link: <http://www.oncologyeducation.com/conferences/best-of-oncology-2012.html>

Please contact Diana Morescu at info@oncologyeducation.com for more details about the event.

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