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ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL & TORONTO EAST GENERAL WIN AWARD FOR IMPROVING ACCESS TO CANCER CARE



From back left, clockwise

Dr. Robert Zeldin – Thoracic Surgeon, TEGH, Tracey Keighley-Clarke, Director, Simcoe Muskoka Regional Cancer Program, Marla Fryers – Vice President Programs & Chief Nursing Officer, Dr. Carmine Simone – Thoracic Surgeon, Garth Matheson, Vice President Regional Cancer and Clinical Services, RVH, Penny Walcott – Director, Surgical Services, Carole Beals – Regional Surgical Oncology Network Coordinator, RVH, Rina Pegoraro – Manager, Operating Room, Day Surgery and Pre-Admission clinics

Royal Victoria Hospital (RVH) and Toronto East General Hospital (TEGH) have been selected as recipients of a 2010 Quality & Innovation Award, sponsored by the Cancer Quality Council of Ontario, Cancer Care Ontario, and the Ontario division of the Canadian Cancer Society.

The Innovation Award recognizes, encourages and rewards the development of innovative initiatives that enhance and improve cancer care locally within a program or institution.

RVH and TEGH were recognized for their achievements in the Collaborative Thoracic Intake Clinic project, which has helped to improve access and treatment for lung cancer patients in North Simcoe Muskoka.

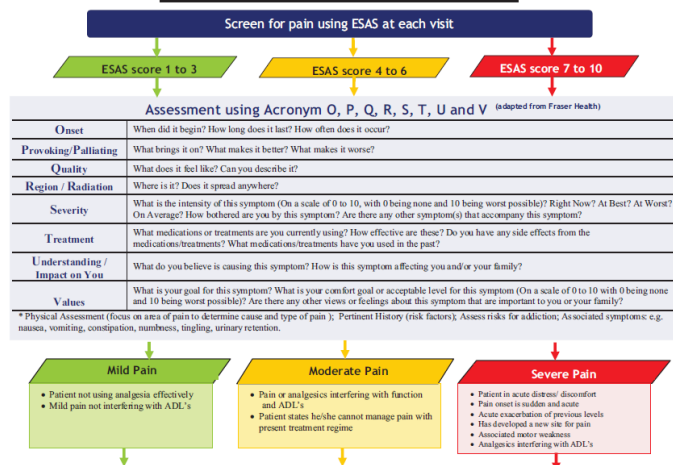
ONTARIO CANCER SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT COLLABORATIVE

An initiative of Cancer Care Ontario (CCO), the Ontario Cancer Symptom Management Collaborative (OCSMC) is a joint initiative between the Palliative Care, Psychosocial Oncology and Nursing Oncology Programs. The goal of the OCSMC is to promote a model of care enabling earlier identification, communication and documentation of symptoms, optimal symptom management and coordinated palliative care.

OCSMC uses common assessment and care management tools, including the Edmonton Symptom Assessment System (ESAS) screening tool to allow patients to routinely report on any symptoms they are experiencing. One of the ways patients can update their symptoms is through the ISAAC kiosks located in the Outpatient clinics at the Royal Victoria Hospital and, as of March 1, 2011, at Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital. Plans are also underway to bring a kiosk to a Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare site in 2011-2012 timeframe.

Symptom Management Guides-to-Practice were developed to assist health care professionals in the assessment and appropriate management of a patient's cancer-related symptoms. In addition to the symptom specific *Guides-to-Practice*, quick-reference Pocket Guides and Algorithms were also created. The *Guides-to-Practice* were developed by the interdisciplinary Symptom Management Group (SMG) which included regional representation from across the province. The *Guides-to-Practice* were developed using the ADAPTE guideline adaptation approach that includes identifying existing guidelines, appraising their quality, selecting recommendations for inclusion and obtaining expert feedback. The *Guides to Practice* reference tools can be found on the CCO website:

<http://cancercare.on.ca/toolbox/symptoms/>





UPCOMING EVENTS

SMRCP de Souza Chemotherapy & Biotherapy Course Session A

Day 1 = February 16
Day 2 = February 18
Session B

Day 1 = February 25
Day 2 = March 4
Day 3 = March 5

**All workshops will be held from 8:30—16:30 at RVH.*

To register, e-mail macinnisl@rvh.on.ca

Wellspring Money Matters Workshop

Fri. March 4, 2011
This free, full-day workshop designed for Social Workers will be held at RVH. To register, e-mail: macinnisl@rvh.on.ca

Spring de Souza Chemotherapy & Biotherapy Course

Day 1 = April 8
Day 2 = April 15
Day 3 = April 26
**All workshops will be held from 8:30—16:30 at RVH.*

Register at www.desouzanurse.ca

Updates in Oncology 2011 Conference

Mon. May 16, 2011
0830-1630
Georgian College,
Barrie
Stay tuned for more information.

REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT EVENT

The Simcoe Muskoka Regional Cancer Program will host **Cancer Care Community Pearls** on **Wednesday February 23, 2011** from 1730-1930 at the Royal Victoria Hospital of Barrie. This event, targeted to administrative and nursing staff from referring physician offices across the region, promises to be an informative and interactive evening.

Participants can expect to:

- Learn about the progress of the Simcoe Muskoka Regional Cancer Centre
- Receive tools to help patients prepare for their New Patient Visit & Cancer Journey
- Meet members from the Cancer Care Community
- Network with colleagues
- Tell us how we're doing and where we need to improve

Dinner and parking will be provided. To register, please contact Lesley MacInnis: **705-728-9090 ext 43139** or macinnisl@rvh.on.ca



The Simcoe Muskoka Regional Cancer Centre, part of the Phase 1 Expansion Project, is on track to open at Royal Victoria Hospital in early 2012

The Simcoe Muskoka Regional Cancer Program's team of medical and radiation oncologists toured the new Cancer Centre for the first time back in November 2010.

The tour was an opportunity for four newly-recruited oncologists to see the facility where they, and the rest of the cancer team, will be providing better access to cancer care for the residents of this region.



Pictured to the left:

Garth Matheson, Regional Vice President of Cancer and Clinical Services, Michael Sherar, President, Cancer Care Ontario, Dr. Isabel Li and Dr. Sara Rask, Medical Oncologists and Dr. Christiaan Stevens and Dr. Fred Yoon, Radiation Oncologists

SMRCC WELCOMES KYLE MALKOSKE TO THE TEAM



We are pleased to welcome Kyle Malkoske to the team as the Regional Cancer Centre's first Medical Physicist, effective March 21, 2011. Kyle comes to us from Cancer Care Manitoba in Winnipeg, where he has worked for the past 10 years as a medical physicist specializing in radiation oncology.

Kyle brings with him expertise in advanced radiation therapy techniques including: volumetric modulated arc therapy; intensity modulated and image guided radiation therapy; and image guided brachytherapy. Kyle has also worked extensively on workflow/process optimization in a paperless environment and has significant experience with the equipment that RVH/SMRCC will be installing later this year.

Kyle, his wife and their two young boys are moving to Barrie from Winnipeg and are excited about the camping, hiking, snowboarding, biking, and sports the Barrie area offers. Welcome to the team Kyle!