

Colorectal Cancer Canada Monthly Newsletter September 2020

Keeping you up to date with the latest colorectal cancer news in Canada

Greetings!



Since March of this year, almost everything has changed, but one thing has not, we never stopped working for colorectal cancer patients and their families across Canada for one minute. In short, we are here for you and your families.

During the pandemic, colorectal cancer screening programs - the number one way to prevent colorectal cancer for both men and women, were suspended across Canada.

Because we believe this will lead to more advanced cancers and increased mortality, we engaged with national colorectal cancer screening network members with a view to rapidly and safely restart these programs. We surveyed our patient population on their needs and we provided additional support to patients wherever possible such as through our now virtual patient support groups. We launched a new website with expanded resources to continue to support patients, their families and caregivers as best we can.

Now we are introducing monthly newsletters so that we can provide you with the information, support, and resources that you need and we will do our part to serve you in the best way we possibly can.

Sincerely,



Barry D. Stein



Push For Your Tush Virtual 5K/10K Walk/Run

PFYT 5K/10K unites Canadians by walking/running, spreading awareness and raising much needed funds for colorectal cancer.



Join our supportive community today and start walking/running and sharing your accomplishments, to make a positive impact across the nation! On October 18th connect with us virtually as we celebrate those within our community and work up a sweat together, with a 30 minute workout! It's bound to be a booty shaking good time! To find out more click [here](#).





Cancer Recurrence amid COVID-19: Robin's Story

"The CEA [cancer marker] was indeed higher. I spent the next two weeks trying to connect to my cancer doctors. Every message machine declared "our offices are closed", or "services are cancelled until further notice."

Robin McGee is a 10-year survivor of stage IV CRC. Read more below about her personal experience of colorectal cancer recurrence during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Check out our COVID-19 blog for resources and tips for living well during these difficult times.



Do young diabetes patients need early CRC screening?

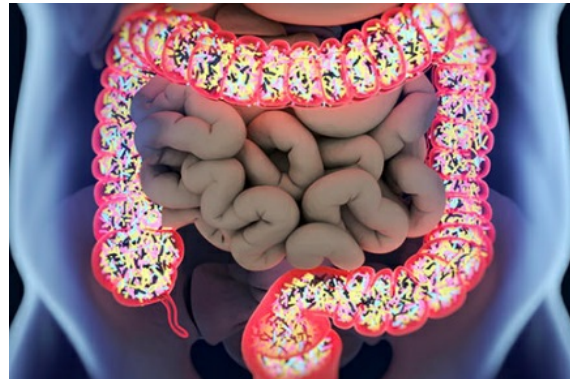
Study findings suggest earlier CRC surveillance and screening for young adults with diabetes.



Your Seasonal Guide to Cancer-Fighting Foods

Add each season's most nutritious anti-cancer foods to your diet by choosing local!

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Gut bacteria shown to improve immunotherapy outcomes

Recent research has shown how specific gut bacteria can enhance the effectiveness of cancer immunotherapy.

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Preventable, Treatable & Beatable!



BRINGING STAKEHOLDERS TOGETHER FOR THE
EVOLUTION OF THE CANCER CLINICAL TRIALS
CONTINUUM TOWARDS PRECISION MEDICINE

real world evidence | precision medicine | patient group engagement
patient participation | global uptake | evolution in cancer care

Patient Group Pathway Model to Accessing Cancer Clinical Trials and Real World Evidence Methodologies Conference

(with a special emphasis on Precision Medicine)

CONFERENCE: 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. | October 21st 2020
THE EVENT WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY THIS YEAR !

if you envision precision medicine as the future standard of care... JOIN US!

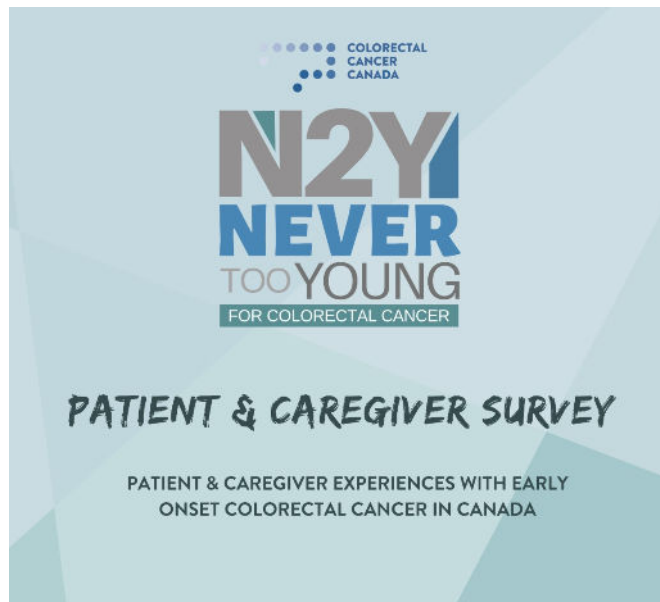
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CCC's upcoming virtual Cancer Clinical Trials and Real World Evidence Conference

On October 21st, 2020, the CCC will host the "Patient Group Pathway Model To Accessing Cancer Clinical Trials And Real World Evidence Conference." The **virtual event** will reinforce patient and patient group partnerships among those who advocate for cancer clinical trials in Canada.

The conference will be of interest to all stakeholders engaged in cancer clinical trials including but not limited to Researchers and Clinical Trial Networks, Patients and Patients Groups, Government Agencies and Industry.



Never Too Young Survey Launch

The world was shocked late last week as we learned about the tragic death of 43-year-old actor Chadwick Boseman after a courageous battle with colon cancer.

Unfortunately, Chadwick's case is one of many, as early age onset colorectal cancer (EAO CRC) rates are rising sharply among young and middle-aged populations. Colorectal Cancer Canada's Never Too Young program aims to bring awareness and education to Canadian's regarding EAO CRC, and supports patients who are currently in their journey.

This week, we are pleased to announce the launch of our Never Too Young: Early-Onset Colorectal Cancer survey. The purpose of this survey is to explore perceptions of early age onset colorectal cancer patients and caregivers regarding their experiences and needs related to the cancer diagnosis in Canada. Find our survey [here!](#)