



POSITION TITLE:	Ontario Central Nervous System (CNS) Cancers Lead
REPORTS TO:	Jointly to the Clinical Lead, Disease Pathway Management and Director, System Improvement and Integration Clinical Programs & Quality Initiatives
LOCATION:	525 University Avenue, Toronto, ON
ANTICIPATED TIME COMMITMENT:	Half day per week for 52 weeks per year
TERM	3-year term, no renewal
No. of OPPORTUNITIES:	1
POSTING DATE:	May 17, 2021
CLOSING DATE:	June 20, 2021

POSITION SUMMARY

Ontario Health is seeking expressions of interest from specialists with focused practices in treating Central Nervous System (CNS) cancers for the position of **Ontario Central Nervous System (CNS) Cancers Lead**. This is a unique opportunity to provide strategic leadership to drive quality, accountability and innovation in the cancer system.

The Ontario CNS Cancers Lead (the Lead) will work collaboratively with Ontario Health programs and structures to ensure:

- a) Disease-specific system planning and quality issues are identified and addressed in the context of the Ontario Cancer Plan,
- b) A disease-specific lens is applied to OH's work,
- c) Alignment and prioritization of disease-specific efforts across the organization, and,
- d) Timely, disease-specific expert input into OH Programs and initiatives.

Questions about the role may be submitted to Katharina.Forster@ontariohealth.ca no later than **June 4, 2021**. A consolidated list of all questions and answers will be available to any party, by request, by **June 11, 2021**. To receive a copy of the consolidated list of questions and answers, please contact Aneeqa Mateen.





ACCOUNTABILITIES

General accountabilities of all Ontario Cancer Leads (see subsequent section for accountabilities and priorities specific to this role) include:

In conjunction with clinical experts, patient/family representatives and OH's Clinical Programs:

1. **Horizon- and Jurisdictional-Scanning:** Ensuring Ontario's cancer system is aware of and prepared for emerging knowledge and practice. Identifying and understanding differences in policy and practice between Ontario and other key jurisdictions.
2. **Disease Pathway Management (DPM):** Promoting DPM as a framework for optimizing clinical care and quality improvement. Leading the development and maintenance of quality indicators, pathway maps, and/or quality initiatives, where applicable. Regular attendance and participation at the Ontario Cancer Leads Steering Committee.
3. **Clinical Practice Guidance:** Working in collaboration with the Program in Evidence-Based Care and OH Program Leads, ensuring that priority topics for clinical guidance are identified and that high-quality guidance is developed and kept current.
4. **Informing OH Programs:** Providing timely advice to provincial funding programs regarding clinical, program implementation and policy issues. Specific to drug programs, working collaboratively with the Clinical Lead, Provincial Drug Reimbursement Programs; leading local and national drug reviews and submissions; generating, prioritizing and endorsing evidence-building projects. Participating in funding model reform (i.e. Systemic Treatment, Radiation, Cancer Surgery Quality Based Procedure Funding).
5. **Inquiries:** Providing timely advice on responses to information requests from government, media, the public, the Ontario Ombudsman, OH programs and others. Upon request from OH Communications, serve as a spokesperson for specific issues.
6. **Alignment:** Ensuring alignment of OH efforts having an impact on/relating to the specified cancers. Participating in the Steering Committee of the Ontario Cancer Leads.
7. **Engagement:** Ensuring multi-disciplinary and multi-stakeholder engagement in the above work. Establishing and maintaining a link with disease-site entities as appropriate, both provincial and those in the Regional Cancer Programs.

Leading a clinical advisory committee in support of all of the above activities.

Specific accountabilities and priorities of the Ontario CNS Cancers Lead at this time are:

- Establishing a collaborative relationship and appropriate links with relevant OH Programs including Radiation Treatment, Surgical Oncology, Systemic Treatment Primary Care, Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, and the Program in Evidence-based Care (PEBC).



- Establishing a network of providers across all settings, who can provide input into the quality issues for the diagnosis and treatment of CNS cancers, and who will champion improvement initiatives locally
- Leading the development and implementation of a CNS organizational guidance document working with OH Programs including the PEBC and clinical stakeholders
- Working with the Provincial Drug Reimbursement Programs (PDRP) on the following: (a) horizon planning activities, (b) providing decision support to the drug review process (national and local) and PDRP policy implementation; (c) ensuring continued relevance of drug funding policies by identifying and addressing funding gaps; (d) leading Drug Advisory Committees-initiated submissions and Evidence Building Program projects; (e) providing expert input in case adjudication and in Ministry, Ombudsman and media inquiries; (f) assisting with quality assurance and performance reporting initiatives.

QUALIFICATIONS

- A medical doctor licensed to practice in the province of Ontario in good standing with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) with significant experience and a focused practice in treating CNS cancers and a good understanding of issues across the cancer continuum for all CNS cancers including diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up care
- Proven track record of leadership at the hospital and/or university and/or system level
- Recognition as an opinion leader in the professional and oncology community
- Enthusiasm for and commitment to quality improvement in cancer care at the system level
- Knowledge of clinical, administrative, policy and system issues with respect to cancer services
- Aptitude for systems thinking; ability to analyze data and information and to make sound decisions
- Ability/credibility to reach and engage clinicians in different settings of care and disciplines
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to build consensus
- Demonstrated commitment to person-centered care, evidence-based medicine and public accountability
- Creativity demonstrated through publication of research and/or implementation of innovative systems and ideas preferred

Please note that the successful applicant will be required to comply with the provisions of OH's Conflict of Interest Policy for Regulated Health Professionals, as it may be amended from time to time, which may impact your outside activities (including, but not limited to, activities that are funded by pharmaceutical or related industry entities) if they may impair, influence, or create the appearance of impairing or influencing your ability to objectively exercise your duties to OH.

HOW TO APPLY:

Interested parties should electronically forward their expression of interest and resume or curriculum vitae with a cover letter to Aneeqa Mateen, Program Coordinator, Disease Pathway Management, care of Katharina.Forster@ontariohealth.ca no later than **11:00 p.m. on June 20, 2021**. In the cover letter, please summarize your knowledge and experience, illustrating how your practice specializes in CNS



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cancers treatments and how current and previous leadership roles demonstrate your fit for the Ontario CNS Cancers Lead position.

We will evaluate all applications against the skills and experience requirements for the position. Those candidates selected for interview will be contacted directly by a representative from the Business Unit. Ontario Health may consider applications from incumbents currently in the position. If you have not been contacted within 3 weeks after the close of the posting, you can assume you are not under consideration for this position.

This competition is open to all qualified candidates, including the current incumbent. Please note that this recruitment is taking place well in advance of the anticipated start date, which is November 1, 2021.

More about Ontario Health:

An agency of the Ministry of Health, OH is the Ontario government's principal advisor on cancer and chronic kidney disease care, as well as access to care for key health services. It is guided by a mission that together we will improve the performance of our health systems in Ontario by driving quality, accountability, innovation and value.

OH manages infrastructure, assets and models to improve the province's health systems for cancer and chronic kidney disease (through its division the Ontario Renal Network). It also directs and oversees healthcare funds for hospitals and other cancer and chronic kidney disease care providers, enabling them to deliver high-quality, timely services and improved access to care.

As an operational service agency of the Government of Ontario, OH is accountable for conducting a fair and transparent process, providing equal treatment to all qualified parties, in selecting a candidate for the above-mentioned role.

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<http://www.ontariohealth.ca>