We see progress

The Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control: 2017–2022

Canadians are taking action on cancer.

For the past 10 years, Canada's cancer community and people affected by cancer from across the country have worked collaboratively to implement the *Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control*. Together, we are seeing measurable progress toward our shared 30-year goals:

- > fewer people developing cancer,
- > fewer people dying from cancer, and
- > better quality of life for those affected by the disease.

Through our joint efforts and working within the Partnership's proven model for effecting policy change, we are achieving results more quickly. We now have better data to inform clinical decisions and system improvement. We have enhanced collaboration in cancer research, established more cancer screening programs and expanded efforts to prevent cancer before it begins. And we are working with First Peoples to reduce the impact of cancer on First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities.

As the steward of the Strategy, the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer has a unique vantage point shared with and informed by our partners—that allows us to facilitate collaboration across the cancer community and accelerate work that improves the effectiveness and efficiency of cancer control in Canada.

We celebrate the very real system-level change and innovation that is underway. But much more must be done to ensure that our national cancer control efforts and health systems across the provinces and territories are equipped to address the ongoing and emerging challenges of cancer. We must build on our collective successes.

For the Partnership, this means continuing our collaborative approach, deepening the involvement of patients and the interested public, and leveraging innovation and the strengths and talents of our partners. *We See Progress*, our 2017-2022 strategic plan, reflects extensive consultation with those partners and our patient advisors – the people to whom this work matters most.

The plan builds on the collaborative approach of our work and outlines themes — quality, equity, seamless patient experience, maximize data impact and sustainable system — to anchor the next five years of action on cancer.

Bringing this plan to life will require evolving and fine-tuning what we do and how we do it. It will mean looking beyond conventional models and approaches and finding areas of alignment with key partners. It will involve targeting the areas and opportunities that have the potential for greatest impact, such as screening underserved populations, leveraging big data to answer key cancer control questions and supporting more effective decision-making at the front line to improve cancer care. As always, evidence will drive our efforts and everything we do will focus on delivering meaningful results for those affected by cancer.

Together, we will achieve our 30-year goals. Together, we will continue to make progress and reduce the impact of cancer for all Canadians.



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