

## ***A Step-by-Step Guide on How Patients Can Provide Input on Drug Technology Assessments***

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We are pleased to inform you that the pan-Canadian Oncology Drug Review ([pCODR](#)) in collaboration with the Canadian Cancer Action Network ([CCAN](#)) is engaging the Knowledge Translation (KT) Program at the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute at St. Michael's Hospital to create a "**Step-by-Step Guide on How Patients Can Provide Input on Drug Technology Assessments**". The Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute was selected to facilitate this work after a rigorous and transparent evaluation of requested proposals was posted last fall.

Patient input on drug reviews is important to the pCODR drug review process as it ensures patients' experiences of living with cancer and undergoing treatment are routinely considered as part of the pCODR drug review process. We feel the best way to support patient groups in providing input is to work with them directly. Later this week, patient advocacy groups who have provided input to a pCODR drug review will be invited to complete an anonymous on-line survey. Responses to the survey will provide valuable insight and will be used to help other groups in providing input into the pCODR review process by sharing guidance and tips.

We are confident in the capabilities of the team at the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute and look forward to having a highly usable and reader friendly "**Step-by-Step Guide on How Patients Can Provide Input on Drug Technology Assessments**" available for the Canadian patient community in the early fall.

Sincerely,



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