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ELLICSR: Health, Wellness & Cancer Survivorship Centre Newsletter

# Survivorship Care Planning: Inform, Strengthen, and Ease the Transition for Survivors

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In an effort to support patients in their transition from treatment to follow-up care, researchers at ELLICSR have been working with health care providers and patients at the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre to develop and roll-out Survivorship Care Plans (SCP). *What is a SCP?* The SCP is a consult to share information with patients about:



- Their treatment and future follow-up care,
- How to prepare for the transition from cancer treatment to follow up care.

To date, SCP's have been fully implemented in some disease sites:

- Testicular
- Endometrial
- With ongoing plans to expand to the Colorectal, Kidney and Prostate Cancer sites.

The SCPs are given to patients after treatment is complete, during their regular follow-up appointment. This SCP consult is designed to bring patients and their health care team together, to talk about the treatment they've got, follow-up plans, effects of treatment, and the responsibilities of everyone involved in follow-up care. The SCP includes personalized information such as:

- Diagnosis and treatment summary
- Recommended follow-up visits and cancer screening tests
- Ways to manage persistent effects and monitor for late effects

- How to look for signs of recurrence
- How to optimize health and wellness
- Who to contact for questions and concerns

After a 30 minute care plan consult with a clinical nurse, patients receive an email with

the personalized SCP attached and links to various patient education and community support resources. A copy of the SCP is also sent to the patient's family doctor, in order to ensure a smooth transition to follow-up care. Learn more about the exciting research happening at ELLICSR by visiting: <u>www.ellicsr.ca</u>

## **Community Connections at ELLICSR**

#### Thursday September 17, 2015 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

#### Meet Community Partners

Drop by the community booth to meet a representative from national cancer care organizations to hear about programs and resources available in your community. You can visit anytime from 9:30 – 12:30 pm.

10:00 am- 10:30 am	The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Patient Education and Support Services An overview of the programs and services provided by The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and Ovarian Cancer Canada will be shared.
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm	Survivor's Kitchen: Cooking for Health with special guest Canadian Cancer Society Join our wellness chef and registered dietitian to get cooking tips and learn about healthy eating. Cooking samples always provided!
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Getting Back on Track Join a social worker to discuss what to expect after your treatment is over and you are being seen for follow-up care. This ½ hour class is free and available to all Princess Margaret patients.

Join other cancer survivors, caregivers and friends at ELLICSR: Health, Wellness & Cancer Survivorship Center for Community Connections!

Stop by ELLICSR to:

- Get to know the supportive care organizations in your community
- Attend workshops and programs
- Meet other people affected by cancer

For more information, call 416-581-8620.



Community Connections is held on the third Thursday of every month!

The next Community Connections is:

### Thursday October 15, 2015 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

ELLICSR: Health, Wellness & Cancer Survivorship Centre. Located in the Toronto General Hospital (From the University Avenue entrance of Toronto General Hospital (near Starbucks), take the West elevators down to basement level (B). Follow the signs to ELLICSR.)

## Meet the Community Connections Supportive Care Organizations

Art for Cancer Foundation 416-763-8752 www.artforcancerfoundation.org

**Bikur Cholim** 416-783-7983 www.bikurcholim.ca

The Canadian Cancer Society 1-888-939-3333 www.cancer.ca

The Colorectal Cancer Association of Canada (CCAC) 416-920-4333 www.colorectal-cancer.ca

The Canadian Amyloidosis Support Network 905-787-999 or 1-877-303-4999 info@thecasn.org

**Gilda's Club Greater Toronto** 416-214-9898 www.gildasclubtoronto.org

**Kidney Cancer Canada** 1-866-598-7166 www.kidneycancercanada.ca

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) 416-585-2873 or 1-866-585-2873 www.lls.org/tor

Lung Cancer Canada 416-785-3439 or 1-888-445-4403 www.lungcancercanada.ca

Lymphoma Foundation Canada 1-866-659-5556 www.lymphoma.ca

Melanoma Network of Canada (MNC) 289-242-2010 www.melanomanetwork.ca



















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Nanny Angel Network 416-730-0025 www.nannyangelnetwork.com

The Olive Branch of Hope 416-256-3155 or 1-877-251-0770 olivebranch@theolivebranch.ca www.theolivebranch.ca

**Ovarian Cancer Canada** 1-877-413-7970 x231 www.ovariancanada.org

Pancreatic Cancer Canada 1-888-726-2269 www.pancreaticcancercanada.ca

POGO 416-592-1232 www.pogo.ca



**Prostate Cancer Canada** 416-441-2131 or 1-888-255-0333 www.prostatecancer.ca

Rebounders 905-338-1530 www.rebounders.ca

**Rethink Breast Cancer** www.rethinkbreastcancer.com

**Testicular Cancer** 519-894-0134 www.testicularcancercanada.ca

**Thyroid Cancer Canada** 416-487-8267 www.thyroidcancercanada.org

Wellspring Cancer Support Network 416-961-1928 www.wellspring.ca

Willow Breast Cancer Support Canada 416-778-5000 www.willow.org













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