

VACANCY: Chair, Stem Cell Transplant Steering Committee

REPORTS TO: Provincial Head, Systemic Treatment

STATUS: Part-time contract position
(1/2 day per week, one year renewable, up to 3 years)

Cancer Care Ontario (CCO) is an umbrella organization that steers and coordinates Ontario's cancer services and prevention efforts. As the provincial government's chief cancer advisor, Cancer Care Ontario directs over \$700-million in public health care funding for cancer prevention, detection and care. The agency also operates screening and prevention programs; collects, monitors and reports information about cancer and cancer system performance; develops evidence-based standards and guidelines for health care providers; and works with regional providers to plan and improve cancer services.

POSITION SUMMARY:

Stem cell transplant (also encompassing bone marrow transplant) is intensive, highly specialized treatment that offers potential for cure or prolonged disease control in patients with selected blood-related cancers and other conditions. In follow-up to the Advisory Panel's 2008 report "Ensuring Access to High Quality Bone Marrow and Stem Cell Transplantation Services in Ontario" CCO is introducing structures and processes to provide clinical and operational advice to clinicians and policy makers to ensure equitable access to high quality stem cell transplant (SCT) services in Ontario. The Chair, Stem Cell Transplant Steering Committee will play a significant role in the implementation of the stem cell transplant program's vision, goals and objectives at the provincial and regional levels.

This is a contract position responsible for launching the CCO SCT program in the first year. Pending outcomes of initiation process, future years will focus on ensuring continued equitable access to high quality SCT services in Ontario.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provide guidance, advice and leadership in the development of the SCT program, ensuring program addresses access, quality and planning goals and objectives;
- Lead the formation of the SCT Steering Committee, ensuring appropriate membership and Terms of Reference;
- Contribute to the establishment of strategic vision and goals for the program ensuring alignment with the Ontario Cancer Plan;
- Play a key role in setting priorities and targets for the SCT which reflect the strategic vision of the program;
- Oversee volume funding allocation process and provincial level performance management of regional SCT programs;
- Work with the Program in Evidence-Based Care to develop guidance regarding the indications for SCT. This will include building on earlier work, setting priorities, providing leadership and developing criteria for future evidence reviews;

- Collaborate with various functional areas within CCO (including Informatics and Regional Programs) to address opportunities and challenges for defining and implementing the SCT program;
- Establish and maintain effective links with stakeholders, clinicians and other professionals at the provincial and regional levels;
- Act as SCT spokesperson and champion adoption of quality and access initiatives for SCT services
- Oversee the preparation of reports and presentations for internal and external stakeholders and participate as appropriate;
- Promote a patient-focused approach, and ensure the work is undertaken in accordance with CCO's guiding principles of transparency, equity, evidence-base, performance-orientation, active engagement and value for money;
- While this role is based at 620 University Avenue, remote access can be accommodated. Some travel is required.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Medical oncologist or haematologist with a focus on malignant haematology;
- Clinical and/or administrative leadership experience for stem cell transplant services;
- Demonstrated commitment to patient focused care and public accountability;
- Enthusiasm for, and commitment to, quality improvement in cancer care at the system level;
- Experience in promoting change and process improvement initiatives involving multiple stakeholders;
- The ability to assimilate and analyze data and information; and
- Excellent organization, communication and interpersonal skills.

More About Cancer Care Ontario:

Cancer Care Ontario is the provincial agency responsible for continually improving cancer services. As the government's cancer advisor, Cancer Care Ontario works to reduce the number of people diagnosed with cancer and make sure that patients receive better care every step of the way.

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http://www.recruitingsite.com/csbsites/cancercare_ontario/JobDescription.asp?SuperCategoryCode=13636&JobNumber=623935

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