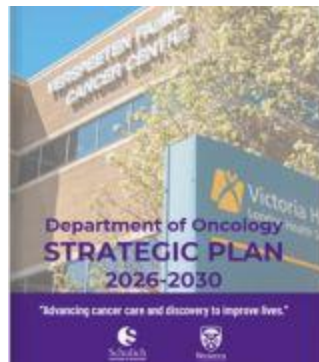


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Spotlight



Strategic Plan 2025-2030

The Department of Oncology released its strategic plan for the upcoming years 2025 to 2030. The plan is based on four pillars namely: Inspiring Excellence Through Education, Driving Impact Through Cancer Research, Advancing Excellence in Cancer Care, and Enabling People and Performance. More information can be found on the Department of Oncology [website](#).

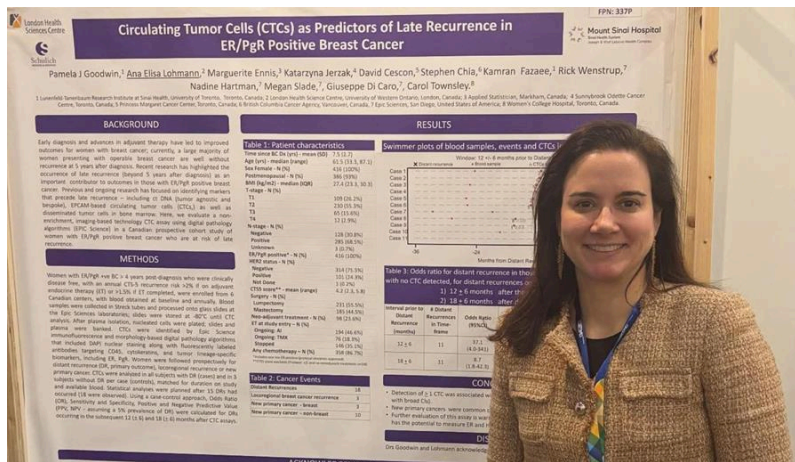


Vice Dean, Clinical Academic Affairs Appointed

Dr. Glenn Bauman, Director of the Centre for Translational Cancer Research (CTCR) has been appointed Vice Dean, Clinical Academic Affairs effective December 1, 2025, to November 30, 2030. Dr. Bauman is a Distinguished Professor, Departments of Oncology and Medical Biophysics, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, and radiation oncologist, Verspeeten Family Cancer

Centre.

Faculty News and Updates



Awards

Gabe Boldt, Clinical Oncology Librarian along with his LHSC librarian team colleagues recognized by the Medical Library Association's [2025 Research Advancement in Health Sciences Librarianship Award](#).

Saman Maleki PhD awarded \$10,000 by Dr. Roger Hayward Rogers legacy awards committee as a result of his outstanding application package.

Pingzhao Hu PhD and Jonathan Weitzman PhD (Université Paris Cité) awarded \$15,000, France-Canada Research Fund for "Characterizing Pin1 inhibitors designed using generative AI."

CTCR Welcomes New Members

Lina Dagnino PhD, Lorin Dodbiba MD, Stephanie Gulstene MD, Lilian Hanna MD, Eric Lessard PhD, Rob Stodilka PhD, Duncan Sutherland MD, Mina Swiha MD, Saurav Verma MD. Please reach out to [Kimberly Scott](#) if you would like to join.

Farewell

Nancy Read MD, radiation oncologist retired after 30 years of service. Dr. Read started practicing in London when the Verspeeten Family Cancer Centre was originally the Ontario Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation (OCTRF) Centre, then when it became the London Regional Cancer Centre. She will continue to support follow up care for head & neck patients.

Grants

Sahar Khan MD, \$15,000 Katelyn Bedard Bone Marrow Association & WE-SPARK Health Institute for "An Implementation/Effectiveness Feasibility Study to Assess a Home-Based Rehabilitation Program

Prior to Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation in a Community Setting."

Lisa Porter PhD, \$30,000 Cancer Research Collaboration Fund and Play For A Cure for "Dissecting the Biology of Disease Progression and Drug Resistance of Glioblastoma."

In The News

Glenn Bauman MD [study](#) on new imaging solutions possibly improving survival rate for patients with recurring prostate cancer featured in London Free Press, 980 CFPL News Radio.

Derek Cool MD [study](#) on clinical trial targeting kidney cancer with internal radiation featured on Global News, 980 CFPL Global News Radio and 106.9 the X.

S.M. Mansour Haeryfar PhD publication "MAIT cells promote cancer progression and regulatory T cell accumulation in bladder tumor microenvironment" selected by [Journal of Immunotherapy of Cancer](#) to appear on homepage and [social media](#).

Presentations

European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO - Berlin, Oct 2025)

Daniel Breadner MD, "LBA9 - ctDNA - guided adjuvant chemotherapy de-escalation in stage III colon cancer: Primary analysis of the ctDNA - negative cohort from the randomized AGITG DYNAMIC III trial (Intergroup study of AGITC and CCTG)."

Ricardo Fernandes MD and Eric Winkvist MD - "LBA37 -- A phase II study of avelumab in locally advanced or metastatic penile cancer patients unfit for platinum-based chemotherapy or progressed on or after platinum-based chemotherapy (ALPACA).

Sara Kuruvilla MD, "Real-world treatment patterns and outcomes in stage IV NSCLC: A retrospective study from Southwestern Ontario." Dr. Kuruvilla also presented two posters at World Congress in Lung Cancer (Barcelona - Sept 2025).

Ana Lohmann MD, "Circulating Tumor Cells (CTCs) as Predictors of Late Recurrence in ER/PgR Positive Breast Cancer."

Jacques Raphael MD, "Real-world outcomes of patients with advanced or metastatic HR+/HER2- breast cancer treated with CDK4/6 inhibitors."

Mark Vincent MD, "Osimertinib then chemotherapy in EGFR-mutated lung cancer with osimertinib third line rechallenge (OCELOT-cohort A interim analysis."

World Congress on Lung Cancer (Spain, Sept 2025)

Dan Breadner MD, Sara Kuruvilla MD, Saurav Verma MD, Mark Vincent MD

Welcome

Samuel Blake PhD London - LHSC Medical Physicist
Deepro Chaudhry MD Windsor - Medical Oncology
(Breast/Melanoma)
David DeVries PhD London - LHSC Medical Physicist
Vikas Garg MD Windsor - Medical Oncology
(Breast/Lung/Sarcoma)
Gopila Gupta MD Windsor - Complex Hematology
Alfred Mina Fellow Windsor - Breast
Aymen Sayyed MD Windsor - Complex Hematology
Stephen Tran MD Windsor - Radiation Oncology (Head & Neck)
Saurav Verma MD London - Medical Oncologist

Wellness & Resiliency

Seeking Oncology Physician Wellness & Resiliency Lead for a 3-year position. For more information, please contact [Luciana Brown](#).

We thank and wish Andrew Arifin MD the best in his career. He will be missed!

Trainee News and Updates



Sherif Ramadan RO PGY5 received the Dr. Ed Brecevic award for compassionate care. The award is in memory of the RO PGY3 resident who passed away as a result of auto accident in 2003.

Awards

Owen Rodrigues (supervised by John Patrick PhD and Hatim Fatir PhD) and Zainab Zahra (supervised by Stewart Gaede PhD) winners of the People's Choice Canadian Undergraduate Research Conference.

Nitara Fernando, Anayra Goncalves, Isabel Kannampuzha, Sadia Khan, Modeline Longjohn, Urvi Patel, Jeri Spilberg, Alfredo Varela Vega, Yubing Xia, and Yang Yi were awarded the 2025-2026 Breast Cancer Translational Research Unit (BCC-TRU) [Traineeship Awards](#).

Courtney Brooks, Natasha Bruce, Domenic Di Stasi, Mathieu Derouet, and Petra Samardzija poster award winners at National Organoid Conference.

CaRMs Match

Division of Medical Oncology will be welcoming Ming Shi MD from NOSM University on as its newest resident. Shi will start their 4th year residency on July 1.

Elected

Nikki Chopra, RO PGY2 to the General Council of the Professional Association of Residents of Ontario (PARO).

Presentations

Zachary Freeman - ESMO (Berlin - Oct 2025). Supervised by Ana Lohmann MD PhD.

Charles Jia - ESMO (Berling - Oct 2025). Supervised by Phillip Blanchette MD and Jacques Raphael MD.

Petra Samardzija - National Organoid Conference (London - Oct 2025). Supervised by Chris Pin PhD.

Resident Oncology Grand Rounds

Top presentation awards presented to Sherif Ramadan RO PGY 5, Enxhi Kotri RO PGY3 and Vivian Tan RO PGY5.

Successful Master's Defense

Nick Bainbridge, supervised by Len Luyt PhD (Oncology/Chemistry/Medical Imaging).

Jin-Young Bang, supervised by Stewart Gaede PhD (Medical Biophysics/Oncology). Bang is currently attending medical school at Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry.

Cristian Ciciretto, co-supervised by Len Luyt PhD (Oncology/Chemistry/Medical Imaging) and John McGuire (Medical Biophysics/Physiology & Pharmacology).

Successful Doctoral Defense

Edward Wang, supervised by Anthony Nichols MD (Otolaryngology/Oncology). Wang has returned to complete his final two years of medical school at Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry,

Komila Zakirova, supervised by Fred Dick PhD (PaLM/Oncology). Zakirova has accepted a position as a research associate.

Welcome

Neda Abdalvand PhD, Medical Physics Resident. Supervised by

Stewart Gaede PhD.

Fatemeh Akbari PhD, Medical Physics Resident. Supervised by Stewart Gaede PhD.

Rayyan Kamel PhD Candidate. Supervised by Alison Allan PhD and Jacqueline Torti PhD.

Modeline Longjohn PhD. Supervised by Alison Allan PhD.

Isabel Kannampuzha MSc. Candidate. Supervised by Alison Allan PhD and Armen Parsyan MD PhD.

Zainab Zahra MSc Candidate, Medical Physics

Research Publications

Bhat, V. et al (Alison Allan and Armen Parsyan). Loss of Artemis (DCLRE1C) enhances radiotherapy response in triple-negative breast cancer through activation of cellular senescence. [Cancers](#). October 2025.

Chan, A. et al. (Caroline Hamm). Optimizing Adjuvant Care in Early Breast Cancer: Multidisciplinary Strategies and Innovative Models from Canadian Centers. [Current Oncology](#). July 2025.

Elwyn, G. et Al (Michael Sanatani). Shared Decision-Making. A Primer for Clinicians. [Journal of General Internal Medicine](#). October 2025.

Habaz, I. A. et al (S.M. Mansour Haeryfar). MAIT Cells promote cancer progression and regulatory T cell accumulation in bladder tumor microenvironment. [Journal of Immunotherapy of Cancer](#). September 2025.

Malik, NH. et al (Donna Murrell). Reirradiation clinical practices in gastrointestinal abdominal malignancies: an international reirradiation collaborative group (ReCOG) systemic review. [Clinical Translational Radiation Oncology](#). August 2025.

Ravipati, Siri et al (Caroline Hamm). Pilot Study: A prospective, real-world, feasibility study testing a decreased frequency paradigm in treatment free remission in chronic myeloid leukemia. [Leukemia Research](#). October 2025.

Salunkhe, R. et al (Stewart Gaede). Dosimetric Outcomes of SBRT to Ultra-central Lung Tumors: Lessons from the SUNSET trial. [International Journal of Radiation Oncology Biology and Physics](#). September 2025.

Stroom J. et al (Donna Murrell). Reirradiation dose constraints in clinical practice: Results of an international survey. [Radiotherapy and Oncology](#). September 2025.

Tan, V. et al (Timothy Nguyen). Enhancing Opportunities for Resident-Supervised Medical Student Research: A 7-year Evaluation of the Oncology Research Internship (ORIoN). [Science Direct](#). September 2025.

Tie, J. et al (Dan Breadner). Circulating tumor DNA-guided adjuvant therapy in locally advanced colon cancer: the randomized phase 2/3 DYNAMIC-III trial. [Nature Medicine](#). October 2025.



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