

Alberta Tumour Team

HNCSS Board members presented to the Alberta Head and Neck Tumour Team meeting Friday, April 12 in Calgary. Ken Roth, Adam Brown and Kimberly Flowers presented an overview of the Head and Neck Cancer Support Society.

Attendees included 85 of the top head and neck healthcare specialists in Alberta; surgeons, radiation and chemotherapy oncologists, speech pathologists, dieticians, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, nurse navigators, patients, and industry sponsors, among others. We provided information about the HNCSS and some of its recent accomplishments, participated in case studies and provided the patient perspective to recommended treatment approaches.

We advocated to this influential group on four key points:

1. Sign up for membership and participate in HNCSS
2. Help us reach patients; new patients, those in follow-up and past patients no matter where they are on their pathway
3. Introduce HNCSS to their networks
4. Share opportunities to partner in funding applications and provide leads on funding options

It was a very productive meeting for HNCSS and we were able to make some key connections not only to the healthcare network and other patients across the province but also key leads for potential funding.



L-R HNCSS Directors Ken Roth, Adam Brown, Kimberly Flowers along with ENT Surgeon Dr. Daniel O'Connell

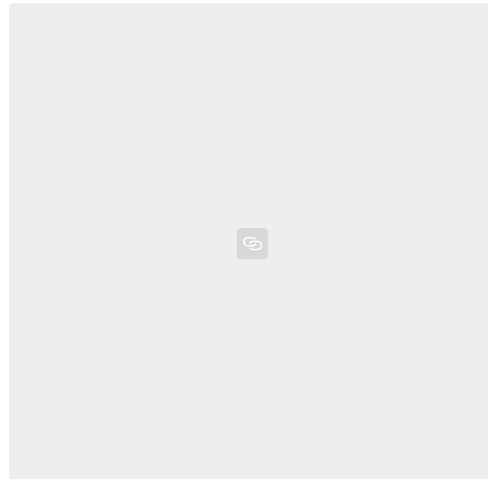
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In the News

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Leslie O'Connor-Parson's was featured in Covenant Health's Vital Beat magazine. She spoke about her patient engagement experience in the iMobili-T swallowing device development.

Do you, or someone you know, have strong communication, computer and organizational skills? Enjoy being creative on social media?

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APRIL Cancer Awareness Month

April draws attention to the many different cancers including National Oral, Head and Neck, Esophageal Cancer awareness month. Edmonton Mayor Don Iveson declared April 7-13 Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Week in Edmonton.

Donor Spotlight



Our heartfelt gratitude to two special donors this month. Karen Davies made a substantial cash donation along with hand-crafted afghan blankets made by her mother. These beautiful blankets will be used for an upcoming fundraiser. Ted Powers graciously donated the cost of HNCSS director's insurance.

HNCSS Activities...

Kimberly Flowers and Dr. Suresh Nayar spoke with CBC Radio about HNCSS and a patient's personal journey with Head and Neck Cancer.

Adam Brown appeared on Global TV's Health Matters in an interview by Su Ling-Goh about the newly-opened Cancer Care Centre; the first of its kind in Canada. It is a primary care facility for cancer patients.

iRSM 25th Anniversary Symposium

February 8, 2019 - The Future of Head and Neck Intervention Research Symposium. HNCSS Board Members were invited to the Institute of Reconstructive Sciences in Medicine (iRSM). Master of Ceremonies Steve Csorba (head and neck cancer survivor/advocate) educated the attendees about the patient experience. What an outstanding Head and Neck Cancer advocate we have in Steve! HNCSS distributed information about the Society and were able to connect with key healthcare professionals and industry representatives.

Support Group

Monthly meetings: 2:00pm
1st Thursday UofA Hospital
3rd Thursday Wellspring Edmonton

Wellspring Edmonton

A special thank you to Wellspring Edmonton who have supported us from the very beginning. They have not only provided meeting space for our Board of Directors' meetings but also the support group meetings. Did you know they offer more than 40 free programs to those affected cancer and their caregivers? There is a program for everyone! www.wellspringedmonton.ca

Sharing is Caring

Bringing Patients Together: Ken Roth recently introduced two patients in Grande Prairie. They have since met for coffee and are planning family bbq's together this summer. Connection happens in many ways!

Debbie Hall-Lavoie is long time volunteer who provides key information to patients at the Cross Cancer Institute's Patient and Family Resource Centre. It has Head and Neck Cancer materials as well.

Cancer and Exercise

Learn about the Alberta Cancer Exercise Program

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