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Patient and Family Advisory Council

Cuthbert Lab & Oncology Outcomes

Welcome

We are thrilled to share that two of our Research Assistants have started medical school! Congratulations to Abisola and Kaitlin! They will both remain on the team part-time as they begin this exciting new chapter in their lives, and we wish them all the best!



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Medical Cannabis Authorization in Patients With Cancer in the Prelegalization Era: A Population-Based Study.

STUDY PURPOSE

Studies show that patients with cancer use cannabis to manage symptoms and side effects.

Medical cannabis is regulated by Health Canada. Authorization patterns among cancer patients have not yet been well described.

Use linked administrative data collected by the provincial medical regulatory agency to describe the authorization of medical cannabis among patients with cancer in Alberta, Canada.



CONCLUSIONS & FUTURE IMPACT



A small proportion of patients with cancer received an authorization of medical cannabis between 2014 to 2016.



Younger patients, individuals living in Calgary, patients diagnosed with advanced stage disease, and those who received systemic treatment were more likely to receive an authorization.



The timing of medical cannabis authorization was associated with a cancer diagnosis and initiation of cancer treatment.



A minority of oncologists prescribed medical cannabis to patients with cancer.

Further studies are required to understand cannabis utilization patterns in patients with cancer since legalization and how to incorporate these findings into patient-centered cancer care.

Click [here](#) for full article.

Cuthbert Lab

The effect of comorbidities on outcomes in colorectal cancer survivors: a population-based cohort study

STUDY PURPOSE

Examine the prevalence of comorbidities and their effect on colorectal cancer outcomes such as treatments received and overall survival.



CONCLUSIONS & FUTURE IMPACT

Colorectal cancer patients with comorbidities had lower odds of treatment and greater risk of death than those with no comorbidity. The most common cause of non-cancer death was cardiovascular disease.



Click [here](#) for full article.

New Building

We have moved! Our teams have officially moved into the Arthur Child Comprehensive Cancer Centre. While the centre isn't slated to open to the public until the Fall, our research operations are underway.



Here is a photo of some of our team members on move-in day a couple weeks ago!

Study Recruitment



We continue to actively recruit participants for several studies right now, including:

- ▶ Healthcare Provider and Patient Views on Prescribing Opioids for Cancer Patients.
[Poster Link to Share](#)
- ▶ Patients Perspectives of Value Frameworks Used to Guide Oncology Treatment Decisions
[Poster Link to Share](#)
- ▶ Remote Assessment of Physical Fitness Measures: Reliability and Validity Study
[Poster Link to Share](#)

If you think the studies might be relevant to your contacts, please feel free to share the website or poster links. For the additional details on each study click [here](#).

Coming Up



The next newsletter will release in August 2024.

The next PFAC meeting will be in the fall, stay tuned for more details!

Previous issues of the PFAC newsletter have been posted online:
<https://www.cuthbertlab.com/advisory-council>

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