



# Quality Person-Centred Systemic Treatment in Ontario

2014-2019

SYSTEMIC TREATMENT  
PROVINCIAL PLAN

## Executive Summary

While significant progress has been made in the area of cancer treatment and prevention, it is projected that the number of people living with cancer in Ontario will continue to rise. As cancer incidence increases, so does the demand for quality, accessible, person-centred systemic treatment across the province.

Cancer Care Ontario's (CCO) new provincial plan, *Quality Person-Centred Systemic Treatment in Ontario: Systemic Treatment Provincial Plan 2014-2019* refocuses provincial efforts to ensure they are relevant to the changing clinical landscape. The five-year implementation plan, which is aligned with the Ontario Cancer Plan IV (2015 – 2019), aims to result in impactful changes in key articulated priorities, with a predetermined evaluation framework and measurable targets.

### This plan is guided by two overarching goals:

- Extend the Quality and Safety Agenda
- Strengthen and Enable Care Models

### To help us realize these goals, 9 strategic priorities have been developed for 2014-2019:

1. Extend the quality and safety focus from parenteral to oral chemotherapy
2. Improve emergency room utilization through enhanced toxicity management
3. Ensure consistency in access and quality of chemotherapy in the Home
4. Ensure standardization within community pharmacies
5. Expand the system's ability to monitor and evaluate
6. Enhance coordination and communication to improve person-centred care
7. Enable new models of care
8. Strengthen regional capacity
9. Develop and implement patient based funding model

"We know that the results of the plan will not occur overnight as it takes time for change and improvement in the system; however, this plan is a significant step into an improved future. It is our belief that the strategic priorities outlined in this plan will serve as a tool to advance quality and safe care in the province through a person-centred approach."

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To support the recommendations laid out in this plan, select performance indicators will be used to track progress over the duration of the implementation. An annual operating plan will also be developed to outline specific activities to address each objective and deliver on the priorities. It will include the indicators to measure performance and progress each year, ensuring accountability.

The plan was developed by CCO in collaboration with healthcare providers, administrators, and patient and family advisors. It is through the expertise of individuals across the province that high-quality, person centred systemic treatment in Ontario becomes a reality.