

Call for Expert Reviewers (Oncologists) for the Cancer Care Ontario Case-by-Case Review Program

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

In the Fall of 2011, Cancer Care Ontario (CCO) began administering Ontario's Case-by-Case Review Program on behalf of the Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care. This program considers funding requests for cancer drugs for an individual cancer patient who has a rare clinical circumstance which is immediately life threatening and requires treatment with an unfunded drug because no other satisfactory and funded treatment option is available.

DESCRIPTION:

CCO is seeking to recruit Expert Reviewers with disease site expertise to help adjudicate requests for funding made through this program. Each request will be reviewed and adjudicated according to pre-specified criteria. While CCO will administer the Case-By-Case Review Program, the final decision to fund a drug for use in this program will be made by the Executive Officer of Ontario Public Drug Programs.

As an Expert Reviewer for the Case-by-Case Review Program, you will evaluate requests based on your disease site expertise. Following that review, you will make a funding recommendation. Your time spent adjudicating and responding to requests will be compensated. As a reviewer, your anonymity will be maintained.

While the role is not onerous it does require a fast turnaround as it is focused on helping those with urgent treatment needs. The primary responsibilities for this role include the following:

- *Upon notification, inform CCO within 12 hours if you can review a request*
- *Assess requests in accordance with the Case-By-Case Review Policy for Cancer Drugs*
- *Provide a written recommendation for a request - normally within two (2) business days*
- *As requested, provide your clinical expertise to advise on the program processes and policies*

Each review is expected to take up to one (1) hour to evaluate. The volume of requests for each Expert Reviewer will depend on the number of reviewers per disease site, and the number of requests received. In general, the volume is not expected to exceed 2 requests per month per Expert Reviewer.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

- Registered and member in good standing with the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Ontario
- An FRCP(C) in Medical Oncology, Hematology, Gynecologic Oncology, Internal Medicine or equivalent
- A minimum of 5 years in oncology practice with an interest and experience in one or more of the following: Neuro-Oncology, Melanoma, Sarcoma, Head & Neck Oncology, Gynecologic Oncology, or General Medical

- Oncology is preferred
- Excellent command of written communication skills
- Strong assessment /evaluation skills, prior experience in critical appraisal, reviewing clinical practice guidelines, educational materials, or journals
- Supports the practice of evidence-based medicine

Expert reviewers must complete a comprehensive conflict-of-interest disclosure to participate in the program and are required to disclose any actual or potential conflicts of interests before undertaking any review. Expert reviewers should have a valid email address that is checked on a daily basis.

To find out more about this program, visit <http://www.cancercare.on.ca/cbcprp>

To apply for this opportunity and to view our listing of all other CCO current postings, please visit:

<http://www.cancercare.on.ca/careers>

Resume Format: If you elect to apply, please prepare a basic, text-based version of your resume to paste into the text resume application box. Then, near the end of the application process, even after clicking on 'Submit', you will be invited to attach up to three separate files to your application. Please make one of these attached files your formatted resume in either a .doc, .rtf, or .pdf format.

More about Cancer Care Ontario:

Cancer Care Ontario (CCO) -- an Ontario government agency -- drives quality and continuous improvement in disease prevention and screening, the delivery of care and the patient experience, for cancer, chronic kidney disease and access to care for key health services.

Known for its innovation and results driven approaches, CCO leads multi-year system planning, contracts for services with hospitals and providers, develops and deploys information systems, establishes guidelines and standards and tracks performance targets to ensure system-wide improvements in cancer, chronic kidney disease and access to care.

Our website is at:

<http://www.cancercare.on.ca>

We are guided in most part by the Ontario Cancer Plan at:

<http://www.ontariocancerplan.on.ca>

Information about Ontario's ColonCancerCheck program managed by Cancer Care Ontario can be found at:

<http://www.coloncancercheck.ca>

Cancer Care Ontario manages the medical procedures wait times information system for all Ontarians at:

<http://www.ontariowaittimes.ca>

Cancer Care Ontario is a HOOPP pension plan employer, see the details at: <http://www.hoopp.ca>