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A Letter from the Founder, Dr. Christine Brezden-Masley

Dear CCTC Members,

Since the launch of the CCTC in 2011, the consortium has remarkably expanded to over 260 members across 31 institutions, including 12 of the major cancer centres in Ontario.

We greatly value any input, feedback, and suggestions in order to make your experience with the site as user-friendly as possible. E-mail us at cometrials@smh.ca and we will be more than happy to assist.

Sincerely,

Dr. Christine Brezden-Masley
Founder, CCTC

A Letter from the Project Manager, Caroline Illmann

Hello CCTC Members,

This year we are focusing on increasing membership and trials posted. Please feel free share CCTC with your oncology colleagues, we are always happy to have new members join the CCTC network. CCTC is continuing to grow with over 260 members and 31 institutions.

If you have an accruing trial you would like to highlight, please email cometrials@smh.ca to nominate it to be one of our next *Trials of the Month*.

As always, please contact me at cometrials@smh.ca any time with questions, comments or concerns.

Kind Regards,

Caroline Illmann
Project Manager, CCTC

ARTICLE RECOMMENDATION

Effect of a Patient-Centered Communication Intervention on Oncologist-Patient Communication, Quality of Life, and Health Care Utilization in Advanced Cancer The VOICE Randomized Clinical Trial

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Question: Can communication between patients with advanced cancer and their oncologists be improved?

Importance: Observational studies demonstrate links between patient-centered communication, quality of life (QOL), and aggressive treatments in advanced cancer, yet few randomized clinical trials of communication interventions have been reported.

Objective: To determine whether a combined intervention involving oncologists, patients with advanced cancer, and caregivers would promote patient-centered communication, and to estimate intervention effects on shared understanding, patient-physician relationships, QOL, and aggressive treatments in the last 30 days of life.

Findings: This cluster randomized clinical trial of communication training for oncologists paired with previsit coaching for patients showed clinically and statistically significant improvement in patient-centered communication.

Meaning: Paired communication training for patients and oncologists helps achieve patient-centered care in advanced cancer: engaging patients in consultations (asking questions, expressing preferences), responding to emotions, and providing information about prognosis and treatment choices.

TRIALS SNAPSHOT

Trial Type	Any Malignancy	Breast	CNS	GI	GU	GYN	Head & Neck	Heme	Lung	Mel	Total
Imaging Study	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
Observational	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	5
Prevention	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Radiation	-	4	-	3	2	-	1	-	6	-	16
Supportive Care	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Surgical Therapy	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	6
Systemic Therapy	1	13	1	12	14	4	1	7	10	9	71
Therapeutic	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	4
TOTAL	2	23	2	16	21	5	3	12	17	9	110



TRIALS OF THE MONTH

Type	Acronym	Study Title	Description	Site(s)
Breast	<u>Complement-1</u>	An Open-label, Multicenter, Phase IIIb Study to Assess the Safety and Efficacy of Ribociclib (LEE011) in Combination With Letrozole for the Treatment of Men and Pre/Postmenopausal Women With Hormone Receptor-positive (HR+) HER2-negative (HER2-) Advanced Breast Cancer (aBC) With no Prior Hormonal Therapy for Advanced Disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ER2 Positive Metastatic Systemic Therapy 	London Health Sciences Centre
GU	<u>FASTR.2</u>	Fairly Brief Androgen Suppression and Stereotactic Radiotherapy for High Risk Prostate Cancer – Protocol 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prostate Cancer Locally Advanced Radiation Therapy 	London Health Sciences Centre
Heme	<u>Kallisto</u>	An Open-Label, Phase II, Randomized, Pilot Study to Assess the Effect in Term of Erythroid Improvement of Deferasirox Combined With Erythropoietin Compared to Erythropoietin Alone in Patients with Low- and INT-1- Risk Myelodysplastic Syndrome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Myelodysplastic Syndromes Maintenance Systemic Therapy 	Odette Cancer Centre
GYN	<u>PHL-093</u>	A Randomized Placebo-Controlled Phase II Trial Comparing Gemcitabine Monotherapy to Gemcitabine in Combination With AZD 1775 (MK 1775) in Women With Recurrent, Platinum Resistant Epithelial Ovarian, Primary Peritoneal or Fallopian Tube Cancers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ovarian Adjuvant Systemic Therapy 	London Health Sciences Centre
Lung	<u>NRG CC003</u>	Randomized Phase II/III Trial of Prophylactic Cranial Irradiation With or Without Hippocampal Avoidance for Small Cell Lung Cancer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small Cell Lung Cancer Adjuvant Radiation Therapy 	London Health Science Centre
Mel	<u>PEMBRO COMBI</u>	A Phase I/II Study to Assess the Safety and Efficacy of MK-3475 in Combination with Trametinib and Dabrafenib in Subjects with Advanced Melanoma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage III/IV Systemic Therapy 	Odette Cancer Centre
GI	<u>CanStem303C</u>	A Study of Napabucasin (BBI-608) in Combination With FOLFIRI in Adult Patients With Previously Treated Metastatic Colorectal Cancer (CanStem303C)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colorectal Metastatic Systemic Therapy 	St. Michael's Hospital





MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

273 members

31 institutions

110 accruing trials



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INSTITUTIONS

Institution	Location	Members	Trials
Cambridge Memorial Hospital	Cambridge	3	2
Grand River Hospital	Waterloo	9	1
Humber River Regional Hospital	Toronto	5	1
Kingston General Hospital	Kingston	4	2
Juravinski Cancer Centre	Hamilton	7	-
Lakeridge Health Corporation	Oshawa	20	-
London Health Sciences Centre	London	9	62
Mackenzie Health Hospital	Richmond Hill	6	-
Markham Stouffville Hospital	Markham	4	1
Mount Sinai Hospital	Toronto	2	4
North York General Hospital	Toronto	12	4
Odette Cancer Centre/Sunnybrook	Toronto	57	42
Ontario Institute for Cancer Research	Toronto	4	-
Ontario Hospital		1	-
Ottawa Hospital	Ottawa	2	-
Princess Margaret Cancer Centre	Toronto	25	1
Quinte Health Care	Belleville	1	-
Rouge Valley Health System	Ajax	3	-
Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre	Barrie	24	14
Scarborough General Hospital	Toronto	1	-
Southlake Regional Health Centre	Newmarket	19	9
St. Joseph's Health Centre	Toronto	4	-
St. Joseph's Healthcare	Hamilton	4	-
St. Michael's Hospital	Toronto	13	8
Sudbury Regional Hospital	Sudbury	1	-
Thunder Bay Regional	Thunder Bay	2	-
Toronto General Hospital	Toronto	3	1
Toronto East General Hospital	Toronto	6	-
Trillium Health Partners	Mississauga	16	-
William Osler Health Systems	Brampton	4	-
Windsor Regional Hospital	Windsor	1	-
Wingham and District Hospital	Wingham	1	-