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# Patient and Family Advisory Council

Cuthbert Lab & Oncology Outcomes

## Welcome

We are pleased to announce that we have submitted 3 new grant applications this month. These grants will fund studies in the areas of early onset colorectal cancer, tai chi for colorectal cancer survivors, and sex and gender concordance for cancer patients. We will learn the results of these applications in early 2023 and are hopeful that we will have good news to share!

We are actively recruiting for two new members (cancer patients, survivors, or family members) to join our council. If you know anyone who may be interested in joining, please ask them to email Christie at [christie.farrer@ucalgary.ca](mailto:christie.farrer@ucalgary.ca). We also have this [poster](#) which can be shared within your networks.

Our teams continue to grow with several new staff members joining us over the last few weeks. You can learn more about them in the sections below.

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## Oncology Outcomes

Oncology Outcomes has recently welcomed two new full time Research Assistants to the team, Chantelle Carbonell and Abisola Adegbulugbe. In their role they will assist with research projects and support the operations side of Oncology Outcomes by assisting with grant preparation, preparing reports, and planning events.

Chantelle Carbonell recently graduated from the University of Calgary's Bachelor of Health Sciences Honours program with a major in Biomedical Sciences. Her undergraduate honours thesis and research were on the endocannabinoid system and its implications in pregnancy and labour. Chantelle is driven by the motivation to improve the health and well-being of others and demonstrates this passion in her work, academics, and extra-curricular activities. As an advocate for mental health, she has organized and launched the StayStrong Fundraiser (May 2022) in collaboration with Anytime Fitness to raise donations for Distress Centre Calgary's crisis support services. Outside of school and work, Chantelle enjoys powerlifting and walking her friends' dogs.

Abisola Adegbulugbe is a recent graduate of the University of British Columbia, where she completed a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology. As an Honours student, Abisola conducted research to evaluate host factors that contribute to Host-Prevotella interactions in the mammalian colon. While studying at UBC she was an active member of the University's residence community and served as a Residence Advisor for three years. In this role, she organized events to celebrate the diversity of the residence community and facilitated workshops to promote equity and inclusion within the residence life team. Currently, Abisola is working on establishing a poetry-based therapy group to support adult survivors of child abuse. In her spare time, Abisola enjoys baking, reading, and going to spin classes.

## Cuthbert Lab

We are pleased to introduce Madison Leia, our new full time Research Associate. Madison is an interdisciplinary health researcher with an academic and professional background spanning sociology, epidemiology, demography, and health services. Madison completed a Master of Arts in Sociology at the University of Washington, where she defended her thesis investigating the association between biomarkers of stress and racial/ethnic residential segregation. She began her career in research and evaluation at a Calgary not-for-profit community health center and most recently coordinated clinical research studies in Critical Care Medicine at the Foothills Medical Centre and Peter Lougheed Centre. Madison also has experience analyzing large data sets, carrying out systematic reviews, conducting semi-structured interviews and recruiting study participants.

## 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](#)

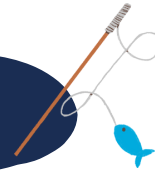
If you think the studies might be relevant to your contacts, please feel free to share the website or poster links.

For the additional details on each study click [here](#).



## Get to Know

Council Member Frank Atlin



My wife and I are retired. We love to travel and fishing in B.C. is one of my favorite summer activities. I recently fished the Bow River with a guide and had a great day. We have an upcoming trip to Italy (fall 2022), a country which we've visited before. I enjoy reading modern history and science. We have 3 married children along with their dogs and cats to enjoy at family gatherings. Outings for walks, breakfast/lunch/dinner with long time friends is a top priority for us.



## Member Spotlight



## Coming Up

Please save the date for our next PFAC meeting on **October 24, 2022** from **4:00-5:30pm**

The next newsletter will release in **October 2022**.

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

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