

## 2017 Call for Applications – Advisory Committee Members Cancer Experts, Clinicians, Health System Experts, Health Professionals and Patient/Family Representatives

The Partnership has evolved since it began operations in 2007. It can only get stronger and be more successful in driving the success of the Canadian cancer control strategy if it takes advantage of the best ways to use expertise to support its work. Creating strong, collaborative partnerships in everything it does has been a key value for the Partnership and as it gets set to initiate the work of its 2017-22 Strategic Plan, it continues to rely on these partnerships to deliver impactful results.

A foundational piece for the Partnership has been its reliance on advisory bodies to foster collaboration and deepen the involvement of a cross-section of cancer and health system experts, clinicians, health care providers, patients and families across the organization. Advisory groups and committees have existed since 2007 as a collaborative network of volunteer experts, patients and public representatives established to advise the Partnership in each of its cancer control priority areas; traditionally aligned with the cancer control domains; population health, research, person-centred perspective and diagnosis and clinical care.

Building on our learnings, progress and successes in the first decade of the Strategy, the strategic plan is grounded in five themes; quality, equity, seamless patient experience, maximize data impact and sustainable system. As the steward of the Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control, the Partnership is committed to continuing our collaborative approach, driving measurable progress, deepening the involvement of patients, leveraging innovation and opportunities to spread successful practices and harnessing the strengths and talents of our partners.

Together, we will reach our goals – and reduce the burden of cancer for all Canadians.

### **Current Opportunities – Advisory Committee members (full refresh of membership)**

On regular basis, the Partnership initiates open calls for applicants to fill vacancies on various advisory structures. The Partnership is now initiating a Call for Applicants to attract members who are **Cancer Experts, Clinicians, Health System Experts, Health Professionals and Patient/Family Representatives** to join the Partnership as a member of the following new Advisory Committees. Advisory Committees are structures for keeping partners engaged and communities informed.

A description of each is outlined below along with additional information on the work focus, and the knowledge, skill and experience that would be beneficial of Committee members

1. **Quality Advisory Committee** provides collective advice to embed evidence-based quality improvements in all interventions, improve success rates and maximize appropriate diagnosis and treatment by promoting Canada-wide adoption of evidence-based best practices and aim for the right diagnosis, treatment and care at the right time, based on the needs of each individual.

2. **Equity Advisory Committee** provides collective advice on strategies and plans to minimize disparity across the cancer control system for all populations, ensure high quality, culturally appropriate and person-centred cancer prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care no matter where an individual lives, who they are and where they are in the cancer journey and improve delivery of cancer control services with and for First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples and partners..
3. **Seamless Patient Experience Advisory Committee** provides collective advice on strategies to close the gaps in the continuum of prevention and care so people experiencing a simple and more understandable path when navigating the system from the perspective of patients and their families, and ensure that person-centred care is the standard of practice in the cancer control system.
4. **Maximize Data Impacts Advisory Committee** provides collective advice to broaden the reach, depth and availability of population and cancer data with an emphasis on ensuring that researchers and cancer system professional are able to ask questions of the data and find answers to address the most important challenges at the front line for faster and more evidence-based decision-making.
5. **Sustainable System Advisory Committee** provides collective advice on strategies to make the system more responsive, resource efficient and economically sustainable by spreading knowledge faster of what works best and has the most positive impact, recognize and plan for the increase in cancer cases to come in the next two decades, and plan for delivery of appropriate levels of care that recognize the needs of the aging population.

These Advisory Committees will be enriched through the involvement of those who are willing to devote their time, knowledge, expertise and points of view to further the Partnership's mandate.

All individuals interested in becoming a member of an advisory committee, and who fit the skills and experience profile outlined for each, are invited to **review information about the opportunity and submit an application package** no later than May 1, 2017. Individuals will be asked to rank their preferences for membership. With permission, application packages will also be kept on file for future opportunities to become involved in the Partnership's work as new opportunities are expected later this year.