

March 14, 2011

Dear Sir / Madam,

On behalf of the Steering Committee of the pan-Canadian Oncology Drug Review (pCODR), I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Anthony Fields MD, FRCPC, FACP to the position of Chair, pCODR Expert Review Committee. The role of the pCODR Expert Review Committee (pERC) is to assess the clinical evidence and cost effectiveness of cancer drugs, and to use this information to make recommendations to the provinces and territories to guide their drug funding decisions.

Dr. Fields is currently Vice President, Alberta Health Services - Cancer Care and Professor, Department of Oncology, University of Alberta. He received his medical degree from the University of Alberta and then trained in internal medicine and medical oncology at Toronto's St. Michael's Hospital and the Princess Margaret Hospital respectively. In his clinical practice at the Cross Cancer Institute in Edmonton, he has specialized in the treatment of patients with gastrointestinal cancers. He has held various administrative positions in Alberta's cancer system, including Director of the Cross Cancer Institute and Vice President, Medical Affairs & Community Oncology of the Alberta Cancer Board. Within the University of Alberta, he was previously Director of the interdepartmental Division of Oncology, and at the inception of the Department of Oncology he served as its Acting Chair. Within Alberta Health Services, as Vice President, Cancer Care he is currently responsible for Alberta's tertiary and associate cancer centres, community oncology programs and cancer research programs.

Dr. Fields's experience with cancer drug appraisal processes includes service as Chair of Alberta's cancer drug expert committee, the Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee of Alberta Health Services - Cancer Care (formerly of the Alberta Cancer Board). He was Chair of the Advisory Committee and a member of the Steering Committee of the interim Joint Oncology Drug Review (iJODR), and a member of the Steering Committee of the pan-Canadian Oncology Drug Review program.

Dr. Fields has been recognized for his work by several awards, including an honorary doctorate of Athabasca University, the Distinguished Alumni Award of the University of Alberta, and the R.M. Taylor Medal and Award of the Canadian Cancer Society and the National Cancer Institute of Canada. In Alberta's centennial year 2005 he was named one of Alberta's 100 Physicians of the Century. Most recently, he was selected by Alberta's Capital Region Medical Staff Association as their 2010 Physician of the Year.

We are very pleased to have someone of this high calibre join the pCODR team and look forward to working with Dr. Fields as the inaugural Chair, pCODR Expert Review Committee.

Regards,



Mona Sabharwal  
Executive Director

Cc: Mr. Olaf Koester, Co-Chair, pCODR Steering Committee  
Dr. Charles Blanke, Co-Chair, pCODR Steering Committee