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Canadian Gastric Cancer Association

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Newsletter

Welcome



Introducing the Canadian Gastric Cancer Association (CGCA) a network of Canadian professionals, from surgeons and surgical oncologists to epidemiologists and basic scientists, interested in collaborating and networking to improve the care of gastric cancer.

Our Mission Statement: ***To connect professionals across disciplines in Canada in order to improve gastric cancer care for patients.***

Be one of the first 100 to **SIGN-UP** as a CGCA member and your International Gastric Cancer Association (IGCA) dues will be paid (by a generous patient donation). Join us to improve gastric cancer care in Canada!

As a member, you will receive several newsletters throughout the year to provide updates in new and ongoing research, clinical trials and events, as well as to connect professionals interested in improving gastric cancer care in Canada creating an opportunity for networking and collaboration. The website will also host a list of CGCA members and trials to assist patients in finding gastric cancer providers in their province.

Be on the lookout for the launch of our new website, **www.gastriccancer.ca**! The goals of this website are to provide succinct and comprehensive information to patients as well as a place for providers to communicate and connect over new research. The official launch will occur on Stomach Cancer Awareness Day, November 30, 2018.



Welcome to

GastricCancer.ca



I am a patient

View research, current trials, and informational resources.



I am a provider

Become a member or browse our membership directory.



About us

Learn more about our work, contact us, or donate.

November is Gastric Cancer Month!

November is Stomach Cancer Month and November 30th is Stomach Cancer Awareness Day. Be sure to check out the Lighting of various city landmarks across Canada in Periwinkle blue on November 30th! This initiative was created and is supported by My Gut Feeling.

- Toronto, ON: CN tower, Toronto sign and City Hall Towers
- Victoria, BC: Parliament Buildings
- Vancouver, BC: City Hall
- Lethbridge, AB: City Hall
- Calgary, AB: Reconciliation Bridge, Calgary Tower
- Montreal, QC: L'Hotel de Ville
- Halifax, NS: City Hall
- Niagara Falls, ON: The Falls



Toronto CN Tower lit Periwinkle Blue for Stomach Cancer Awareness Day.



Toronto City Hall lighting the city sign Periwinkle Blue for Stomach Cancer Awareness Day.

Meet My Gut Feeling



MGF is Canada's patient advocacy group founded to create a network for patients, survivors and caregivers. Founded by stomach cancer survivors Teresa Tiano and Katy Kosyachkova, MGF aims to support stomach cancer patients by providing peer-to-peer support, education, awareness and advocacy. Check them out at www.mygutfeeling.ca.

MGF will be hosting their second annual conference on stomach cancer on Friday November 28, 2018 at the Ben Sadowski Auditorium at Mount Sinai Hospital. This conference brings together the stomach cancer and medical communities to open dialogue, educate each other and raise awareness! This is a great opportunity to connect with patients, survivors and caregivers. **[Register HERE!](#)**



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Pictured from left to right: Dr. Pamela Hebbard (U of M), Teresa Tiano (MGF Co-Founder and Chair), Katy Kosyachkova (MGF Co-Founder and Vice-Chair), Dr. Natalie Coburn (CGCA Founder).

Gastroesophageal Conference at McGill University

On October 13th 2018, McGill University held the **2nd Annual Symposium on Upper Gastro-Intestinal Cancers** at the McGill University Health Center in Montreal, Quebec. The event was chaired by Drs. Thierry Alcindor, Joanne Alfieri, Lorenzo Ferri and Serge Mayrand. The topic of this year's event was 'Multidisciplinary Management of Esophago-Gastric Carcinoma' and sessions throughout the day included Early Neoplasia and Endoscopic Therapies, Locally Advanced Esophago-Gastric Carcinoma, Management of Advanced/Complicated Esophago-Gastric Carcinoma and Research Ideas and Novel Technologies.

The goal of this meeting was to invite open discussions on surgical ideas, clinical practices and encourage collaborations in the latest research of the management of esophageal and gastric cancer. Experts leading the symposium included visiting professors Dr. Nasser Altorki (Surgeon, Cornell University), Dr. Tanius Bekaii-Saab (Medical Oncologist, Mayo Clinic), Dr. Wayne Hofstetter (Surgeon, MD Anderson Cancer Centre) Dr. Steven Lin (Radiation Oncologist, MD Anderson Cancer Centre), Dr. John Reynolds (Surgeon, Trinity College Dublin), Dr. Prateek Sharma (Gastroenterologist, University of Kansas) and Dr. Rebecca Wong (Radiation Oncologist, University of Toronto).

We hope to see you there next year!



Canada's First Ever Surgical D2 Course was a Success!



On June 15th 2018, the Department of Surgery at the University of Toronto, along with the support of the Division of General Surgery at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Mount Sinai Hospital, St. Michael's Hospital and the Toronto Surgical Oncology Group (TORSO), held the first ever Canadian *Surgical Skills Program* for the D2 Gastrectomy at the Mount Sinai Surgical Skill Centre (SSC).



Toronto D2 Gastrectomy Course participants at the Mount Sinai Surgical Skills Centre.



Professor Woo Jin Hyung of Yonsei University explains his approach to a laparoscopic nodal dissection at the Toronto D2 Gastrectomy Course.

Chaired by University of Toronto Department of Surgery's Natalie Coburn and Co-Chairs Savtaj Singh Brar and Vanessa Palter, the course welcomed three internationally renowned gastric cancer experts, Professors Takeshi Sano (Tokyo), Woo Jin Hyung (Seoul), and Roderick Schwarz (Indiana). During this course, the invited experts presented their previous research on the D2 gastrectomy, used peer-based coaching to facilitate learning of D2 gastrectomy techniques and encouraged collaboration amongst the attending surgeons.





Professor Takeshi Sano, from the National Cancer Institute in Tokyo, details his thoughts on a D2 gastrectomy.

The aim of the course was to provide multi-disciplinary information for physicians treating this rare cancer, and to advance their surgical techniques. Topics of the event included the differences in gastrectomy treatment in Asian countries compared to North America, considerations for patient resections, Gastro-esophageal junction cancers, and new technologies in gastric surgery. Information sessions were followed by a Cadaver Lab where surgeons practiced both open and laparoscopic gastrectomies under the supervision of our three D2 lymph node dissection experts.



Thanks to the overwhelming support from local faculty, sponsors, and the guest faculty members, the Toronto Gastric Cancer D2 Course was a huge success as it reached the maximum enrollment number and welcomed attendees from Vancouver to Halifax. Great discussion and collaboration was had! Dr. Coburn and the University of Toronto's Department of Surgery plan to host the course again in the future and hope to continue the discussions, multidisciplinary collaborations and relationships that were made at the course, in order to improve gastric cancer care in Canada!

Current Clinical Trials

If you are interested in learning more about the current gastric cancer clinical trials in Canada, please see the table below for active studies.

Trial Name	Trial Location	Current Status
<u>INTEGRATEII</u>	PEI Cancer Treatment Centre, Charlottetown, PEI Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre, Halifax, NS Ottawa Hospital Research Institute, Ottawa, ON McGill University Health Centre, Montreal, QC Allan Blair Cancer Centre, Regina, SK Saskatoon Cancer Centre, Saskatoon, SK Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, Toronto, ON	Recruiting Recruiting Recruiting Recruiting Recruiting Recruiting Recruiting
<u>Trial of ZW25 in Patients With Advanced HER2-expressing Cancers</u>	The Ottawa Hospital Cancer Center, Ottawa, ON Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, Toronto, ON Jewish General Hospital, Montreal, QC	Recruiting Recruiting Recruiting
<u>JAVELIN Medley</u>	Cross Cancer Institute, Edmonton, AB British Columbia Cancer Agency, Vancouver, BC The Ottawa Hospital Cancer Centre, Ottawa, ON Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, Toronto, ON Centre Hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal, Montreal, QC	Recruiting Recruiting Recruiting Recruiting Recruiting
<u>POWERRANGER</u>	CancerCareManitoba, Winnipeg, MB	Recruiting
<u>TOPGEAR</u>	CancerCareManitoba, Winnipeg, MB	Recruiting
<u>MAGE-A4^{ct1932T} for Multi-Tumor</u>	Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, Toronto, ON	Recruiting
<u>LOGiC</u>	Allan Blair Cancer Center, Regina, SK Saskatoon Cancer Center, Saskatoon, SK	Recruiting Not Yet Recruiting
<u>Helicobacter Pylori Genome Project</u>	University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB	Recruiting
<u>(MK-3475-585/KEYNOTE-585)</u>	Cross Cancer Institute, Edmonton, AB Moncton Hospital, Moncton, NB Sunnybrook Research Institute, Toronto, ON CISSS Montérégie, Greenfield Park, QC Jewish General Hospital, Montreal, QC	Recruiting Recruiting Recruiting Recruiting Recruiting
<u>CheckMate649</u>	University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB St Joseph's Health Centre London, London, ON Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, Toronto, ON Universitaire de Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke, QC Hospital Affiliated University Regional, Trois-Rivières, QC Université Laval, Quebec City, QC	Recruiting Recruiting Recruiting Recruiting Recruiting Recruiting
<u>FRACTION-GC</u>	Cross Cancer Institute, Edmonton, AB BC Cancer, Vancouver, BC The Ottawa Hospital, Ottawa, ON Sunnybrook Health Sciences Hospital, Toronto, ON Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, Toronto, ON	Recruiting Not Yet Recruiting Recruiting Recruiting Recruiting

Recent High-Impact Papers



October

- Alkhaffaf, B., Blazeby, J. M., Williamson, P. R., Bruce, I. A., & Glenny, A. M. (2018). Reporting of outcomes in gastric cancer surgery trials: a systematic review. *BMJ Open*, 8(10), e021796. PMID: [30337308](#)
- Jung, Y. J., Seo, H. S., Park, C. H., Jeon, H. M., Kim, J. I., Yim, H. W., & Song, K. Y. (2018). Venous thromboembolism incidence and prophylaxis use after gastrectomy among Korean patients with gastric adenocarcinoma: the PROTECTOR randomized clinical trial. *JAMA surgery*. PMID: [30027281](#)
- Sasic, L., Blank, S., Nienhüser, H., Dorr, S., Haag, G. M., Jäger, D., ... & Ulrich, A. (2018). Prognostic differences in 8th edition TNM staging of esophagogastric adenocarcinoma after neoadjuvant treatment. *European Journal of Surgical Oncology*, 44(10), 1646-1656. PMID: [30082176](#)

September

- Chen, Q. Y., Zheng, C. H., Li, P., Xie, J. W., Wang, J. B., Lin, J. X., ... & Huang, Z. N. (2018). Which method is more suitable for advanced gastric cancer with enlarged lymph nodes, laparoscopic radical gastrectomy or open gastrectomy?. *Gastric Cancer*, 1-11. PMID: [29383536](#)
- Kim, C. H., Park, S. M., & Kim, J. J. (2018). The Impact of Preoperative Low Body Mass Index on Postoperative Complications and Long-term Survival Outcomes in Gastric Cancer Patients. *Journal of Gastric Cancer*, 18(3), 274-286. PMID: [30276004](#)
- Rosa, F., Quero, G., Fiorillo, C., Bissolati, M., Cipollari, C., Rausei, S., ... & Doglietto, G. B. (2018). Total vs proximal gastrectomy for adenocarcinoma of the upper third of the stomach: a propensity-score-matched analysis of a multicenter western experience (On behalf of the Italian Research Group for Gastric Cancer–GIRCG). *Gastric Cancer*, 1-8. PMID: [29423892](#)
- Vicente, D., Ikoma, N., Chiang, Y. J., Fournier, K., Tzeng, C. W. D., Song, S., ... & Badgwell, B. D. (2018). Preoperative Therapy for Gastric Adenocarcinoma is Protective for Poor Oncologic Outcomes in Patients with Complications After Gastrectomy. *Annals of Surgical Oncology*, 25(9), 2720-2730. PMID: [28332034](#)

July

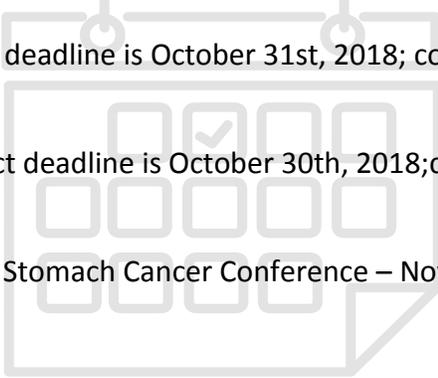
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- Horiuchi, Y., Fujisaki, J., Yamamoto, N., Ishizuka, N., Omae, M., Ishiyama, A., ... & Takahashi, H. (2018). Mixed poorly differentiated adenocarcinoma in undifferentiated-type early gastric cancer predicts endoscopic noncurative resection. *Gastric Cancer*, 21(4), 689-695. PMID: [29236187](#)

May

- Cats, A., Jansen, E. P., van Grieken, N. C., Sikorska, K., Lind, P., Nordsmark, M., ... & van Laarhoven, H. W. (2018). Chemotherapy versus chemoradiotherapy after surgery and preoperative chemotherapy for resectable gastric cancer (CRITICS): an international, open-label, randomised phase 3 trial. *The Lancet Oncology*, 19(5), 616-628. PMID: [29650363](#)
- Kauppila, J. H., Ringborg, C., Johar, A., Lagergren, J., & Lagergren, P. (2017). Health-related quality of life after gastrectomy, esophagectomy, and combined esophagogastrectomy for gastroesophageal junction adenocarcinoma. *Gastric Cancer*, 1-9. PMID: [28852939](#)

Have a new high impact paper in press or recently published? Contact us at info@gastriccancer.ca.

Upcoming Events

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- 🐾 **IGCA 2019** in Prague – abstract deadline is October 31st, 2018; conference is May 8-11th, 2019.
 - 🐾 **AATS 2019** in Toronto – abstract deadline is October 30th, 2018; conference is May 4-7th, 2019.
 - 🐾 **My Gut Feeling** Second Annual Stomach Cancer Conference – November 30th, 2018.

If you have any ideas or contributions for the newsletter please contact us at info@gastriccancer.ca.
(Please note, if you do not register to become a member you will not receive any further newsletters).