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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO

Dear CCRAN Community,

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Last month, CCRAN marked a milestone that means so much to me: **our 20th anniversary**. CCRAN began following my father's brief and difficult experience with widespread metastatic cancer. What started as a grassroots effort to support others facing the same diagnosis, along with the loved ones walking beside them, has grown into a national organization advancing **support, education and advocacy across Canada**. Twenty years later, **patients and their families remain at the heart of everything we do**.

That commitment is reflected throughout this issue. CCRAN is proud to lead the national campaign to share the findings of the new [Access to Genomic Testing: State of Readiness 2.0](#) report and advocate for **comprehensive genomic profiling to become the standard of care for metastatic patients across Canada**.

Registration is also now open for our **sixth annual [Early Age Onset Cancer Symposium](#), taking place November 19–20**. This year's theme challenges us to rethink how we deliver cancer care to younger patients and build models of care that reflect their unique needs.

You will also find opportunities to **learn, advocate and make informed choices about cancer care**, along with information about bringing CCRAN's Jumbo Colon to your next community event.

As I reflect on the past 20 years, I am deeply grateful to every patient, caregiver, clinician, advocate, partner and supporter who has helped shape CCRAN. Thank you for believing in our mission and walking alongside us. There is still much work ahead, and we remain as committed as ever to **ensuring no one faces cancer alone**.

With gratitude,

Filomena Servidio-Italiano
President & CEO, CCRAN

IN THIS ISSUE

- **Join us for CCRAN's 6th Annual Early Age Onset Cancer Symposium**

Save the date for November 19–20 and join the conversation on redefining cancer care for younger adults with cancer.

- **Where You Live Shouldn't Determine Your Access to Genomic Testing**

Explore Canada's readiness to deliver genomic medicine in the new [Access to Genomic Testing: State of Readiness 2.0](#) report.

- **CANM Patient Education & Advocacy Day**

Register for the Canadian Association of Nuclear Medicine's free, patient-focused education & advocacy day on October 2.

- **Canadian Cancer Groups Launch My Cancer, My Choice**

Explore [My Cancer, My Choice](#), a patient-led campaign empowering people with cancer to understand their treatment delivery options.

- **Explore CCRAN's My CRC Consultant Tool**

Get your personalized report outlining potential treatment options for your metastatic colorectal cancer using CCRAN's [My CRC Consultant](#) tool.

- **Explore CCRAN's My Colorectal Cancer Treatment Side Effects Tool**

Access the [My Colorectal Cancer Treatment Side Effects](#) tool to help you understand and manage colorectal cancer treatment side effects.

- **Book the Jumbo Colon for Your Next Event**

Book CCRAN's interactive [Jumbo Colon](#) to your next community event, health fair, or conference.

- **Toronto Declares Early Age Onset Cancer Awareness Day**

A Canadian first: Toronto recognizes November 19 as [Early Age Onset Cancer Awareness Day](#).

SAVE THE DATE • NOVEMBER 19–20, 2026

Join us for CCRAN's 6th Annual Early Age Onset Cancer Symposium

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Registration is now open for CCRAN'S 6th Annual Pan-Tumour [Early Age Onset Cancer Symposium](#), taking place **November 19–20, 2026**.

This year's theme, **Early Age Onset Cancer: Redefining Current Models of Cancer Care in Canada** will explore how Canada can better meet the needs of younger people affected by cancer.

[Register now!](#)



NEW REPORT • ACCESS TO GENOMIC TESTING

Where You Live Shouldn't Determine Your Access to Genomic Testing

The new [Access to Genomic Testing: State of Readiness 2.0](#) report examines how prepared Canada's health systems are to deliver precision genomic medicine.

While progress has been made, **major gaps remain**. Health systems across Canada are still better prepared to evaluate new genomic tests than to deliver and monitor them at scale. As a result, **where a patient lives can affect their access** to comprehensive genomic profiling, treatment options and clinical trials.



[Explore the report](#)

CCRAN is proud to be the patient partner for the national campaign to share these findings and call for **comprehensive genomic profiling to become the standard of care for all metastatic patients across Canada**.

UPCOMING EVENT | OCTOBER 2, 2026

Canadian Association of Nuclear Medicine Patient & Advocacy Day

The Canadian Association of Nuclear Medicine is hosting a **free, patient-focused education and advocacy event** on **Friday, October 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** at the Fairmont Château Laurier in Ottawa.

The event will bring together patients, advocacy organizations, clinicians, researchers, government representatives and nuclear-sector partners for education and dialogue on **nuclear medicine, molecular imaging, radioligand therapy and equitable access to care across Canada**.

Registration is free, but space is limited.

[Register now!](#)



PATIENT EMPOWERMENT

My Cancer, My Choice

Cancer treatment affects more than your health. It affects your life.

Appointments, travel, time away from work and family, caregiving responsibilities and hours spent receiving treatment can all become part of life with cancer. In some cases, however, **your treatment may be delivered in different ways.**



Explore My Cancer, My Choice

My Cancer, My Choice is a patient community-led campaign helping people living with cancer understand that treatment delivery choices may exist and that **informed conversations with their healthcare teams can make a difference in their everyday lives.**

Know what to ask. Understand your options. Make your voice part of the conversation.

PATIENT RESOURCE • TREATMENT OPTIONS

Explore Your Potential Treatment Options with My CRC Consultant



My Colorectal Cancer Consultant is a free online tool designed for people living with **metastatic colorectal cancer.**

Using information from their pathology report, patients are guided through a series of questions about their diagnosis. Once completed, the tool provides a **personalized report outlining potential treatment options** that may be appropriate for them.

The goal is to help patients access evidence-based information and have a thoughtful, informed conversation with their treating colorectal oncologist.

Get your personalized report

Understand and Manage Colorectal Cancer Treatment Side Effects

[My Colorectal Cancer Treatment Side Effects](#) is a free online tool for patients who are receiving, or preparing to receive, drug therapy for colorectal cancer.

Patients can search an alphabetized list of side effects to learn about their **possible causes, symptoms and management options**. This trusted resource can help patients recognize side effects early, support their quality of life during treatment and prepare for informed conversations with their treating oncologist.



Understand Your Side Effects

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Book the Jumbo Colon for Your Next Event



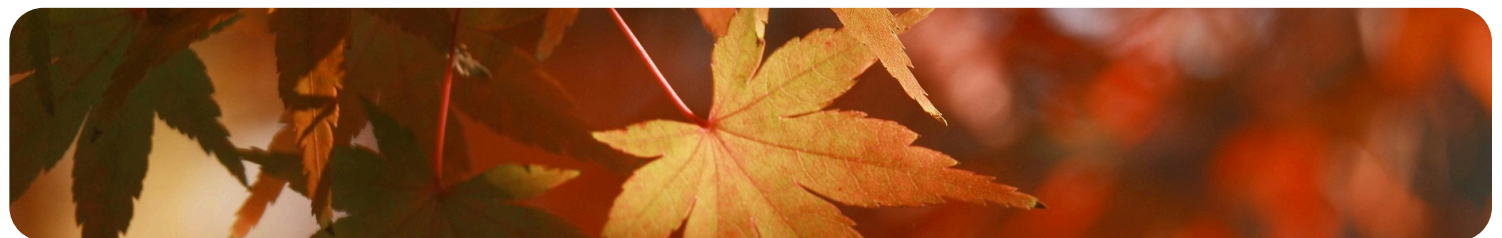
CCRAN's [Jumbo Colon](#) is an immersive, inflatable walk-through exhibit that's hard to miss!

Guided by audiovisual screens, visitors can see and feel the colon's various pathologies as they stroll through — including giant polyps, ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease, diverticulitis, hemorrhoids, and the different stages of colon cancer. It's an engaging way to draw the public in and spark real conversations about colorectal cancer screening and prevention.

Available to book for your next community event, health fair, or conference.

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[Learn more](#)



MARK YOUR CALENDAR • NOVEMBER 19

Early Age Onset Cancer Awareness Day in Toronto

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EAOA Awareness Day

City of Toronto • A Canadian first

Toronto is the **first city in Canada to officially recognize November 19 as Early Age Onset Cancer Awareness Day** — a motion CCRAN was proud to help craft and bring forward.

The declaration recognizes the growing number of younger people affected by cancer and the urgent need for **greater awareness, earlier detection and age-appropriate care**. Our goal is to see November 19 recognized across Canada.

[Learn more](#)



EARLY AGE ONSET CANCER AWARENESS DAY

NOVEMBER 19, 2026



On November 19, 2026, the **CN Tower will light up lavender** in recognition of Early Age Onset Cancer (EAOA) Awareness Day, helping shine a light on the **growing impact of cancer among younger adults and the importance of awareness, education, and access to appropriate care**.

[Watch the CN Tower live](#)

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 with us for trusted education, resources, and updates from the colorectal cancer community.

[Make a Donation to CCRAN](#)