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“Ovarian Cancer Canada is excited to be a Champion of the Global Ovarian Cancer Charter. This important global effort is a crucial step forward in the fight against ovarian cancer as we all work together to make a difference advocating for improvements for all those diagnosed with the disease. Regardless of geography, there are steps we can take now and lessons to be learned from one another to change the future of ovarian cancer. We look forward to collaborating with our global colleagues and sharing best practices for the benefit of all women, no matter where they live.”



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CHAMPION PROJECT: STATE OF TREATMENT & OUTCOMES OF OVARIAN CANCER IN CANADA

Ovarian Cancer Canada has already established itself as a leader in advocating change on behalf of women with ovarian cancer securing a \$10 million federal funding commitment for ovarian cancer research in 2019. They are now determined to make a difference advocating for improvements in clinical settings where key gaps exist.

This project strives to provide a robust analysis of the factors contributing to ovarian cancer patient outcomes and identify opportunities in Canada's health care systems to improve the standard of care for all women diagnosed with the disease. Within Canada, decisions about healthcare are taken at provincial and territorial level and do vary according to location.

The questions central to this work are around variability in the standard and quality of care, whether this contributes negatively to outcomes, and which interventions are most likely to improve quality of care.

The aim is to establish a Canadian Atlas of ovarian cancer care, including epidemiological data and agreed-upon key markers of systems' performance. A wide cross-section of stakeholders has been interviewed including primary care, psychosocial care, surgical medical and radiation oncology, nursing, and pathology contributors. They universally recognized the need for a more robust status of clinical care for ovarian cancer in Canada, and that the Atlas is both desirable and feasible. Genetic testing, preventative surgery, the level of complex surgery, access to psychosocial support and human resources and systems capacity have already been identified as key issues.

The next phase of the project involves engaging 'a coalition of the willing' who have the interest, skill and capacity to inform, develop and prioritize actions and ensure that work is not unnecessarily duplicated. This phase will also be informed by a patient survey, The Every Woman Study Canada, that will help identify geographic variability as experienced by the women.

The Coalition chose to showcase this programme because it is an ambitious programme bringing together all those involved in women's care, by an organization that already has a track record of successfully influencing key decision makers within politics. Effort is being taken not to duplicate work that already exists, but is clearly focused on driving improvements and tackling some complex issues. This programme is a key pillar in their mission to affect changes that will save women's lives.

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