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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

At the Princess Margaret (PM) Global Cancer Program, advancing equity in cancer care through education, research, and global collaboration is the central focus of our work. Over the past year, we have continued to build partnerships that translate shared expertise into meaningful action, with a clear focus on improving access to high-quality cancer care for patients and communities worldwide.

This year, the program continued to grow in reach and impact, and this annual report highlights a number of significant milestone and achievements. In 2025, we launched our new 5-year strategic plan, which involved an extensive consultation process from staff and trainees across PM as well as external advisors, and have aligned our initiatives around these strategic priorities. We have continued to advance our working groups, which bring together members of PM with our partner sites to address focused thematic areas such as clinical trial participation and safety events, and continued nine Seed Grants that support global collaborative projects in research and education.

Training and leadership development also remained central to our mission. The Global Oncology Leadership Development program marked its fifth year, graduating 34 new fellows for a total of 198 graduates from over 50 countries, who are now positioned to lead within their local systems and across the global cancer community. We are especially pleased to see this program expanding to partner centres, further broadening its reach and creating new opportunities for shared learning. We also launched the Global Oncology Exchange Fellowship as a collaborative fellowship opportunity between PM, Memorial Sloan Kettering, and the African Research Group in Oncology. This year's fellow will split her time between PM and Ife, Nigeria to advance collaborative research in surgical oncology and to gain experience in clinical care delivery in a low-resource setting. We have also continued our support of the UICC Technical Fellowship program by welcoming a clinical oncologist from Rwanda to Princess Margaret for focused training in supportive care.

These achievements are made possible by the dedication of our global partners, faculty, trainees, program staff, and collaborators, whose commitment continues to move this work forward. We are deeply grateful to The Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation and to our donors, whose generosity enables us to strengthen global partnerships, support emerging leaders, and accelerate progress toward more equitable cancer care.

Looking ahead, we are excited to build on this momentum by deepening our partnerships, advancing collaborative research and education initiatives, and continuing to embed a global perspective across cancer care. Together, we are working toward a future in which innovation, knowledge sharing, and collective action help improve cancer outcomes for all people, everywhere.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Danielle Rodin

*Director, Global Cancer Program,
Princess Margaret Cancer Centre*



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

A RENEWED ROADMAP FOR GLOBAL IMPACT

As our 2020–2025 Strategic Plan came to a close, the Princess Margaret Global Cancer Program used this moment to reflect on its progress and define its next priorities. Through interviews, surveys, and a strategic retreat with internal and external stakeholders and advisors, we listened to diverse perspectives on where the Program has grown, where it can add the greatest value, and how it can contribute to global cancer priorities in the years ahead.

The result is a renewed strategy rooted in a vision of a healthier world where people everywhere have access to high-quality, safe, and equitable cancer care, and grounded in a mission to improve cancer outcomes and health equity through international partnerships, collaboration, and innovation.

Three priorities will guide this next phase:

1. **Preparing the next generation of global oncology leaders.**
2. **Building synergistic alliances in cancer quality, clinical trials, and health policy.**
3. **Improve targeted cancer outcomes in prevention and early detection, women's cancers, and supportive care.**

Together, these priorities provide a practical roadmap for the next phase of the Global Cancer Program to improve cancer outcomes and to advance health equity through global collaboration.

Read the full 2025 and beyond strategic plan on the [GCP website](#).



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ADVISORY COMMITTEES

GCP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Strategic directions and priorities of the GCP are steered by our Advisory Committee, comprised of representatives from across Princess Margaret Cancer Centre and other key local stakeholders.

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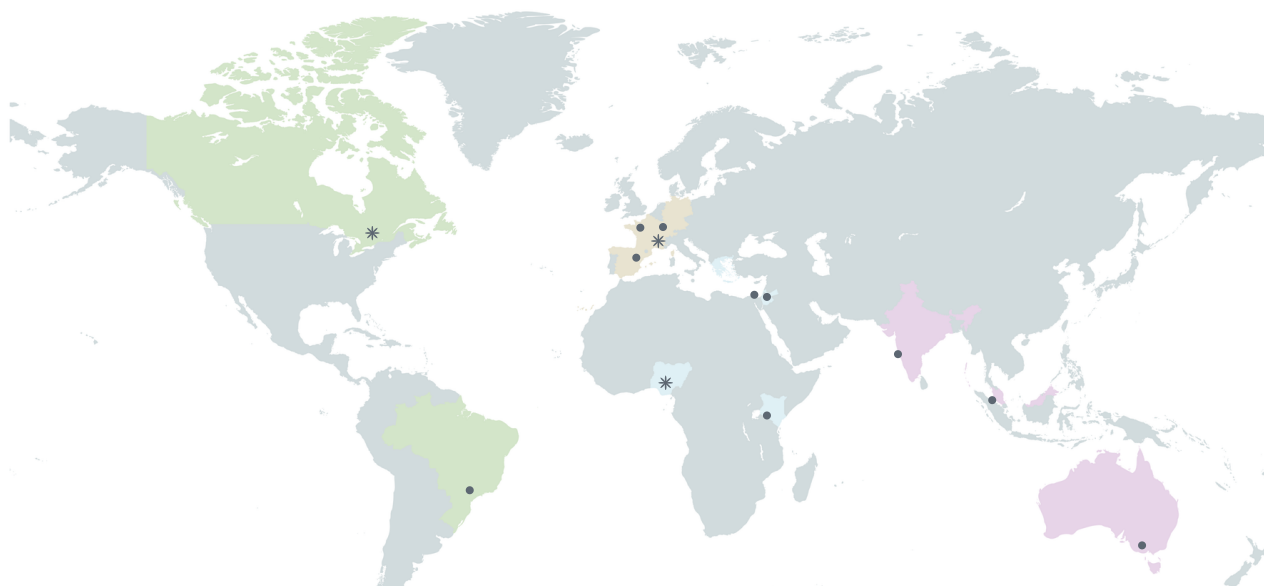
Our International Advisory Committee provides external insights on our growth and development, maximizing our impact, and potential future direction. The committee is comprised of international experts in global oncology.

Dr. C.S. Pramesh, Tata Memorial Hospital
Dr. Patrick Loehrer, Indiana University
Dr. Richard Sullivan, King's College London
Dr. Michael Baumann, German Cancer Research Institute (DKFZ)
Dr. Felicia Knaul, University of California Los Angeles (UCLA)

OUR PARTNERS

The Global Cancer Program is proud to partner with a diverse group of cancer organizations from across 6 continents. This network includes cancer centres, research institutes, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and consortia from both high- and low and middle- income countries.

- 10 Global Partner Organizations
- * 3 NGOs and Consortia



AMERICAS

- A.C. Camargo Cancer Center (São Paulo, Brazil)
- * Canadian Global Oncology Network (Canada)

AFRICA /MIDDLE EAST

- Aga Khan University Hospital (Nairobi, Kenya)
- * African Research Group in Oncology (Ile-Ife, Nigeria)
- Davidoff Cancer Center (Petah Tivka, Israel)
- King Hussein Cancer Center (Amman, Jordan)

EUROPE

- DKFZ (Heidelberg, Germany)
- Institut Curie (Paris, France)
- * Union for International Cancer Control (Geneva, Switzerland)
- Vall d'Hebron Institute of Oncology (Barcelona, Spain)

ASIA-PACIFIC

- Clinical Research Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)
- Peter Mac Cancer Centre (Melbourne, Australia)
- Tata Memorial Centre (Mumbai, India)

GLOBAL COLLABORATION

ADVANCING SHARED PRIORITIES ACROSS PARTNER SITES

In 2025, the Global Cancer Program continued to convene working groups that bring faculty together across partner institutions to advance shared priorities in education, research, clinical innovation, and cancer systems learning.

The Education Working Group continued its seminar series, creating a forum for partners to share experience on priority topics in oncology education. Sessions included Patients' Participation in Clinical Trials, with presenters from Vall d'Hebron Institute of Oncology (VHIO), German Cancer Research Institute (DKFZ), and King Hussein Cancer Center (KHCC), and Patient and Public Education, Prevention, and Health Literacy, with speakers from KHCC and Princess Margaret.

The Clinical Innovations Working Group, now led by Dr. Auro Viswabandya at Princess Margaret, defined its focus on clinical quality. The Research Working Group, led by Dr. Mike Milosevic and Dr. Danielle Rodin, worked on developing a regulatory platform for collaboration in oncology clinical trial accrual across partner sites. The Understanding Ecosystems Working Group, led by Dr. Javier Carmona at VHIO, synthesized a consultation process that compared key features of the clinical, regulatory, and policy environments at our respective partner sites. They drafted a manuscript on partner priorities and health system contexts that is being submitted for publication. The Program also thanks A/Prof. Andy Dimech of Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre for his previous leadership of the Clinical Innovations Working Group.

Together, these working groups have engaged more than 80 faculty members across 11 organizations, creating practical structures for collaboration, shared learning, and progress toward common objectives.



EXPANDING COLLABORATION IN ONCO-HEMATOLOGY WITH AC CAMARGO

On September 15, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre welcomed Dr. Jayr Schmidt Filho, Head of Hematology at A.C. Camargo Cancer Center in São Paulo, Brazil, along with colleagues Dr. Marta Lemos and Dr. Humberto Villefort. The visit advanced institutional collaboration in hematologic oncology, with a focus on observational research and medical education. It also highlighted insights from A.C. Camargo's Reference Center for Hematological Neoplasms, one of Brazil's leading programs in hematologic cancer care.

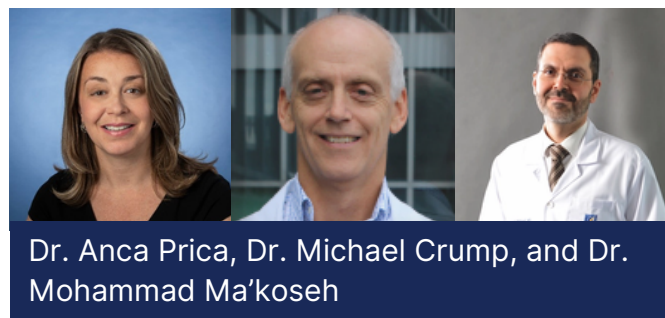


STRENGTHENING CLINICAL RESEARCH CAPACITY WITH CLINICAL RESEARCH MALAYSIA

Jennifer Li, Quality Manager, CCRU; Horace Wong, Clinical Research Supervisor, BRAS Drug Development Program-Phase II; and Anthony Msan, Clinical Study and Regulatory Specialist, BRAS Drug Development Program-Phase II, visited Clinical Research Malaysia for the 2025 CRM Trial Connect Conference. The team conducted a workshop with 30 study coordinators from Malaysia, sharing knowledge on best practices for clinical research administration. They also visited Sunway Medical Centre and University Malaya Medical Centre in Kuala Lumpur.

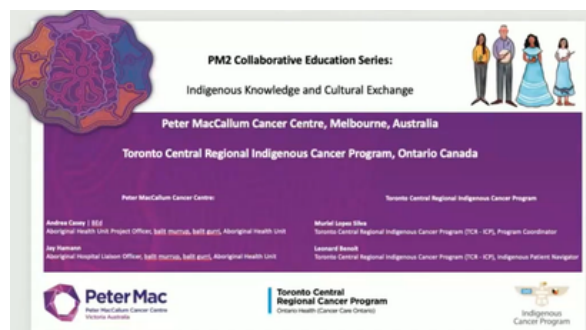


KING HUSSEIN CANCER CENTER: SHARED LEARNING THROUGH LYMPHOMA TUMOUR BOARDS



Since 2020, lymphoma teams from Princess Margaret and King Hussein Cancer Center have met monthly to discuss challenging cases and exchange clinical insights. Led by Dr. Anca Prica, Dr. Michael Crump, hematologic oncologists at Princess Margaret, and Dr. Mohammad Ma'koseh, consultant medical oncologist at KHCC, these tumour boards support shared learning and strengthen the delivery of high-quality lymphoma care across borders. By bringing together specialists from both institutions, the tumour boards provide access to diverse perspectives on complex cases. Several former Princess Margaret lymphoma trainees have joined as faculty at KHCC, further strengthening ties between the two institutions.

pm² COLLABORATIVE EDUCATION SERIES



SHARED LEARNINGS WITH PETER MACCALLUM CANCER CENTRE

The PM² Collaborative Education Series, a joint initiative with Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, brings teams together virtually to share expertise on special topics in cancer care and explore opportunities for collaboration.

In 2025, the Cancer Education Program organized a session titled “Indigenous Knowledge and Cultural Exchange, supporting cross-institutional learning and dialogue” featuring the experiences of the Toronto Central Regional Indigenous Cancer Program and the balit murrup, balit gurri, Aboriginal Health Unit.

FOSTERING INNOVATIONS

SEED GRANT PROGRAM

The Seed Grant Program catalyzes collaborative projects with global partners in priority areas of cancer control. Administered through the GCP, these two-year awards help teams move promising ideas into practice, generate locally relevant evidence, and advance productive relationships with our global partners. In 2025, nine projects were active across diverse regions and disciplines, advancing work that has the potential to improve cancer outcomes and strengthen global cancer systems.

“De-escalating Mastectomy to Facilitate Breast Conservation in Nigerian Women with a Complete Response to Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy using Wire Localization”

PIs: Dr. Funmi Wuraola, Dr. Anna Dare

Nigeria Research Team: Olalekan Olasehinde, Olusegun Isaac Alatise, and Adeleye Omisore.

Canada Research Team: Danielle Rodin.



Dr. Funmi Wuraola (L) and Dr. Anna Dare (R)

By evaluating the feasibility and acceptability of wire localization, this project aims to increase access to breast-conserving surgery in Nigeria. In 2025, the team successfully performed wire localization for 14 patients, achieving the highest number of breast-conserving surgeries in one year at the study centre. Recruitment is ongoing, supported by referrals from other centres.



Tina Papadakos (L) and Dr. Jose Fregnani (R)

“Expansion of the GOLD Program to Global Partner Organizations. A Pilot Program at AC Camargo Cancer Centre in Sao Pãolo, Brazil”

PIs: Tina Papadakos, Dr. Jose Fregnani

Canada Research Team: Meredith Giuliani, Danielle Rodin, Sarah Storer, and Eden Klein.

Building on the success of the GOLD Program at Princess Margaret, this project will adapt the curriculum for A.C. Camargo and pilot leadership training for oncology fellows in Brazil, creating a model for future partnerships. In 2025, the team conducted a needs assessment with learners and educators at A.C. Camargo to identify local leadership competencies and prepare the first cohort for launch in 2026.

“Liquid Biopsies of Lung Cancer and Next Generation Sequencing at the Aga Khan University (LUNGS@AKU)”

PIs: Dr. Nadia Ghazali, Dr. Geoff Liu

Kenya Research Team: Mansoor Saleh and Shahin Sayed.

Canada Research Team: Geoff Liu and Trevor Pugh.



Dr. Nadia Ghazali (L) and Dr. Geoff Liu (R)

This project is helping establish local capacity for liquid biopsy and next-generation sequencing for lung cancer patients in Africa. By strengthening access to advanced molecular diagnostics, the team is creating new opportunities for precision cancer care while building a network of collaborating centres across the region. In 2025, the initiative expanded to include the University of Pretoria in South Africa.



Dr. Tulin Cil (L) and Dr. Funmi Wuraola (R)

“The ActionN Study: Addressing global inequities in breast cancer genetic testing, counselling, and management among breast cancer patients in Nigeria”

PIs: Dr. Tulin Cil, Dr. Funmi Wuraola

Nigeria Research Team: Nneka Nweke-Sunday, Olayide Agodirin, and Olusegun Isaac Alatise.

Canada Research Team: Jenine Ramruthan, Emma Reel, Colleen Kerrigan, Andrea Covelli, Anna Dare, Raymond Kim, Larissa Peck, Emily Thain, Janet Papadakos, Danielle Rodin, and Michelle Jacobson.

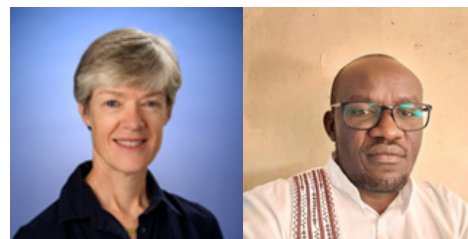
The ActionN Study is Nigeria’s first multi-centre study on hereditary breast cancer. Building on the larger study, this project will examine the impact of breast cancer genetic testing on patients and healthcare providers, assessing its influence on patient decision-making, quality of life, and clinical practice. The findings will help address longstanding inequities in access to genetic counselling and testing, while informing patient-centred approaches to hereditary breast cancer care in Nigeria. In 2025, the team also published “Knowledge and perceptions of genetic testing for patients with breast cancer in Nigeria: a survey of healthcare providers” [here](#).

"Towards a Kenyan National Quality Assurance Program"

PIs: Dr. Monique van Prooijen, Mr. Joel Owino

Kenya Research Team: Elias Melly, Evans Okwaro, Peter Loreh, Benjamin Mwangi, and Ian Chanzu.

America Research Team: Stephanie Parker.



Dr. Monique van Prooijen (L)
and Mr. Joel Owino (R)

Leveraging previous work by Dr. Monique van Prooijen to establish the Kenyan Physicists Forum, this project will validate the safety and effectiveness of radiotherapy in Kenya, enhancing confidence in the delivery of quality radiation therapy across national public cancer centres. In 2025, the team completed initial measurements of open field in seven Kenyan centres. The National Cancer Institute Kenya also became a leader in the project, providing added support for their efforts.



Dr. Tulin Cil (L) and Dr. Soniya
Dulal (R)

"Developing a Healthcare Provider Education Curriculum for Breast Cancer Genetic Testing and Counselling in Nepal"

PIs: Dr. Tulin Cil, Dr. Soniya Dulal

Nepal Research Team: Soniya Dulal, Rajeev Sharma, Sarada Khadka, and Karun Devkota.

Nigeria Research Team: Funmi Wuraola and Olusegun Isaac Alatise.

Canada Research Team: Trevor Pugh, Ian Tannock, Danielle Rodin, Andrea Covelli, Anna Dare, Colleen Kerrigan, Raymond Kim, Larissa Peck, Michelle Jacobson, and Janet Papadacos.

Drawing on experience from the ActionN Study, this project is co-creating an online genetic counselling curriculum for Nepalese practitioners. The training will build local expertise and lay the foundation for introducing genetic testing and counselling services for breast cancer in the population.

“Understanding the Role of Virtual Care in Cancer Survivorship Care Delivery: A Global Survey”

PIs: Dr. Lawson Eng, Dr. Michael Jefford

Global Research Team: Arndt Volker, Cristiane Bergerot, Alexandre Chan, Raymond Chan, Yin Ting Cheung, Jayita Deodhar, Savita Goswami, Larissa Nekhlyudov, Maya Prasad, Omolola Salako, Enrique Soto, and Mary Tanay.

Canada Research Team: Camilla Zimmermann.



Dr. Lawson Eng (L) and Dr. Michael Jefford (R)

As virtual care becomes increasingly prevalent in cancer survivorship, this global study is exploring how it has transformed care delivery across diverse healthcare settings. By identifying barriers, successes, and opportunities for shared learning in this emerging area, the project aims to inform more accessible and equitable survivorship care worldwide.



Dr. Sara Mheid (L) and Nicole Harnett (R)

“The Evaluation of a LMIC-HIC Education & Change Management Collaborative Program in Accelerating Technology Implementation”

PI: Dr. Sara Mheid, Nicole Harnett

Jordan Research Team: Jamal Khader.

Canada Research Team: Meredith Giuliani and Rebecca Wong

Together with partners at King Hussein Cancer Centre and their local network, this project developed a professional development model to accelerate the implementation of advanced techniques in radiotherapy called Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy (SBRT) for oligometastasis.

“The expertise shared by all involved, as well as the collaborative atmosphere fostered throughout, made it an incredibly valuable experience for everyone attending.”

Dr. Jamal Khader, King Hussein Cancer Centre

The team successfully delivered the virtual course in the Fall of 2025, with participants from seven cancer centers across Jordan, Bahrain, Iraq, and Pakistan. The team will now transition towards monitoring the time until first person is treated using these advanced techniques at each site, and providing mentorship throughout the implementation.



"Referral to Palliative Care Services by Indian Oncologists"

PIs: Dr. Arun Ghoshal, Dr. CS Pramesh

Canada Research Team: Camilla Zimmermann.

In collaboration with Tata Memorial Hospital, this project is surveying oncologists in India to identify palliative care referral practices, attitudes towards referral, and the impact of COVID-19 on these practices. The findings will establish gaps and inform practices for improved access to palliative care in India. The project team has now distributed the survey to stakeholders in India, and has begun data collection.

INCLUSIVE CLINICAL RESEARCH: THE PRESERVE TRIAL

Global clinical trial networks are essential for building representative evidence across diverse populations and health systems, while accelerating knowledge translation into practice. The PRESERVE study of partial breast re-irradiation using ultra hypofractionation is designed to change practice for patients with recurrent breast cancer by expanding access to breast preservation, shortening treatment, and improving quality of life without compromising survival.

Led by Dr. Danielle Rodin and Dr. Anne Koch, PRESERVE has intentionally engaged our GCP partner sites. In 2025, PRESERVE expanded its global footprint and now includes 20 sites across 10 countries and six continents, demonstrating a scalable model for investigator-initiated trials that can reach patients across diverse health systems.

To support more inclusive patient participation, GCP Research Analysts validated translations of the BREAST-Q Breast Conserving Therapy module, a widely used patient-reported outcome measure. This work helps ensure that patient experience data can be captured more equitably across languages and settings.

CULTIVATING FUTURE LEADERS

UICC TECHNICAL FELLOWSHIPS

The GCP partners with the UICC Technical Fellowship program to offer cancer professionals the chance to gain new knowledge, skills and techniques in cancer control through short learning visits to Princess Margaret.

In May of 2025, Dr. Diane Ndoli, a clinical oncologist from Rwanda Military Referral and Teaching Hospital, arrived to participate in the program. Dr. Ndoli was supervised by Dr. Gary Rodin and GIPPEC, and delivered an engaging presentation titled “Psychosocial and Palliative Care in Oncology: Insights from Rwanda.” Her visit sparked rich conversations on shared challenges in providing holistic, compassionate cancer care.

"The fellowship opened my eyes to what it truly means to see the whole person not just the disease in cancer care. I witnessed how functional, integrated systems can deliver supportive care that is both compassionate and coordinated."

Dr. Diane Ndoli

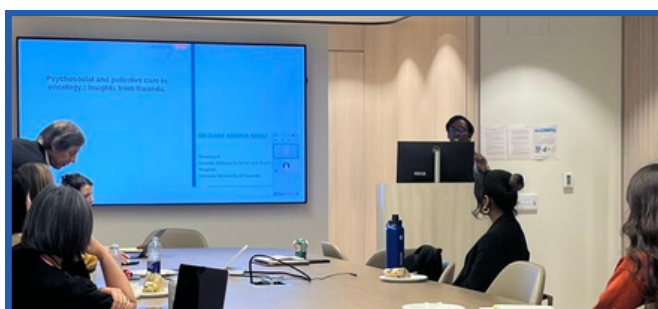
Since returning to Rwanda, Dr. Ndoli has begun formalizing a multidisciplinary supportive care team and integrating psychosocial services into routine care at her centre. Her goal is to make this approach standard practice within her hospital and create a model that other Rwandan centres can learn from.



(L to R) Dr. Gary Rodin and Dr. Diane Ndoli



Dr. Diane Ndoli (centre) with her hosts at PM.



Dr. Ndoli presents on her experience in Rwanda.

GLOBAL ONCOLOGY EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIP

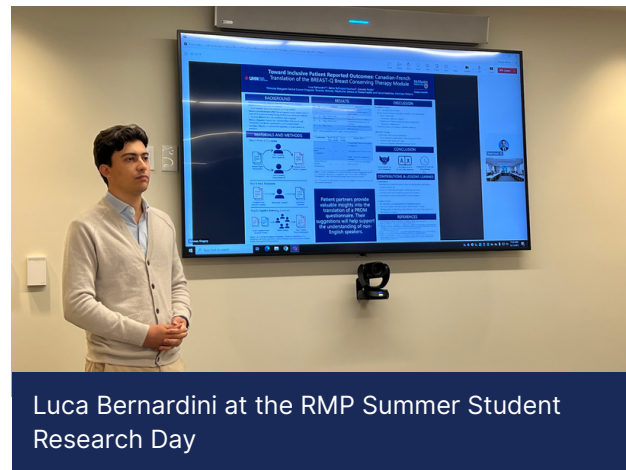
In partnership with the African Research Group for Oncology (ARGO) and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK), the GCP opened a call for the first Global Oncology Exchange Fellowship, a new one-year training opportunity for Canadian oncology trainees interested in global cancer care.



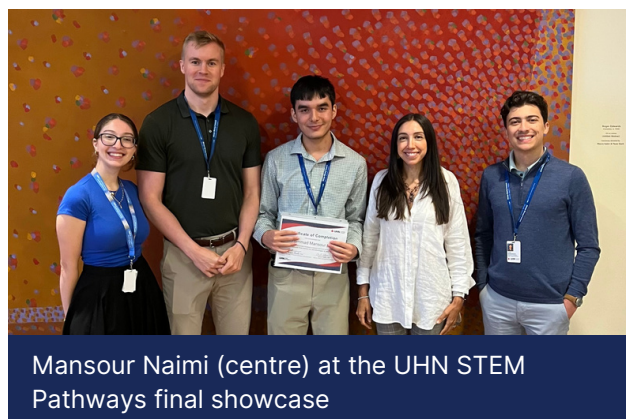
The program combines hands-on clinical exposure, research, and mentorship across time at PM, MSK, and Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital in Ife, Nigeria. The successful applicant will start in 2026 and work with mentors at each location to develop and complete a research project aligned with shared global oncology priorities. The fellowship aims to build lasting partnerships and prepare future leaders to advance more equitable cancer care worldwide.

GCP SUMMER STUDENTS

Luca Bernardini, a Master's of Global Health student from McMaster University, joined the GCP for his Summer practicum placement. His work on "*Toward Inclusive Patient Reported Outcomes: Canadian - French Translation of the BREASTQ Breast Conserving Therapy Module*," won third place at the RMP Summer Student Research Day.



Mohammad (Mansour) Naimi also joined the GCP through the UHN STEM Pathways Summer Internship program. This program partners with Toronto school boards to link students experiencing socioeconomic disadvantages with employment and training opportunities to get started in their STEM career journeys. Mansour is now an undergraduate student at the University of Toronto.



FORMAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING: THE GOLD PROGRAM



2025 GOLD Program graduation ceremony (photo from the Cancer Education Program).

The Global Oncology Leadership Development (GOLD) Program aims to develop and strengthen cancer care leadership at a systems level by providing future leaders with skills, networks and opportunities. It was originally developed as a collaborative initiative between the GCP and the Cancer Education program, led by Tina Papadakos, Dr. Meredith Giuliani, Dr. Danielle Rodin, and Dr. Anna Dare.

The program has now run for its 6th year. The 2024-2025 cohort featured 34 graduates from 17 countries, bringing the running total to 198 fellows since its inception.

CLINICAL RESEARCH MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Led by Dr. Rebecca Wong, this program builds research capacity by training oncology residents across Africa. Residents are paired with mentors from Africa and North America, creating a formal mentorship triad. Trainees receive formal research training, and lead a year-long research project addressing

locally relevant cancer challenges. The program began as a single institution collaboration in 2016, but has since expanded to become a pan-African offering through AORTIC.

In 2025, the latest cohort of 14 residents graduated at the AORTIC Conference in Tunisia, where they presented their work to the international oncology community.



GLOBAL ONCOLOGY LECTURE SERIES

In 2025, we co-hosted the Global Oncology Lecture Series, along side partnering teams at MD Anderson Cancer Centre, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Massachusetts General Hospital, University of Pennsylvania, University of California San Francisco, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, and Indiana University Cancer Center.

This bi-monthly lecture series features prominent speakers from the global oncology community and is shared widely among audiences at the collaborating institutions. Speakers this year shared experiences from Rwanda, India, Nigeria, and the United Kingdom.



Dr. Nwamaka Lasebikan
University of Nigeria
Teaching Hospital



Dr. C S Pramesh
Tata Memorial Hospital



Dr. Ajay Aggarwal
King's College London



Dr. Babatunde Adedokun
Real World Evidence Kite Pharma



Dr. Fidel Rubagumya
Rwanda Military Referral &
Teaching Hospital



Dr. Umesh Mahantshetty
Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital &
Research Centre



IMPROVING SCIENCE COMMUNICATION GLOBALLY

The Cancer Education Program officially launched the Global Science Education Course on Cancer Campus. This comprehensive, interactive, and asynchronous online course was designed for scientists and clinicians worldwide to explore science communication fundamentals and advanced strategies. The course was developed in collaboration with partners from A.C. Camargo, Tata Memorial Hospital, and DKFZ as a result of a previous GCP Seed Grant.

GLOBAL ONCOLOGY GRAND ROUNDS

In 2025, our Global Oncology Grand Rounds brings world leaders in the field to PM. Three rounds were presented, featuring some of the latest progress in global cancer control and research.

Prof. Eduardo Franco of McGill University delivered Grand Rounds presentation on January 30th on “Challenges (and some embarrassments) of Evidence Based Medicine in Cancer Control,” highlighting the importance of asking the right research questions to improve cancer control.



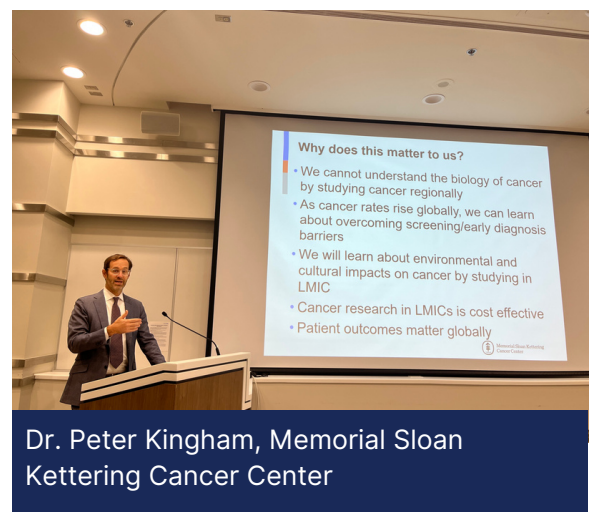
Prof. Chris Jackson, Dunedin University

On October 9th, Dr. Peter Kingham of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK), USA delivered his talk titled “Results from the African Research Group for Oncology (ARGO): an Academic Model of Collaboration”. The talk showcased how ARGO first started, and the important benefits of global oncology research.



Prof. Eduardo Franco, McGill University

Prof. Chris Jackson of Dunedin University, New Zealand presented Grand Rounds on April 3rd on “Turning a Cancer System on its Head”. Prof. Jackson is co-lead of New Zealand’s National Cancer Network and a Board Member of UICC. This engaging lecture highlighted strategies for addressing cancer inequities and key learnings from New Zealand’s cancer control model.



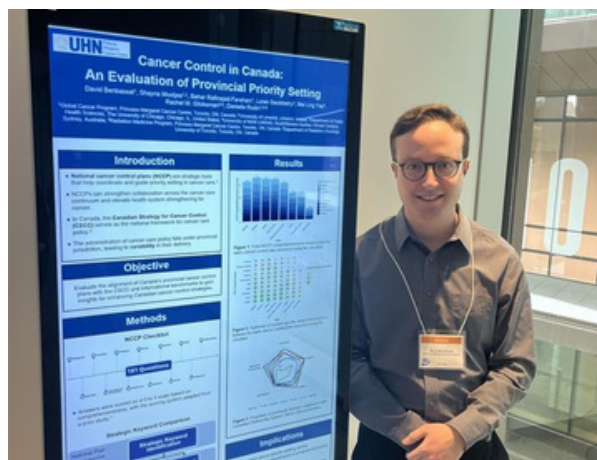
Dr. Peter Kingham, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

SHARING KNOWLEDGE GLOBALLY

CANADIAN GLOBAL ONCOLOGY NETWORK

The Canadian Global Oncology Network (CGON), first established by the GCP in 2021, held its 5th annual conference in Montreal in February 2025 under the theme *"What is Canada's Role?"*.

Researchers, students, and faculty from global oncology groups across Canada gathered for sessions and discussions on how Canada's contributions in research, education, advocacy, and policy can shape the future of cancer care globally. Conference proceedings are available online [here](#).



Former GCP Summer Student David Benbassat won top abstract for his work on *"Cancer Control in Canada: An Evaluation of Provincial Priority Setting"*.

LONDON GLOBAL CANCER WEEK

London Global Cancer Week (LGCW) is an annual event, offering a platform to reach a global audience through curated program of virtual events. Through two organized sessions, the GCP and the CGON brought Canadian perspectives to a global audience, fostering dialogue and shared learning across cancer communities worldwide.

Led by Tina Papadakos *"Building Leadership Capacity Across Global Oncology"* showcased structured programs to equip cancer professionals with the leadership skills to transform the cancer systems they operate within. Joining Tina in the session was Dr. Meredith Giuliani and Dr. Christian Schult-Quach, PM; Dr. CS Pramesh, Tata

Memorial Hospital; Dr. Jose Fregnani, A.C. Camargo Cancer Centre; and PM alumni Dr. Daphne Valmonte, Makati Medical Centre.

Led by Dr. Jean-Marc Bourque, Centre hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal; and the CGON, *"Advancing Equity in Cancer Care: Lessons from Canada for Global Communities"* explored how efforts to address inequities in cancer care across Canada can inform solutions in other settings. The session also featured Dr. Marc Gaudet, University of Ottawa; Dr. Nadine Caron, University Northern British Columbia; and Dr. Ipshita Prakash, McGill University.

Recordings of both sessions are shared on the LGCW [website](#), continuing to provide value for global audiences.

CANCER SYSTEMS AND CONTROL FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

In March, the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) announced the publication of a new book “Cancer Systems and Control for Health Professionals”, edited by Dr. Meredith Giuliani, Dr. Mary Gospodarowicz, and Dr. James D. Brierley of PM, and Dr. Richard Sullivan of King’s College London.

Over 80 authors from around the world contributed their expertise to explore how cancer care fits into a general health system.

The book builds off of the work of Cancerpedia, a cohesive framework for a comprehensive cancer program that was developed by PM.

To celebrate this achievement and acknowledge the more than 20 local authors, the PMCF organized a Book Launch party on October 27th. The event featured a keynote address by Prof. Richard Sullivan, followed by a panel discussion.

The book is available for purchase through Wiley [here](#) and is also available online through the UHN Virtual Library for PM staff.



Bottom Left: A panel moderated by Avis Favaro (Medical Correspondent, CTV News), featuring Prof. Beverley Essie (University of Toronto and member of GCP Advisory Committee), Dr. Robert Bell (former President and CEO of UHN and COO of PM), Dr. Matthew Anderson (President and CEO of Ontario Health, formerly SVP Technology at UHN), Anet Julius (Director of Professional Practice, PM) and Deborah Maskens (Patient Advocate and Co-founder, IKCC) discusses the book's implications and future directions.



THE HUMAN CRISIS IN CANCER: LAUNCHING A GLOBAL CONVERSATION AT AORTIC 2025

Despite remarkable advances in cancer diagnosis and treatment, many people living with cancer continue to experience isolation, psychological distress, and suffering that often goes unrecognized and unaddressed. In 2025, Princess Margaret helped bring global attention to this challenge through *The Human Crisis in Cancer: A Lancet Oncology Commission*.

Co-led by Dr. Gary Rodin, the Commission argues that progress in cancer care must be measured not only by scientific breakthroughs, but also by how well health systems support the emotional, social, and psychological needs of patients and families. The Commission calls for a renewed commitment to compassionate, human-centered care, outlining seven actionable recommendations to address the crisis.

The work brought together more than 30 experts from around the world, including Princess Margaret contributors Dr. Camilla Zimmermann, Dr. Gilla Shapiro, Dr. Madeline Li, Hanae Davis, and Amalya Feldman; as well as global partners at Clinical Research Malaysia and Tata Memorial Centre, and other writers from around the world.

The Commission officially launched at the 2025 African Organization for Research and Training in Cancer (AORTIC) Conference in Tunisia, highlighting the importance of advancing person-centered cancer care as a global priority, and recognizing that conversations about the human dimensions of cancer are applicable worldwide.



"The Commission looks at...what can we do to make sure that the treatment of cancer pays as much attention to the human experience of cancer as it does to the disease itself."

Dr. Gary Rodin

Director, GIPPEC
Princess Margaret Cancer Centre

EXPANDING OUR REACH: AORTIC CONFERENCE 2025

The launch of the Commission was one of several ways Princess Margaret contributed to the 2025 AORTIC Conference. Building on longstanding collaborations with the African oncology community, Princess Margaret faculty and trainees participated in several scientific sessions and educational activities throughout the meeting. The conference provided a platform to share expertise and join discussions on advancing cancer care across Africa.

The GCP organized a session entitled *Advancing Health Care Systems through International Networks and Comprehensive Cancer Centers*, featuring Dr. Mansoor Saleh (Aga Khan University), Dr. Olusegun Isaac Alatise (ARGO), and Dr. Keith Stewart (Princess Margaret). The discussion highlighted how collaborative networks and comprehensive cancer centres can drive health system strengthening, research capacity, and access to quality cancer care.

Dr. Rebecca Wong contributed to several conference sessions, including chairing *Radiotheranostics – Towards an Action Plan to Address the Access Gap in Africa*, while UHN radiologist Dr. Claudia Ortega joined for a session on MRI literacy.

The conference also marked the graduation of the latest cohort of the Clinical Research Mentorship Program, with 14 oncology residents from across Africa completing their training and presenting their work alongside Princess Margaret GCP alumni Dr. Melinda Mushonga and Dr. Aba Scott.

Collaborative projects between Princess Margaret and African partners were featured throughout the scientific program, including abstracts from the ActionN Study and a former GCP Seed Grant focused on implementing distress screening at AKU.

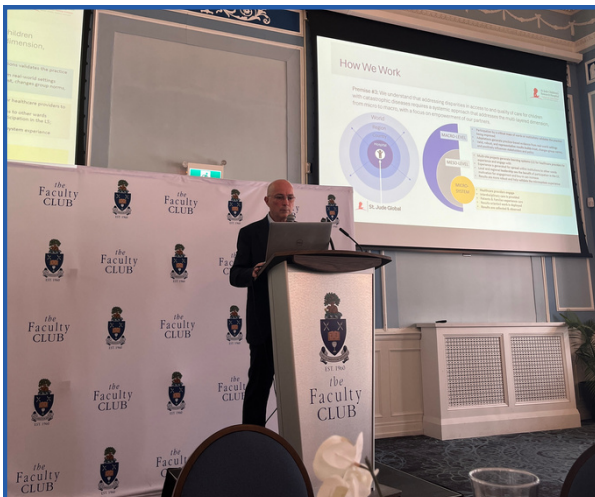


Dr. Rebecca Wong and Dr. Keith Stewart, PM; joined by Dr. May Abdel Wahab, IAEA, and Dr. Rebecca Lo Bue, Oncidium Foundation on stage at AORTIC 2025.



Dr. Rebecca Wong, Dr. Claudia Ortega, and other panelists from a session on MRI Literacy.

LOOKING AHEAD



STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT

With the GCP's initial five-year strategic plan coming to completion in 2025, we hosted a Strategic Planning Retreat to discuss our priorities for 2025 and beyond. The event included presentations from guests Dr. Carlos Rodriguez-Galindo, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; Dr. Kathleen Schmeler, MD Anderson Cancer Centre; and Dr. CS Pramesh, Tata Memorial Hospital and National Cancer Grid (India). We were also joined by leaders of the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer (CPAC) and Canadian Cancer Society. Discussions held during the event informed a revised strategic plan for the GCP that launched in the Fall, building from our existing areas of strength and opportunity. This revised plan aligns with the strategic goals of both PM and UHN, and will guide our work going forward. Read the full plan [here](#).