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The CUA exists to promote the highest standard of urologic care for Canadians and to advance the art and science of urology.



As the “Voice of Urology” in Canada, the CUA is striving to serve its members and their patients. Recently, genitourinary (GU) cancer survivors in Canada have received increased attention through two initiatives. With the assistance of leaders of the Canadian Cancer Survivorship Research Consortium, we (Joe Chin as Chair, Alan So, Wassim Kassouf) conducted a meeting entitled “Fostering the Partnership 2: Genitourinary Cancer Survivorship Conference 2013.” This is a follow-up to the inaugural meeting on “GU cancer survivorship” 2 years ago, an idea conceived by CUA Past President Michael Jewett and colleagues. At this first meeting 2 years ago, several priorities were identified by clinicians, researchers, survivors as well as their caregivers. In our 2013 Conference, we addressed most of these priorities (Table 1). .

Survivors from the four main GU organ sites delivered truly inspirational speeches relating to their respective cancer journeys, the challenges and opportunities for research and improvement in the care of GU cancer survivors.

Another related initiative the CUA has been involved with is a program called “A Survivorship Action Plan” (ASAP) sponsored by Prostate Cancer Canada and Movember. The program invites applications from various healthcare organizations to “suggest solutions” for challenges facing survivors, such as physical and psychosocial concerns, transition to primary care, navigation through care maps and coping with a “chronic disease.” The CUA was successful with its proposal as a non-governmental organization in the domain of “navigation and supportive care provision.” The submission, led by Joe Chin, Rob Siemens, Keith Jarvi and Tiffany Pizioli, proposes to assist the ASAP program via existing CUA communication infrastructure and technologies, including patient information brochures, our portfolio of educational programs developed and/or accredited by the CUA Office of Education and our new “direct to consumers” initiatives.

With its participation in and contribution to the “prostate cancer survivorship” arena, the CUA is continuing to fulfill its mandate as the “Voice of Urology in Canada.”

On a different note, the planning for the upcoming Annual Meeting (June 22-26, 2013) is going very well, with truly outstanding scientific and social programs. See you there!

Table 1. Priorities from the Fostering the Partnership 2: Genitourinary Cancer Survivorship Conference 2013

1. Highlight current best practices in some aspects of survivorship care
2. Identify gaps and deficiencies in current care programs
3. Discuss survivorship care plans/care maps
4. Discuss transitioning to primary care and role of the primary care physician
5. Discuss various aspects of survivorship care research, including how to set priorities, involvement of survivors in research trials and making use of existing large databases