

# PATIENT AND FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Cuthbert Lab & Oncology Outcomes

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## WELCOME

By Christie Rogers

The end of the year is always a busy time with our research groups as we work to wrap up projects and prepare for the year ahead. We are targeting several major grant competitions in the first few months of 2022, the majority of which are focused on projects that will improve patient outcomes and experiences. We are looking forward to collaborating with our PFAC members to gain a better understanding of the patient perspective.

We wish everyone a happy and peaceful holiday season and are looking forward to continuing our work together in the new year.

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# For Consideration

Seeking personal experience and insights

1. Thanks to everyone who completed our 5-minute survey to provide insights on how information is presented to cancer patients. If you haven't provided feedback yet and would like to do so, please [click here](#).
2. Our next meeting will include a discussion about patient recruitment. Many of you have provided valuable feedback on the best methods for health care providers to approach patients.

If we look at this from another perspective, as a patient or caregiver, if you were interested in participating in research and were seeking this out yourself, where would you look for this information?

Please email Christie or share your ideas at the next meeting.



# O2 Updates

Linking molecular tests in cancer care



The Oncology Outcomes (O2) research group is working on an exciting project titled "Linking Molecular Tests in Cancer Care".

The primary objective is to link data from molecular testing (i.e., gene testing) to provincial outcomes data with the goal of gaining a better understanding of indicators of quality care and the individual-level and health system benefits of increased molecular testing in Alberta.

The end goal of our analyses is to develop treatment response prediction tools and ultimately develop clinician decision support systems to be used in clinical settings. In doing so we hope to use Alberta patient data to improve the care of future patients. Approved by Health Research Ethics Board of Alberta (HREBA.CC-21-0030).

## Cuthbert Lab Updates

"Health care provider and patient views on prescribing opioids for cancer survivors"

HREBA.CC-20-0500

Opioids are frequently prescribed for cancer related pain. While opioids provide substantial benefit for pain management when used appropriately, they are also associated with serious risks. The Cuthbert lab, in collaboration with Dr. Winson Cheung, is conducting interviews with health care providers and patients to understand views on prescribing opioids to cancer patients. We have nearly completed the health care provider interviews and will be starting patient interviews in early 2022. To learn more about eligibility to participate in this study, [click here](#).

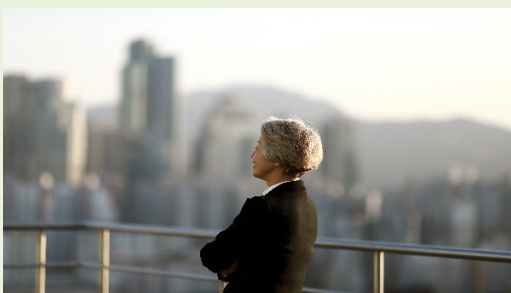
# Member Spotlight

Learn more about council member John Corriveau

- My favourite place I have ever travelled is New Orleans, we spent a week there and would return. When we were there the National College Football game was also held making an interesting time with all the media and college kids there. We spent a lot of time in the French Quarter.
- If I could choose one person to have dinner with, it would be Mark Twain.
- In my spare time I love to paint. When first diagnosed I kept thinking about my legacy. My Granddaughter lives in Virginia, USA and we did a lot of Skyping to maintain contact, and one of the things she liked to do was to draw and paint. I asked one day if I could draw with her as my wife was out. She always drew with my wife. My first drawing was a stick figure but I found I liked doodling. As part of my legacy to learned how to paint (self taught). Here is an example:



## Coming Up



The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 10 from 4-5:30pm mountain time via zoom. Please save the date!

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

If you would like to include your contact information on the attached public directory, please email Christie

Please email Christie with any other comments/feedback