



Ontario Health

Cancer Care Ontario

ROLE TITLE:	Professional Committee Member, Ontario Steering Committee for Cancer Drugs
REPORTS TO:	Chair, Ontario Steering Committee for Cancer Drugs
LOCATION:	Meetings will be held virtually
ANTICIPATED TIME COMMITMENT:	Part-Time contract position
TERM:	Up to 3-year term, with possibility of renewal
No. of OPPORTUNITIES:	3
POSTING DATE:	September 15, 2023
CLOSING DATE:	November 15, 2023

POSITION SUMMARY

Ontario Health (Cancer Care Ontario) and the Ministry of Health (ministry) established the Ontario Steering Committee for Cancer Drugs (OSCCD) in 2013, to support and enhance the way in which Ontario administers its cancer drug programs.

The objective of the OSCCD is to provide evidence-based clinical, health research and health economic guidance to the Executive Officer (EO) of Ontario Public Drug Programs (OPDP) on:

- Ontario-specific cancer drug funding policies and decisions
- Program evaluation and drug-specific studies
- Enhancements to cancer drug program initiatives in Ontario

The OSCCD is composed of a chair and up to 12 members with multi-disciplinary expertise and one of whom is a patient member. The Steering Committee also includes ex-officio non-voting members from Ontario Health and the ministry. The OSCCD meetings are currently held virtually on a quarterly basis and last approximately 3 hours. The total time commitment is approximately up to 12 hours per quarter, on average. Additional teleconference meetings may be required on an ad-hoc basis.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Members have responsibilities pertaining to reviewing and evaluating cancer drug submissions, providing input on Evidence-Building Program (EBP) initiatives, and providing policy and program guidance.

Responsibilities related to cancer drug submissions include:

- Assist program in reviewing, evaluating, and prioritizing drug proposal submissions
- Provide funding recommendations to the Executive Officer based on therapeutic value and cost-effectiveness, including any conditions for reimbursement and the rationale for each recommendation
- Provide cancer system advice to the Executive Officer of Ontario Public Drug Programs and Ontario Health
- Provide advice to the ministry and Ontario Health's Provincial Drug Reimbursement Programs (PDRP) on the consideration of funding pathways for drugs, as required

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- Monitor and re-evaluate on an ongoing basis, drugs reimbursed by the publicly funded drug programs with regard to their continued therapeutic value, cost effectiveness, and funding criteria

Responsibilities related to the EBP include:

- Provide input regarding the appropriateness of drugs for the EBP
- Provide input into the development of EBP study questions, analytic approach, study design and methodology

Responsibilities related to policy and program guidance include:

- Review and provide input into the program reporting framework and analytic reports
- Provide input into program process and policy changes
- Identify implications to cancer drug funding decisions and pathways

QUALIFICATIONS

- Any members representing a healthcare specialty must:
 - Be a resident of Ontario
 - Have a professional degree from a recognized institution in medicine, pharmacy, pharmacology or health economics
 - Be in active practice and/or engaged in research in either the community, hospital and/or academic setting
 - Have a commitment to and experience with evidence-based medicine and interpretation of quantitative data
 - Be available to begin immediately upon appointment and to attend the quarterly meetings regularly and in person
- Desirable that professional members have additional formal training from a recognized institution in at least one of the following areas:
 - Health economics, Pharmacoeconomics, Pharmacology, Epidemiology, Critical appraisal skills, Health informatics, Health services research, Health policy, Ethics, System planning
- Enthusiasm for, and commitment to, quality improvement in cancer care at the system level
- Aptitude for systems thinking, ability to analyze information and to make sound decisions
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to build consensus
- Strong leadership skills and ability to work collaboratively
- Demonstrated commitment to patient-focused care and public accountability
- Not employed by a pharmaceutical or related company
- Must comply with the conflict of interest and confidentiality requirements of the Government of Ontario

For more information: <https://www.cancercareontario.ca/en/cancer-treatments/chemotherapy/funding-reimbursement/ontario-steering-committee-cancer-drugs>

HOW TO APPLY:

Interested parties should forward their expression of interest and curriculum vitae, electronically, to JoAnn.Hilliard@ontariohealth.ca no later than November 15, 2023. Questions about the role may also be submitted to JoAnn.Hilliard@ontariohealth.ca.

Ontario Health encourages applications from candidates who are First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and urban Indigenous; Francophone; Black and racialized; members of 2SLGBTQIA+ communities; trans and nonbinary; and disabled.

We encourage applicants with accessibility needs to notify us if they have any accommodation needs in the application and/or interview process.