

Involvement of patients and survivors in advocacy and public policy development at the Canadian Cancer Survivor Network

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- Who we are:

- The Canadian Cancer Survivor Network (CCSN) was founded to involve cancer patients, survivors, family members and others in creating optimal cancer care.
- CCSN has over 25 partner groups and we are soliciting partnerships with disease-specific cancer and other healthcare organizations, support groups, research institutions, and corporate and foundation partners interested in optimal patient centered care.

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- **Educational programs:**

- Our educational programs ensure that cancer patients, survivors and family members have the tools to work with us to engage in advocacy and have their voices heard in the development of public policy.
- CCSN's regular series of educational opportunities are delivered through webinars, focus and action groups, advisory committees, conferences, and in-person training sessions in different parts of Canada. We are also publishing an eletter and other publications, and conduct social media campaigns.
- Educational opportunity topics include: advances in cancer screening, diagnosis and treatment; wait times; drug approval processes in Canada; the financial costs of cancer; health and cancer care sustainability in Canada; patient rights; and issues in cancer screening.



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● Outcomes:

- Patient, survivor and family engagement in healthcare and cancer care issues.
- Patient, survivor and family voice in developing public policy.
- Patient, survivor and family presence at all cancer care and cancer research and funding decision-making tables.
- Patients, survivors and families working with CCSN to raise awareness of healthcare and cancer care issues during every federal, provincial and territorial election.

Patients, survivors and family members will be recognized as important and essential experts on the cancer experience!

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