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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO

Dear CCRAN Community,

As I reflect on the past few months, I'm struck by how far our community has come, and by the strength of the people who make this work possible. Every patient, caregiver, clinician, and advocate who walks alongside us brings us closer to a future where no one faces cancer alone.

This spring brought a moment I won't soon forget. Toronto became the **first city in Canada** to declare November 19 Early Age Onset Cancer (EAOC) Awareness Day — a motion CCRAN was proud to craft and bring forward. For so many young Canadians who have felt unseen by a system that wasn't built for them, this declaration says something simple but powerful: you matter, and we will keep fighting for you.

That same conviction drives the work in this issue. The consensus recommendations from last year's Early Age Onset Cancer Symposium have now been published in *Current Oncology*. This November, we'll build on them when our community gathers again for our sixth annual Symposium. Alongside this work, we've launched Phase II of our path-defining comprehensive genomic profiling (CGP) research, bringing us closer to making the right test and the right treatment available to every patient, no matter where they live.

None of this would be possible without you. Thank you for your trust, your advocacy, and your unwavering belief in what we can accomplish together.

With gratitude,

Filomena Servidio-Italiano

President & CEO, CCRAN

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NEW PUBLICATION • CURRENT ONCOLOGY

Closing the Gaps in Early Age Onset Cancer Care

The consensus recommendations from our 2025 pan-tumour Early Age Onset Cancer (EAOC) Symposium have now been published in *Current Oncology*. The report outlines what Canada needs to do — from lowering the colorectal cancer screening age to 45 nationwide to funding coordinated, age-appropriate models of care — to support EAOC patients from screening through survivorship.

[Read the Conference Report](#)

ANNOUNCEMENT

Phase II of Our Comprehensive Genomic Profiling Initiative is Underway

CCRAN and Signal49 Research have launched Phase II of our comprehensive genomic profiling (CGP) initiative — the next step in our campaign to make CGP a standard of care for metastatic cancer patients across Canada. Phase I proved the value; Phase II focuses on real-world evidence from Alberta and Ontario to demonstrate how we deliver CGP. The full report is expected early next year.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)



Enjoying Summer BBQs While Living with Colorectal Cancer



BBQ season doesn't have to be off the menu. CCRAN's National Registered Dietitian, Felicia Newell, shares simple ways to enjoy summer grilling while easing the food-related fears that can follow a colorectal cancer diagnosis.

Her guidance covers grilling technique, choosing a variety of proteins, making the most of summer vegetables, and staying hydrated — alongside a reminder that your overall eating pattern matters more than any single meal.

[Read the Full Article \(PDF\)](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR • NOVEMBER 19

Toronto Declares Early Age Onset Cancer Awareness Day

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EAOC Awareness Day
City of Toronto • A Canadian first

Toronto is now the first city in Canada to recognize November 19 as Early Age Onset Cancer Awareness Day — a motion CCRAN was proud to bring forward. Our goal: to see it marked across the country.

[Read the Announcement](#)

SAVE THE DATE • NOVEMBER 19-20

CCRAN's 6th Annual Early Age Onset Cancer Symposium

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EAOC Symposium
2026 • Details coming soon

Mark your calendars for November 19-20, 2026. Our sixth annual Early Age Onset Cancer Symposium once again brings our community together from across Canada and beyond. Stay tuned for agenda, speaker, and registration updates on this free, pan-tumour, virtual event.

CCRAN is a patient-focused organization dedicated to improving the longevity and quality of life for people affected by colorectal cancer across Canada. Stay connected for trusted education, resources, and updates from the colorectal cancer community.

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