

PATIENT AND FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL (PFAC) NEWSLETTER

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What is PFAC?

The Erie St. Clair Regional Cancer Program (ESC RCP) brings together a diverse group of patients, family members, and care partners, along with staff from each Cancer Clinic, with a goal to have representation from all of our partner sites throughout the region:

- Windsor Regional Hospital
- Erie Shores HealthCare
- Bluewater Health
- Chatham-Kent Health Alliance

The purpose of this Council is to create new initiatives to improve the cancer journey experience for current and future cancer patients in our region.

A Message from our Co-chair



Hello everyone! I'm Diane Marley, patient co-chair of PFAC and I welcome you to the first edition of the PFAC Newsletter.

This group continues to work toward making the journey better for those who follow us. We will endeavour to keep you informed of the latest initiatives through this newsletter. We hope you enjoy it!

Meet our PFAC Members

Windsor-Essex:

- Diane Marley, PFAC co-chair
- Andrea Bodchon
- Vera Rozenbojm
- Dan
- Linda Santos
- Barbara Holland
- Lisa Adams
- Maria Arlotta
- Mark Pastorius
- Elspeth Troy
- Neela Maharaj

Chatham-Kent:

- Cathy Telfer
- Actively recruiting for new members

Sarnia-Lambton:

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PFAC Interest Form

Are you or your loved one receiving cancer care at one of our partner sites listed above? Apply to join our PFAC today!



<https://www.wrh.on.ca/PFACApplication>

Initiative Highlights

Some of our initiatives include:

● My Cancer Journey

A guide for new cancer patients on how to navigate your cancer journey and available resources. Scan the QR code or visit www.wrh.on.ca/MyCancerJourney



● Your Way Forward

A discharge guide for cancer patients on how to navigate your life after you are discharged from the Cancer Centre. Scan the QR code or visit www.wrh.on.ca/YourWayForward



● Suggestion and Comment Boxes

Have a suggestion for a new PFAC initiative or a comment? Drop it in one of the suggestion boxes at any one of the four Cancer Clinics in our region. Scan the QR code or visit <https://forms.gle/vsFAWtHy6ynZtFRr6>



● RENEW Education Series

Join our five education sessions run by dedicated healthcare professionals to learn about how to navigate life after your cancer treatment. Run twice per year for patients who are nearing/have completed their cancer treatment (invites will be sent via mail).

● Care Partner Info Sessions

Caring for someone with cancer? Join a virtual session with a Social Worker to learn about self-care tips and resources by scanning the QR code or visiting <https://forms.gle/6Hwr3qGW5BaYKBPN7>

**Upcoming session dates: Jan 28th at 11am, Feb 25th at 6pm, Mar 18th at 11am, Apr 29th at 6pm*



● Positivity Boards at Windsor Regional Hospital

Have some words of encouragement for other patients or want to shout out a staff member? Add it to a flower and post it on one of our positivity boards!



● Waiting Room Monitors at Windsor Regional Hospital

Get some info and fun facts from one of our waiting room monitors in the Cancer Centre!

Cancer Program Highlights

● Windsor Regional Hospital

- Stem Cell Transplant Program launched
- Fourth radiation machine installed
- Radiation Treatment Redesign to improve and support timely radiation therapy for patients

● Bluewater Health

- New technology in the Diagnostic Imaging department
- One new oncologist hired
- New referral system being adopted
- Redeveloped the Cancer Clinic - renovations and redesign

● Erie Shores Healthcare

- New technology in the Diagnostic Imaging department
- Developed Breast "Passport" so patients have a tangible copy of their appointment schedule and where/when to be in each department
- Breast Days Clinic to expedite time to diagnosis

● Chatham-Kent Health Alliance

- New initiative to ensure eligible patients receive care closer to home
- Launched closed system transfer devices to enhance patient and staff safety