3CTN Annual Stakeholder Meeting & Workshops 2023

`Canadian Cancer Clinical Trials Network
ANNUAL STAKEHOLDER MEETING
October 27, 2023; 9:00 am – 4:00 pm ET
Holiday Inn Toronto Downtown Centre, Wellesley Room

Q&A: https://app.sli.do/event/7raesbKXYPwXyuV6SXqLr1 (event code: 3CTNASM)
Questions can be submitted in advance and in real-time throughout the session.

Time	Topic
8:30 am	***Breakfast***
9:00 am	**Opening Remarks: Welcome & Introductions** • **Stephen Sundquist,** *Executive Director, 3CTN*
Session 1: Improving Access to Academic Cancer Clinical Trials ***Facilitator:*** **Chantale Thurston**, *Patient Advocate, Board Member, AYA Can*	
9:20 am	**Single Patient Study:** CAR T for alveolar soft part sarcoma • **Mona Shafey** 💻, *Clinical Associate Professor*, *Director, Alberta Blood & Marrow Transplant Program, Department of Medicine - Division of Hematology, Foothills Medical Centre & University of Calgary*
9:40 am	**Pediatric Brain Tumour Consortium Trials in Canada** • **Vijay Ramaswamy,** *Neuro-Oncologist, Paediatric Brain Tumour Program, Hospital for Sick Children*
10:00 am	**Clinical Trials Navigator:** Bringing patients to clinical trials • **Caroline Hamm,** *Medical Oncologist, Cancer Program, Windsor Regional Hospital*
10:20 am	***Networking Break*** *Network with your colleagues and visit the 3CTN information booths*
Session 2: Improving Trial Performance ***Facilitator:*** **Phil Pollock,** *Manager, Clinical Trials & Clinical Research, BC Cancer –Victoria*	
10:40 am	***BC Cancer Initiative to Improve Study Start-Up Times Provincially*** • **Phil Pollock,** *Manager, Clinical Trials & Clinical Research, BC Cancer –Victoria*
11:05 am	***Monitoring Progress Using 3CTN's Trial Performance Report*** • **James Schoales**, *Portfolio Data Analyst, 3CTN*
11:20 am	**Facilitated Discussion:** • What are you doing to improve trial activation timelines? What's the result?
11:50 am	***Networking Lunch***

Session 3: Embedding Patient and Public Involvement in Clinical Trials Conduct ***Facilitator:*** **Judy Needham**, *Member, Scientific Advisory Board, 3CTN*	
12:50 pm	**Patient Partner Development Pathway** • **Don Wood**, Chair, Patient Representative Advisory Sub-Committee, 3CTN • **Diana Kato**, *Manager, Operations, 3CTN*
1:10 pm	**Pride in Patient Engagement in Research (PiPER): Patient Engagement Tools & Resources** • **Cathy Craven,** *Medical Director and Senior Scientists, Spinal Cord Rehabilitation Program, KITE Research Institute (UHN)*
1:30 pm	**Patient Engagement at Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre** • **Gretta Hutton**, Patient Representative • **Sujata Pokhrel**, Clinical Research Associate, Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre
1:50 pm	**Networking Break** *Network with your colleagues and visit the 3CTN information booths*
Session 4: Optimizing Your Trials Team ***Facilitator:*** **Brenda Kowaleski,** *Clinical Manager, Clinical Trials, Juravinski Cancer Centre*	
2:10 pm	**Network Approach to Core Competency Framework** • **Diana Kato,** *Manager, Operations, 3CTN*
2:20 pm	**Applying the Core Competency Framework for Staff Development** • **Christine Samara**, *Manager, Quality Assurance and Education, Odette Cancer Centre Clinical Research Program*
2:40 pm	**Using the Core Competency Framework to Develop Job Descriptions** • **Brenda Kowaleski,** *Clinical Manager, Clinical Trials, Juravinski Cancer Centre*
3:00 pm	**CAN-TAP-TALENT: Canadian Training Platform for Trials Leveraging Existing Networks** • **Jasmine Grant,** *Program Manager, CAN-TAP-TALENT, University Health Network, Clinical Research Manager, CCRU Education Princess Margaret Cancer Centre* • **Angela Cheung,** *Professor of Medicine and KY and Betty Ho Chair in Integrative Medicine, University of Toronto / National Leader, CAN-TAP-TALENT*
3:20 pm	**Balancing the Scales: A Collaborative Tool for Workload Analysis and FTE Assignment** • **Stephanie Badour**, Clinical Research Unit Manager, Montreal Children's Hospital
3:40 pm	**Open Discussion** *Participate in a facilitated discussions to identify strategies to overcome staffing challenges at trial units.* What have been some recent successes or ongoing challenges with recruitment, onboarding, staff development or retention? Moderator: Brenda Kowaleski, *Clinical Research Manager, Juravinski Cancer Centre*
3:55 pm	**Next Steps & Closing Remarks** • **Stephen Sundquist,** *Executive Director, 3CTN*

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Meet Our Speakers

Stephen Sundquist, *Executive Director, 3CTN*

Stephen has over 25 years of experience in clinical trials and health programs' leadership. His clinical research expertise includes roles in pharma, CRO and academic settings involving the conduct of Phase 1-3b drug, biologic, and device trials across a wide range of therapeutic areas. In his role as Executive Director for the Canadian Cancer Clinical Trials Network (3CTN), Stephen is responsible for leading initiatives designed to improve equitable trial access, patient accrual as well as the efficient, high-quality conduct of academic cancer clinical trials led by the nearly 60 Network Cancer Centres across Canada.

Session 1: Improving Access to Academic Cancer Clinical Trials

Chantale Thurston, ***Board Member and AYA Patient Representative,*** *AYA CAN - Canadian Cancer Advocacy*

Chantale was born and raised in Winnipeg and is an accountant during the day. During her free time, she is the board chair of AYA Can – Canadian Cancer Advocacy which is a peer-led national charity that advocates for adolescents and young adults (AYA) affected by cancer. She also sits on the Management Committee of 3CTN, the CAPO Advocacy Committee, the BiocanRX's Learning Institutes working group, is a co-lead for the AYA Partnership Setting Priority, and is a co-lead for one of the CPCC matrices. She is also involved with various CancerCare Manitoba patient advisor groups.

Chantale was diagnosed in 2017 with Stage IV Appendix Cancer after pursuing fertility to try to have a second child. She underwent 4 rounds of chemotherapy and then an intense HIPEC surgery and has been No Evidence of Disease (NED) since. Chantale is very busy in the evenings with her active 9-year-old, her husband and their dog Charlie.

Mona Shafey, *Clinical Associate Professor, Director, Alberta Blood & Marrow Transplant Program, Department of Medicine - Division of Hematology, Foothills Medical Centre & University of Calgary*

Dr. Mona Shafey is a Clinical Associate Professor in the Division of Hematology and Hematological Malignancies and Medical Director of the Alberta Blood & Marrow Transplant Program. She completed medical school and residency training at the University of Ottawa in 2008 and completed fellowship training in Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation at the University of Calgary in 2010. Her clinical and research interests are in malignant hematology with a focus on the management of patients with lymphoma and CLL, including the use of cellular therapies (stem cell transplantation and CAR T-cell therapies) in the treatment of these diseases.

Vijay Ramaswamy, *Neuro-Oncologist, Paediatric Brain Tumour Program, Hospital for Sick Children*

Dr. Vijay Ramaswamy is currently appointed as both a Scientist and Pediatric Neuro-Oncologist at the Hospital for Sick Children, is an Associate Professor in the Departments of Pediatrics and Medical Biophysics and holds a Canada Research Chair in Pediatric Neuro-Oncology. He is a cancer biologist with an interest in the genomics of pediatric brain tumours, specifically defining high-risk subsets and investigating novel therapeutic strategies to overcome treatment resistance. With ongoing support from the Canadian Institutes for Health Research, Canadian Cancer Society and Brain Canada, he is using functional genomics to advance our understanding of treatment failure.

Caroline Hamm, *Medical Oncologist, Cancer Program, Windsor Regional Hospital*
Dr. Hamm is an Associate Professor in the department of oncology at Western university. She is also the Chair of the Windsor Division at Schulich School of Medicine. She is heavily involved in regional research activities as the chair of Windsor Regional Hospital Academic and Research Committee and co-chair of the WE-SPARK Health Institute Research Committee. Her research interests include triple negative breast cancer, cellular therapy and accrual to clinical trials. She has led the Clinical Trials Navigator project since inception. This program is working with national partners to improve patient access to clinical trials.

Session 2: Improving Trial Performance

Phil Pollock, *Manager, Clinical Trials & Clinical Research, BC Cancer –Victoria*

Phil is an accomplished clinical trials & research manager with 18 years' experience working in this field. He started his career with UK academic sponsors (MRC Clinical Trials Unit from 2005 to 2011 and University College London from 2011 to 2013) before moving to BC in January 2013. He worked at the Vancouver Prostate Centre between 2013 and 2018 co-creating and delivering a prostate cancer survivorship research program before moving to BC Cancer – Victoria in the summer of 2018 to assist in the rebuilding of their clinical trials program and create an infrastructure for clinical research. He holds an undergraduate degree in Biology (2000) from Nottingham Trent University, UK, and a master's degree in Bioinformatics (2005) from the University of York, UK. Phil's is passionate about clinical trials and research and his current areas of professional interest include the financial sustainability of clinical trials programs and making improvements to the clinical trial start-up process, both key areas to the success of a clinical trial unit.

James Schoales*, Portfolio Data Analyst, Canadian Cancer Clinical Trials Network (3CTN)*

James is the Portfolio Data Analyst at 3CTN. He graduated from the University of Western Ontario with a Master's in Management of Applied Sciences. He is focused on utilizing Power BI to create intuitive and impactful reports to highlight network accomplishments to stakeholders. He also enjoys adding a creative flair to the Portfolio Watch newsletters.

Session 3: Embedding Patient and Public Involvement in Clinical Trials Conduct

Judy Needham, *Member, Scientific Advisory Board, 3CTN*

In her role as Chair of the Canadian Cancer Trials Group (CCTG) Patient Representative Committee since 2014, Judy has been instrumental in leading the redesign of the Patient Representative role at CCTG. Patient Representatives are now active contributors on disease site committees, identifying potential patient issues during trial design and ensuring patient-oriented endpoints and questions are included, along with the scientific questions, in CCTG clinical trials. Judy is also a member of the Strategic Executive Advisory Council and Clinical Trials Committee in CCTG.

Judy is a seventeen-year breast cancer survivor and recently a caregiver for a close family member with bladder cancer. Professionally, she chose early retirement after her cancer journey from a corporate marketing career as Director of Campaign Planning with a national communications company and began her long-standing volunteer work as a board member with the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. She has a volunteer history with the Canadian Cancer Society and Canadian Cancer Society Research Institute in grant panels and Scientific Advisory Councils. Currently, in addition to her volunteer responsibilities with CCTG, Judy has volunteer responsibilities with 3CTN Scientific Advisory Board and the British Columbia Cancer Provincial Research Advisory Committee. In 2021 she has been instrumental in founding a national Canadian Patient Engagement in Research Community of Practice with executive sponsorship from the Canadian Cancer Society, now linking over 40 patient engagement initiatives in Canada.

Don Wood, *Chair, 3CTN Patient Representative Advisory Sub-Committee & Patient Partner, Cross Cancer Institute Alberta*

Don Wood was a caregiver for his late wife Sherry, who battled Stage 4 metastatic cancer for 3 years, before losing her battle in early 2020. Don also lost his only brother Ken as a young adult who battled Leukemia briefly, so he has lived his life with Cancer - face to face. He is currently the Co-chair for the Canadian Strategic Cancer Network (CSCN) Provincial Alberta Cancer Diagnosis (ACD) Design Team, a member of the Cancer SCN Core Committee for AHS, and plays a key role in many other health care related organizations.

Diana Kato, *Manager, Operations, 3CTN*

Diana is a Project Management Professional with over 10 years' experience in research administration and project management for non-for-profit organizations. In her current role, she is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Canadian Cancer Clinical Trials Network (3CTN). In addition, she works with stakeholders across 50 cancer centres to lead and implement strategic projects to improve the academic cancer clinical trials environment.

Cathy Craven, *Medical Director and Senior Scientists, Spinal Cord Rehabilitation Program, KITE Research Institute (University Health Network)*

Cathy is the University of Toronto/University Health Network Cope Family Chair in Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Rehabilitation Health Systems Innovation, Medical Director of the Spinal Cord Rehabilitation Program and Senior Scientist at KITE Research Institute within University Health Network. She is a Professor in the Department of Medicine at the Temerty Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto, with cross appointments in the Institutes of Health Policy Management and Evaluation and the Rehabilitation Sciences Institute at the University of Toronto. Dr. Craven is a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences and the American Spinal Injury Association. She has clinical and research expertise in health services and medical rehabilitation to avoid fractures, pressure injury, diabetes and heart disease. Cathy leads the Pride in Patient Engagement in Research initiative at UHN. She has published over 250 articles on related topics and obtained 25M CAD in research funding as a primary investigator (ORCID **0000-0001-8234-6803).** External to University Health Network, Cathy is Chair of the Canadian SCI - Rehabilitation Association (www.cscira.org), Evaluation Lead for the Ontario SCI Implementation and Evaluation Quality Care Consortium (www.sciconsortium.ca) and a member of the OSSU Board of Directors (https://ossu.ca/about-us/). Cathy has interacted with the health system as a patient, spouse, parent, daughter sibling, and health advocate of a loved one routinely interacting with the health system. She is a voracious reader and enjoys kayaking with her husband, son and labrador retriever. She is supported by a network of friends and former synchronized swimmers who keep her grounded.

Gretta Hutton, *Patient Representative, 3CTN*

Gretta was formerly an elementary school special education teacher and school principal; post-retirement, Gretta completed a MSW and practiced in community healthcare. She was diagnosed with stage 4 Mantle Cell Lymphoma in 2014, participated in a clinical trial and has been happily in remission for 9 years! Gretta has been trying to 'pay it forward' since regaining her health. Promoting patient awareness of cancer clinical trials has been her passion since a bumpy start to her own treatment. She has spoken to community groups, attended conferences as a patient research advocate, provided input in the development of cancer clinical trial websites and research review panels, is REB Community Representative at Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie and has been a member of the Patient Representative Advisory Committee for the Canadian Cancer Clinical Trials Network since 2015. Her hobbies include breeding & showing some of Canada's top German Shorthaired Pointers.

Sujata Pokhrel, *Clinical Research Associate, Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre*

Sujata completed an Honours Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience and Psychology from the University of Toronto. After this, Sujata completed the post graduate certificate in Clinical Research from Humber College. Since 2015, she has been working as a Clinical Research Associate at Royal Victoria Regional Health Center. Currently, Sujata is pursuing a Master's degree via distance learning in Masters of Science, Clinical Trials from University of London (London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine). Prior to this, she worked as a Data and Regulatory Coordinator at Princess Margaret Cancer Center.

Session 4: Optimizing your Trials Team

Brenda Kowaleski, *Manager, Juravinski Cancer Centre*

Brenda Kowaleski has over 30 years of experience as a research professional. She is a certified oncology nurse and the Clinical Trials Department Manager at the Juravinski Cancer Centre in Hamilton, Ontario. She has held leadership positions with the Canadian Cancer Trials Group (CCTG) as chair of the CCTG Clinical Research Associate Executive Committee and as a voting member of the CCTG Clinical Trials Committee. She is currently the chair of the 3CTN Performance and Strategy Sub-Committee and a member of the 3CTN Management Committee. She holds a Master of Science degree in Healthcare Quality from Queen's University with an interest in advancing the quality of clinical trial processes and the professional education and training of research professionals.

Christine Samara, *Manager, Quality Assurance and Education, Odette Cancer Centre Clinical Research Program*

Christine is a clinical research professional with more than 23 years of experience in clinical research operations and management, and research ethics within North America and the Middle East. She held various roles at Janssen Ortho Canada, Merck Middle East North Africa, American University of Beirut and Lebanese American University academic medical centers in Lebanon as well as Harvard Medical School Dubai Center in the United Arab Emirates.

She is currently Manager, Quality Assurance and Education at the Odette Cancer Centre, Sunnybrook Health Sciences, in Toronto, Canada. She is also a consultant to the WHO Ethics Research Committee (ERC) Secretariat in Geneva and a Faculty Associate in the Clinical Research Regulatory and Management program at the Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation, Arizona State University. In 2022, she became a member on the Strategic Global Committee of the MRCT Joint Task Force (JTF) for Clinical Research Professionals, led by Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard University as well as joined the 3CTN Performance Strategy Sub-Committee.

She presented at various conferences and grand rounds and developed numerous educational activities for research personnel as well as undergraduate/ graduate level lectures on ethical and responsible conduct of research. She enjoys teaching and mentoring and have always had a passion for sharing her experience with others. Recently, she became more interested in quality and process improvement. Ensuring clinical trials are conducted at the highest ethical standards improves patient safety and promotes public trust.

Jasmine Grant, *Program Manager, CAN-TAP-TALENT, University Health Network, Clinical Research Manager, CCRU Education Princess Margaret Cancer Centre*

Jasmine Grant is a Program Manager on a National CIHR funded CAN-TAP-TALENT Clinical Trials Training Program grant, working alongside Dr. Angela Cheung at UHN. She is a leader in Clinical Research Training initiatives, providing quality clinical research education opportunities to clinical research sites across Canada. Jasmine is a Clinical Research Manager at Princess Margaret Cancer Centre UHN, leading a team of Clinical Study & Regulatory Assistants within oncology research. She Jasmine has experience working as a research Study Coordinator, monitoring and coordinating multicentre clinical oncology trials at The Princess Margaret since 2006. In 2013 she completed her Master's degree in Adult Education and Higher Learning at the Ontario

Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto. Prior to this, Jasmine graduated from the University of Western Ontario with a Bachelor of Health Science with an Honours specialization in Health Promotion. She is an active member of the Society of Clinical Research Associates (SoCRA) and a graduate from the Clinical Research Graduate Certification Program at Humber College. Since 2017, Jasmine is a Seneca College Professor and York University Instructor, actively teaching within their respective Clinical Research programs.

In 2022 she completed the University of Toronto Temerty School of Medicine Stepping Stones Leadership Education program. With Network of Network (N2) from 2020-2023 she has been the Co-Chair N2 education committee and continues to contribute to clinical research education. In 2023, Jasmine joined the Accelerating Clinical Trials (ACT) Training Committee.

Angela Cheung, *Professor of Medicine and KY and Betty Ho Chair in Integrative Medicine - University of Toronto, National Leader, CAN-TAP-TALENT*

Dr. Angela M. Cheung is a Professor of Medicine, KY and Betty Ho Chair in Integrative Medicine at University of Toronto (UT) and Senior Scientist at University Health Network (UHN). She is currently holding a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Musculoskeletal and Postmenopausal Health, is part of the Chief Science Advisor Task Force on Post COVID-19 Condition, has held a Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Senior Investigator Award, the Canadian Society of Internal Medicine (CSIM) David Sackett Senior Investigator Award, the Ontario Premier Research Award and the University of Toronto Eudenie Stuart Mentorship Award. She is a member of the Endocrine Society Clinical Guidelines Committee, and is the Co-Lead of CANCOV, a Canadian COVID-19 Prospective Cohort Study.

She is the Co-Lead of RECLAIM, Recovering from COVID-19 Lingering Symptoms Adaptive Integrative Medicine Trial and Co-Lead of Long COVID Web, a research network spanning biomedical, clinical, health services and population health research areas. She obtained her M.D. degree from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 1988, and her PhD degree from Harvard University in 1997. She is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Canada and has been in clinical practice for >30 years.

Stephanie Badour, *Clinical Research Unit Manager, Montreal Children's Hospital*

As a 16-year pediatric oncology/hematology/SCT clinical research veteran and collaboration champion, Stephanie Badour has long been studying how to assess the workload distribution within research teams. She previously worked at BC Children's Hospital until 2017 where she moved across the country to work at Montreal Children's Hospital where she is now the Clinical Research Unit Manager.

She has built her team up from 8 staff members to 13 staff members and increased the portfolio of studies to include AYA/adult benign hematology studies and cancer oncogenomics/predisposition studies. This increase of staff has allowed the MCH to accommodate the increased number of trials and increased complexity of the trials.

Stephanie knows how burn out feels and she is continually striving to prevent burn-out of her staff and promote work/life balance so that this pattern does not get repeated. She is eager to share this tool and her practices with anyone interested so that they can do the same.

She will be discussing the use of an easy-to-use tool developed with her peers using EDGE data for objectively assigning and measuring staff workload, hopefully leading to an even better balance that considers the experience and patient load of her team members.