



YOUR DOLLARS AT WORK

URGENT NEEDS

Cancer is advancing at a rapid pace. It takes the commitment of many to continuously adapt to and foster growth in this field. Community-based fundraising like the Enbridge Tour Alberta for Cancer can help provide support wherever the need is greatest and allow us to be agile to the changing needs of patients and staff across Alberta. It applies to research and technology as well as things like mental health and financial support. As the global pandemic swept the community, urgent requests arose from our health-care partners. The Text4Hope project, in partnership with The Mental Health Foundation, Calgary Health Foundation, the University Hospital Foundation, the Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation, and the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation is a good example. As well, our social worker partners in the cancer centres helped us distribute emergency support for patients struggling with a cancer diagnosis and financial strain. This Urgent Needs fund is important in order for us to address these emerging needs when they arise for cancer patients and their families.

WORLD CLASS CARE AND RESEARCH

Over the past five years, more than 5,500 of our fellow Albertans have taken part in 500 trials. The Alberta Cancer Foundation supports every cancer clinical trial that takes place in Alberta. Our province is emerging as a centre of research excellence, both nationally and internationally, for cancer clinical trials and funds raised through The Tour help bring the cancer treatments of tomorrow to Albertans facing cancer today. 1,171 Albertans gained access to a clinical trial in 2020/21. The most recently funded clinical trial is Dr. Michael Chu's CAR-T Cell Therapy trial bringing the most cutting-edge immunotherapy treatment to Albertans. This groundbreaking clinical trial will benefit Albertans facing blood cancer who have no treatment options left by channeling the power of the immune system.

CRITICAL EQUIPMENT

Radiation therapy plays an important role in cancer treatment. It uses high energy waves to destroy cancerous cells and although it is effective, it can destroy healthy surrounding tissue and take several treatments over a long period of time. In this ever-evolving field, new radiation techniques have been developed thanks to leading-edge technology such as the Linac-MR. Merging the imaging abilities of an MRI system with the treatment capabilities of a Linear Accelerator, this made-in-Alberta machine will allow doctors to see and treat cancer with radiation using real-time MR imaging. By guiding and directing a radiation beam precisely at a tumour, the Linac-MR will allow treatment doses to be increased, and the number of treatments required to be reduced, and cause significantly less damage to healthy tissues and organs. The Northern LIGHTs Program is a collection of clinical trials that will first test, and then provide Albertans facing cancer with access to the Linac-MR to receive cutting-edge radiation therapy treatments.

ALBERTA'S CANCER CENTRES

Going the distance on The Tour and in the cancer centres.

Supporting your local cancer centre through the Enbridge Tour Alberta for Cancer means you are helping health-care workers across Alberta with the resources they need to provide patients and their families with the best treatment and care available. Albertans helping Albertans.

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