Systemic Treatment Program (STP)

Implementation Plan 2024-2028

OCP 6* GOAL	OCP 6* STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	STP INITIATIVES AND CROSS-FUNCTIONAL COLLABORATIONS
Advance Equity in the Cancer System	Strengthen the cancer system by improving equity, inclusion, diversity, and anti-racism (EIDA-R), embedding culturally responsive, trauma-	Collaborate with the Ontario Health Programs (e.g., Patient Education, EIDA-R) and Regional Partners to:
	informed, person-centered care.	 Create educational materials that reflect and respect the diverse backgrounds, cultures, and experiences of patients and care partners. Through this initiative, we aim to bridge the information gap by developing educational materials that are inclusive and incorporate translations into different languages.
		 Enhance the accessibility and understanding of Drug Formulary documents to promote health literacy and equity. Through this initiative, we can ensure that the information provided is clear, inclusive, and tailored to meet the needs of diverse populations.
	Address barriers to improve equitable access to effective cancer treatments.	 Explore opportunities to improve overall quality, safety, and distribution of take-home cancer drugs. Through this initiative, we can ensure that patients on take-home cancer drugs experience the same level of safe, high-quality care as patients who receive injectable cancer drugs in the hospital environment.





Improve the Patient, Care Partner and Provider Experience Implement a comprehensive model of care in hospital and community for patients and care partners to access psychosocial, symptom and side-effect management, throughout the care continuum.

Establish integrated survivorship services to improve the patient and care partner experience.

Implement the recommendations in the Palliative Care Health Services Delivery Framework for patients and their care partners in hospital and community settings.

Promote provider wellness through measurement and integration of best practices.

- Identify opportunities and collaborate with the Symptom Management Program for remote monitoring systems or proactive monitoring within ambulatory models of care for systemic treatment. Through this initiative, we can leverage technology to enhance patient care, improve outcomes, and promote a seamless experience for patients and care partners within the ambulatory setting.
- Collaborate with the Survivorship Program to develop a transition model that
 offers standardized survivorship and follow-up care to address the ongoing needs of
 patients who have completed systemic treatment or are currently on adjuvant hormonal
 therapy. Through this initiative, we can contribute to seamless coordination, effective
 communication, and continuity of care to optimize patient outcomes and enhance the
 overall survivorship experience.
- Explore validated assessment tools with the Ontario Palliative Care Network to determine the appropriate timing for transitioning to end-of-life care. Through this initiative, we can effectively implement best-practices, enhance the quality of survivorship care, and facilitate a compassionate, person centred approach to end of life planning and support.
- Identify areas where innovative nurse or pharmacy-led models of care can effectively provide patient care. Through this initiative, we can leverage the expertise and capabilities of nurses and pharmacists to deliver safe, high-quality care and optimize healthcare resources.



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Achieve Seamless and Effective Integration of all Cancer Services Establish integrated diagnostic services supported by navigation and access to information to improve timely diagnosis and patient outcomes.

Strengthen integrated community and home support models for cancer patients and their care partners.

Leverage digital solutions to support coordination of care, access to comprehensive health information, and system navigation for cancer patients, their care partners, and providers.

- Enhance the measurement and evaluation of wait times by exploring and developing integrated wait time indicators. Through this initiative, we can support equitable access and efficient delivery of cancer services.
- Enhance the role of community pharmacies in integrated cancer care through collaboration with the Discovery Pharmacy at the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Toronto. Through this initiative, we can strengthen the capacity of community pharmacies to provide comprehensive support to cancer patients and their care partners.
- Support Home and Community Care Support Services and Regional Cancer Programs
 in implementing the recommendations outlined in the 2022 Enhancing the Delivery of
 Oncology Systemic Treatment in the Home and Community in Ontario Report. Through
 this initiative, we aim to enhance the delivery of systemic treatment in the home and
 community settings, improving patient access, experience, and outcomes.
- Partner with the Ontario College of Pharmacists to enhance community pharmacist
 education in oncology. Through this initiative, we can ensure that cancer patients and their
 care partners have access to high-quality, community-based support.
- Explore the capabilities and integration of digital health solutions (e.g., *PrescribelT*[™] and e-referral platforms) in oncology care. Through this initiative, we can streamline and optimize the delivery of care, improve communication between providers, and empower patients to actively participate in their own healthcare.
- Explore tools to ensure the sustainability of the Drug Formulary database and investigate
 ways to integrate the Drug Formulary documents into current Health Information System
 (HIS) platforms or cloud-based portals. Through this initiative we will explore a simplified
 approach to accessing information for providers, patients, and care partners.



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Improve Cancer Outcomes and Quality of Life for Ontarians Drive safe, high-quality care to improve outcomes, survival, and quality of life through best practice adoption and continuous quality improvement.

Implement a streamlined approach for timely adoption of innovation and technologies.

- Identify gaps in safety for patients who receive care through private infusion clinics and provide regions with the tools to minimize the potential for errors. Through this initiative, patient care is enhanced by ensuring consistency in the delivery of safe, high-quality care across different settings.
- Explore new quality indicators that can be used to assess and measure the quality
 of care provided across different regions. Through this initiative, we can promote best
 practice adoption, drive quality improvement, and ensure consistency in care delivery
 across the province.
- Partner with Regional Cancer Programs to explore opportunities for supporting the development of emergency preparedness plans and associated tools. Through this initiative, barriers to patients receiving continued systemic therapies in an emergency can be mitigated.
- Collaborate with the Specialized Services Oversight Program to support the provincial implementation of Bispecifics. Through this initiative, we can strategically plan for the optimal process, location, funding, required resources and educational needs of the systemic treatment facilities that will be offering this new treatment.





Ensure
Sustainable
Cancer System
Infrastructure
and Workforce

Develop and implement comprehensive and scalable health human resource and infrastructure strategies.

Implement the ambulatory systemic treatment models of care recommendations to optimize service delivery for oncology providers and patients.

- Support Regional Cancer Programs in conducting a comprehensive reassessment of roles and responsibilities on the oncology care team to maximize the scope of practice and competencies of clinicians. Through this initiative, we can help to maximize provider wellness as well as patient experience and outcomes.
- Advocate to the Ministry of Health for additional roles on the oncology care team through our standard funding channels. Through this initiative, we can emphasize the importance of expanding the roles within the funding model to ensure the provision of holistic and effective care to patients and care partners.
- Explore the implementation of a Systemic Treatment Quality-Based Procedure model refresh to enhance and update the existing model. Through this initiative, we can ensure the model aligns with current best practices and standards and remains adaptable to meet the increasing demand for systemic treatment services in a scalable and equitable manner.
- Collaborate with the System and Infrastructure Planning & Data Science Program to estimate and mitigate capacity issues at systemic treatment facilities. Through this initiative, we can strategically plan for future needs, optimize facility utilization, and improve the overall experiences for patients and providers.
- Facilitate, monitor, and support Regional Cancer Programs in the implementation of ambulatory systemic treatment models of care recommendations. Through this initiative, we can support the implementation of flexible and person-centred approaches to systemic treatment, allowing for more efficient delivery of care in an ambulatory setting while enhancing provider and patient experience.
- Develop and implement monitoring and evaluation of OH-led initiatives from the Optimizing Ambulatory Systemic Treatment Models of Care Recommendations Report through collaboration with the Program Design and Implementation as well as the Symptom Management, Oncology Nursing and Experience and Engagement Programs.

