

# Written Submission Guide

The Government of Canada, through the Federal Minister of Health, has called for a refresh of the *Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control* and has asked the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer (the Partnership) to coordinate this activity. The Partnership is deeply committed to the importance of this refresh; is excited for the opportunity for patients, health care providers and system leaders to strive for increased impact in the decade ahead; and is proud to support the collection of opinions, values and priorities of every Canadian. It is important that everyone who wants to be involved can be, and there are a variety of ways to contribute.

Engagement with patients and their families, the public and cancer control leaders are all essential to ensuring the Strategy charts a bold vision for the future, while addressing pressing concerns and ensuring Canada remains a leader in delivering high-quality cancer care.

As part of our multifaceted engagement strategy, the Partnership is **inviting formal written submissions** from organizations and individual experts involved in cancer control, in response to the [Discussion Paper: Refreshing Canada's National Cancer Control Strategy](#).

In addition, there are other ways to provide your input into the refresh of the Strategy. Visit: [www.cancerstrategy.ca](http://www.cancerstrategy.ca) to learn more.

This guide outlines the requirements for written submissions. **Please read and follow the guidelines in preparing your submission to ensure we are able to make best use of your valuable input.**

We are committed to transparency throughout this process. Reviewed submissions WILL be made available at [www.cancerstrategy.ca](http://www.cancerstrategy.ca). If you do not wish your submission to be made available, please ensure this is indicated on the FIRST PAGE of your submission.

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Submissions must be received by **11:59 PM EST on December 14, 2018** (for instructions see *How to send your submission*).
- Submissions must include the following information on the FIRST PAGE:
  - › Main contact name, address, phone and email
  - › Clearly indicate whether the response is on behalf of an organization, an individual, or a group of individuals
  - › Organization name, address, phone and email (if applicable)
  - › Date of submission
  - › Indicate if you/your organization is willing to have your name appear on a list of those who have provided input into the *Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control*
- The Partnership requests that submissions respond to the questions contained in this Submission Guide. Submissions are not required to address all questions, and may focus only on those questions of particular interest to the submitter.
- Throughout your submission, please indicate to which question(s) you are responding.
- To ensure your valuable input is included in the analysis, please answer each question separately.
- Submissions must be in Microsoft Word or rich text format for data analysis.
- The Partnership requests that submissions be a maximum of five (5) pages in length.
- The Partnership may contact you for follow-up questions or clarification.

## HOW TO SEND YOUR SUBMISSION



- Please prepare your submission in Microsoft Word or rich text format.
- Send as an **email attachment** to [submissions@cancerstrategy.ca](mailto:submissions@cancerstrategy.ca).
- You will receive an automatic response confirming receipt of your submission.

## QUESTIONS

1. What do you see as the main benefits of Canada's cancer control strategy in a system where health care is mostly a provincial/territorial responsibility?
2. What would you say are the biggest cancer control challenges Canada will face over the next 10 years? Of those, which two or three are most in need of a strong national strategy to help address?
3. In 10 years' time, what does success look like? How will we know that this cancer control strategy worked?
4. What lessons can we apply from other Canadian or international health strategies and cancer plans to ensure we develop an impactful new cancer strategy? What else is needed to achieve more progress sooner?
5. How can a cancer control strategy enable and promote a system that balances sustainability, equity and innovation (including research and new treatments)?
6. Where would you say Canada is on the balance of attention and resources between (1) investing in researching and developing new solutions and modalities; (2) ensuring everyone has equitable access to existing services and (3) ensuring sustainability for future generations? If adjustments in that balance are needed, then in which direction?
7. The challenges faced by vulnerable populations are often at the local level (at the intersections of cultural, socio-economic, geographic and other factors). How can a national strategy contribute to addressing these pervasive yet locally variable challenges?
8. What are the aspects/elements/components of cancer control that could best be addressed if all jurisdictions work together in a coordinated way as opposed to alone or bilaterally? Examples may include:
  - a. Long-standing and complex challenges like inequities in access and outcomes that require unified solutions involving multiple sectors and players.
  - b. Roll-out of new programs or modalities (e.g., lung cancer screening) that would benefit from coordinated planning and implementation with consistent application of standards and joint monitoring and evaluation.
  - c. Others?
9. The *Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control* is for all Canadians. As a partner in cancer control, where do you see yourself playing leadership or supporting roles in implementing the refreshed strategy? What are you willing to contribute to make it a success? What other partners are needed to ensure we can achieve bold goals collectively?
10. Do you have any additional comments or perspectives to offer related to the modernization of Canada's cancer strategy to ensure its success?

## NOTE

The Partnership reserves the right to use content from submissions, without seeking prior consent, for communications or other related purposes. In doing so, we will acknowledge the source, as appropriate.