Making our voices heard

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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.



The executive of the CUA continues to work on the objectives outlined in our recently developed 5-year strategic plan. All of our first-year goals will be reported on and updated at our upcoming board meeting in January 2015. Our goal to enhance the Socioeconomic/Health Policy Committee is in process under the leadership of Dr. Sidney Radomski. I encourage all of our members to familiarize themselves with our strategic plan and become involved with its implementation. Our Corporate Office would be pleased to hear from you.

The Canadian Task Force on Preventative Health Care (CTFPHC) has recently released a clinical practice guideline on the prostate-specific antigen test.¹ This document has generated significant attention from our patient population. A working group/panel of uro-oncologists, supported by the CUA, has developed a critique and retort to the CTFPHC guideline that is intended to assist our members in its interpretation and applicability to prostate cancer screening. This statement is available on the CUA website and was sent by email to our membership the same day as the release of the CTFPHC guideline.² I thank the members of the panel: Tony Finelli, Rodney Breau, Laurence Klotz, Joseph Chin and Martin Gleave for their commitment and effort on behalf of our members.

Our Association aims to be relevant to our members and intends to remain "The Voice of Urology in Canada."

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