

# PATIENT AND FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Cuthbert Lab & Oncology Outcomes

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## WELCOME

We have exciting news to share, our research teams were successfully awarded two major grants from the Canadian Institutes for Health Research:

1. Mitigating the Long-Term Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Colorectal Cancer Care and Control in Alberta: Developing a Live Colorectal Cancer Activity Dashboard
2. Optimizing the Treatment Approach of Older Patients with Cancer by Targeting Physician Factors

We look forward to starting work on these exciting new projects and sharing the results with our PFAC members as the studies progress.

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# Study Recruitment

Ongoing Recruitment

We are actively recruiting patients and caregivers for several studies right now, including:

- Healthcare Provider and Patient Views on Prescribing Opioids for Cancer Patients
- Patients Perspectives of Value Frameworks Used to Guide Oncology Treatment Decisions

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

Details of each study can be found at:

<https://www.cuthbertlab.com/news>



## 02 Updates

Real world evidence in RAS/BRAF wild-type left-sided tumors



Colorectal cancer has significant heterogeneity with the presence of specific markers that can predict treatment response or prognosis for survival.

BRAF, being one of the newer markers, lacks real-world evidence related to how BRAF mutations are managed in routine clinical practice as compared with patients without the mutation. With emerging data suggesting that BRAF mutant patients experience a particularly worse prognosis, and with the advent of new drugs that target this marker, it is pertinent that current treatment trends and outcomes in this subpopulation be characterized to better contextualize the optimal place of novel therapies and its potential impact on patients.

We will analyze real world Canadian data on the patterns of treatment and overall survival in metastatic colorectal cancer with respect to BRAF mutation.

## Cuthbert Lab Updates

General Program Updates

Our team is growing! We have recently hired a new research assistant who will be leading the patient interviews for our opioid study. We also setup an award for a summer student who will be working with us to develop a new grant proposal and help develop and refine our social media strategies. Applications are open to all University of Calgary students enrolled in a health-related discipline, click [here](#) more info.

We continue to actively recruit for several studies, please see our website for more details: <https://www.cuthbertlab.com/news>

# Member Spotlight

Learn more about council member Rob Stauffer

- In my spare time I love to go to Cadomin spending time hiking, fishing, biking and working on our cabin i.e., firesmart, stonework etc.
- My favourite place I have ever travelled is central Europe, visiting relatives.
- My dream holiday is to go with my daughter and wife to England and Scotland and watch some Canadians play tennis at Wimbledon. Hopefully in 2023.



## Coming Up



The next newsletter will release in March 2022

Our next PFAC meeting will be in late March/early April.  
Details to follow.

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

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