



Heather Bryant

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Biography

Dr. Heather Bryant is Senior Scientific Lead at the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer (the Partnership). Heather initially joined the Partnership in January 2008 as its first Vice President, Cancer Control. In that role, she developed and led a portfolio of pan-Canadian cancer control programs throughout the cancer continuum, including population-based prevention and cancer screening, diagnosis and care, patient centered reporting and palliative care, and research (including the launching of the Canadian Partnership for Tomorrow Project). She has led in the development of cancer system performance reporting in Canada. Prior to joining the Partnership, she was Vice President, Population Health and Information at the Alberta Cancer Board for many years.

Dr. Bryant was elected to the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) Board of Directors in 2012 and served as a Board member until 2018. She is also the chair of the International Cancer Benchmarking Program, an international comparison of cancer survival and its antecedents carried out by Cancer Research UK. She has chaired many national cancer or research committees, including being the inaugural chair of the Institute of Cancer Research's Advisory Board (Canadian Institutes for Health Research), the Canadian Breast Cancer Screening Initiative and the National Colorectal Cancer Screening Network.

Dr. Bryant studied medicine at the University of Calgary, followed by a fellowship in community medicine and a PhD in epidemiology. She is a Clinical Professor in the departments of Community Health Sciences and Oncology at the University of Calgary. In 2015, she was named one of the 100 Most Powerful Women in Canada by the Women's Executive Network.