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### Lymphoma Diagnosis Pathway

- The Lymphoma Diagnosis Pathway has been implemented across the province other than in Grande Prairie. The Grande Prairie Cancer Centre recently opened, and implementation conversations are ongoing to ensure this pathway is incorporated into the host of services that this site offers.
- Preliminary data from the other sites (Edmonton, Calgary, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, and Red Deer) is showing that this pathway is expediting diagnoses when used.
- The CSCN continues to raise awareness and use by Primary Care and radiology..

### Colorectal Cancer Diagnosis Pathway

- The Iron Deficiency Anemia (IDA) and High-Risk Rectal Bleeding (HRRB) pathways have been implemented in Edmonton and Calgary.
- Discussions underway to initiate expansion provincially.
- Similar to the Lymphoma Diagnosis Pathway, the increasing the awareness and usage of pathways with Primary Care is a priority. The Cancer SCN is looking at potential solutions address pathway uptake within the ACD initiative.

### Cancer Unknown Primary Diagnosis Pathway

- Work to develop the Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP) Pathway has started. Baseline information has been collected and will be used to guide discussions when the Oversight Committee launches in April.
- Interviews with key cancer system stakeholders and Primary Care are underway. The goal of these interviews is to create a process map of the current state and identify pain points where the CUP pathway can improve patient, provider, and system outcomes.

### Head and Neck Cancer Diagnosis Pathway

- An evidence review to identify new findings in the diagnostic and staging workup, wait time for diagnosis and sociodemographic risk factors for head and neck cancer is ongoing. This evidence review will inform the development of a diagnostic pathway for head and neck cancer patients.
- A similar process to CUP will be followed to ensure the current state is well documented prior to developing the Head and Neck cancer diagnosis pathway.

## CSCN Research

The CSCN research team supports priority initiatives of the CSCN as required. It also continues to engage with multiple stakeholders to identify and nurture research-practice partnerships, which will create and apply knowledge that improves cancer outcomes.

- A review of existing evidence on outcomes of follow-up care provided by specialist versus a Primary Care teams for patients diagnosed with cancer after curative treatment has been initiated. This work may inform discussions about cancer care in Alberta.
- We have established a partnership with the Alberta Registered Nurses Educational Trust (ARNET) to involve nurses in research related to the perspectives of colorectal cancer patients diagnosed in emergency departments and hospitals.
- We are collaborating with the BETTER team (Dr. Donna Manca, University of Alberta). We are participating as a member of BETTER Cancer Surveillance Clinical Working Group and will collaborate in updating the evidence for the cancer surveillance recommendations used in BETTER (breast cancer surveillance, colorectal cancer surveillance, and prostate cancer surveillance).
- CSCN 2020/21 quality indicators report has been completed, and is available upon request. It presents measures for the following indicators: 1) priorities (or questions) tackled by network partners, 2) participation of community of partners, 3) impact of community of partners, 4) projects advancing to test for impact, 5) projects advancing to spread and scale, 6) projects advancing to sustainment, 7) return on investment, 8) projects achieving proposed measures of success, and 9) change in key clinical outcome measures.
- The SCN Scientific Office Annual Impact Report for the 2020-2021 fiscal year has been released, and can be accessed here:  
<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/about/scn/ahs-scn-so-impact-report-2020-21.pdf>

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