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A note from Michelle (Executive Director) Our Race Against Time

Just a few days into August and I have heard countless expressions of: “Wow, I can’t believe it’s August already!” or “Where does the time go?” and even “I wish we could just slow time down.”

I am instantly connected to the many lives touched by pancreatic cancer and what slowing down time would mean for them.

The dire statistics of this disease never cease to escape me or my team. In fact, they serve as a stark reminder of what we are up against collectively as a community. Time is not on our side and the urgency of what we are doing to push this disease to the forefront of care and funding is paramount.

Earlier this summer, we announced the appointment of Dr. Anish Kirpalani to the role of chairman for Pancreatic Cancer Canada. You can read the announcement [here](#). Dr. Kirpalani, together with the other dynamic members of our board, is committed to ensuring no time is squandered in elevating the work of our PancOne™ network and rallying the

community around us to action.

In this issue of The Purple Times, we are thrilled to share with you what we've been up to and ways you can become involved.

Don't forget to follow us on social media at:



Summer Events that Made a Difference

Summer 2018 has been full of exciting events that have raised generous funds in support of our goal to increase research and awareness of pancreatic cancer in Canada. We are grateful to all organizers and attendees who made each event a success.



Courtney- Events Manager

7 Days in May

Cycling 1100km around Lake Ontario in a week, this small but mighty group raises awareness for pancreatic cancer research and funds for important research work. Thanks to their continued support and fundraising efforts over the last 6 years, 7 Days in May funded the PA6 trial, which has led to breakthroughs in pancreatic cancer research. You can read more about this exciting announcement in this issue of The Purple Times. We are thrilled that this dynamic event raised over **\$130,000 for our PancOne™ network**

PancOne™ Memorial Golf Day

On July 12, we held our inaugural PancOne™ Memorial Golf Day at Angus Glen where we raised **\$60,000 in support pancreatic cancer research**. Together with our golfers, volunteers and sponsors, we celebrated the amazing lives of Kevin Rabishaw and David Garrett who lost their fight with pancreatic cancer but left a lasting legacy for their families and friends.

Lindsay Tam Memorial Golf Tournament

With the sun shining bright, the 6th annual Lindsay Tam Memorial Golf Tournament welcomed golfers for another great event. Thank you to Lindsay's friends, family and community for continuing to honour her and raise funds to combat this horrible disease that she was so committed to fighting.

Upcoming events



Toronto, ON – Sept. 9th



Edmonton & Calgary, AB –
Oct. 20th & 21st



Toronto, ON – Nov 3rd

Summer Road Trips Made Easy with Avis/Budget



Amy- Director, Strategic Partnerships

Renting a car for your summer holidays? Planning a road trip before the kids go back to school? Book through our partners at Avis® and Budget®! By using the custom links below, you'll receive 25% off base rates and a portion of the rental will be donated back to PCCF. A great win-win all around!



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PC in the News

Summer started off with an exciting development in pancreatic cancer treatment and research. Results of the clinical trial known as PRODIGE 24/CCTG PA.6 were announced at the American Society of Clinical Oncology in Chicago that offer some hope to individuals with operable pancreatic cancer.

The trial showed that patients with surgically removed pancreatic cancer who received a four-drug combination chemotherapy called mFOLFIRINOX, lived an average of 20 months longer than those who received the current standard of post-surgery chemo, gemcitabine.

For more information, including insights from PancOne™ investigator and PA.6 Canadian study co-chair, Dr. Jim, Biagi, [click to continue reading.](#)

Insights and Innovation

Vitamin D: Can it help shrink tumours?

Read about a study in the US that is investigating the role of Vitamin D in combination with chemotherapy as a potential way to shrink tumours and make them eligible for surgery.

[Full Article.](#)

HALO Pancreatic 301*

This Phase 3 trial for patients with untreated Stage IV pancreatic cancer is now enrolling eligible patients at a number of global sites, including three here in Canada.

*the drug being investigated is not FDA or Health Canada approved during this study. Please consult with your doctor before enrolling.

[Full Article.](#)

IMMray™ PanCan-d

In retrospective studies, this unique blood test for the early detection of pancreatic cancer has shown the potential to dramatically increase patient survival rates: from 5-8% to up to 49%. In early phases of this study, the test has been able to detect stage I and stage II pancreatic cancer with an accuracy of 96%.

[Full Article.](#)

Making an Impact Through Blogging

Blogging is a great way to chronicle your journey, share experiences or thoughts on topics that interest you, and create a community of support and insight. A great example of the power of blogging is by Lindsay Tam, who recorded her experiences, thoughts and hopes as she fought pancreatic cancer in 2011.



Ali - Manager, Donor and Community Engagement

Lindsay was only 26 years old when she passed from pancreatic cancer, and during her fight, she used her blog to not only cope with her cancer experience but push for greater awareness of the disease. Lindsay's storytelling has rallied support for pancreatic cancer research and solidarity from others who were patients themselves or had a loved one with a diagnosis, leaving a lasting impression on those who read it. Check out Lindsay's blog here: [The Good Fight: My Battle with Pancreatic Cancer and Advocacy for a Cure](#)

Interested in sharing your story with our community on the upcoming PCCF blog?

Send an email to Ali at aschofield@pccfa.

Pancreatic Cancer Peer Support Program

Get the help you need from the people who understand. Our pancreatic cancer peer support volunteers know what you are going through and they are here to help. They can also arrange for access to a counselor or to other supportive care programs that may be beneficial to you, given your particular needs, interests and location. If you feel this type of support would be helpful to you visit [Pancreatic Cancer Canada's wellness support program](#).

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