

# HOW RWE CAN INFORM REIMBURSEMENT QUESTIONS? PERSPECTIVE OF AN HTA BODY

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## MISSION

Promote clinical excellence and the efficient use of resources in the health and social services sector



## VISION

Be the reference to inform decisions and practices



## VALUES

Excellence  
Independence  
Openness  
Scientific rigour  
Transparency  
Integrity  
Equity

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# MANDATES

INESSS assesses, in particular, the clinical advantages and the costs of:

- technologies
- medication
- interventions used in health care and personal social services

It issues recommendations concerning their adoption, use and coverage by the public plan

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The Institute : more than 220 people animated by the pursuit of clinical excellence

## Science professionals :

- health
- social services
- biostatistics
- knowledge transfer
- pharmacotherapy
- methodology
- pharmacoeconomics
- economic analysis
- pharmacy

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- communications
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Scientific coordinators

And support staff

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# INFORM DECISIONS AND PRACTICES: HOW?

By mobilizing collaborators

- scientific
- economic
- contextual
- experiential

Knowledge

- societal
- ethical
- political

Considerations

A multidimensional  
recommendation...



... to a complex decision-making  
need

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# LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT OF MEDICATION EVALUATION

## Act of INESSS

Specifically, the mission of the Institute consists of :

- Making recommendations to the Minister of Health and Social Services with a view to updating the **list of medications** referred to in section 60 of the Act respecting prescription drug insurance (R.S.Q., chapter A-29.01) and the **lists of medications** referred to in section 116 of LSSSS (chapter S-4.2)
- In exercising the functions described in paragraph 8 of section 5, the Institute must first assess the **therapeutic value** of a medication

# EVALUATION PROCESS

Based on evidence

- what scientific literature says

Adjustments to Québec's context

- treatments and impacts on pharmacoeconomy
- healthcare services organisation
- resources availability
- clinician experience... care trajectory

Adjustment measures according to patient's needs and preferences

- ability to pay
- with respect to the drug plan object

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## PATIENTS PERSPECTIVE: ASSOCIATED TO THERAPEUTIC VALUE

Experience of patients and caregivers:

- Need to feed deliberations from different sources
- Improvement of our practices



In addition to clinical, economic and ethical lighting, experiential lighting is added

# MULTIPLE-CRITERIA DECISION ANALYSIS

## MCDA

Aspects of the law appraised in accordance to specific criteria supporting the deliberative process of our scientific steering committee

1. Importance of health needs
2. Medication's ability to generate a clinical benefit in regard of those needs

Those two criteria are used in determining the crucial aspect of the law called **therapeutic value qualified**

- similar
- added

If INESSS considers that therapeutic value is not demonstrated to its own satisfaction, it will convey a notification to the minister of health and social services in this regard.

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# MULTIPLE-CRITERIA DECISION ANALYSIS

## MCDA

### 3. Medication efficiency

- price appropriateness and cost-effectiveness

### 4. Importance of benefits for the population

### 5. System capacity to offer the medication

### 6. Organizational capacity to offer the medication

- Listing consequences on population health and on different components of the health and social services system

# MULTIPLE-CRITERIA DECISION ANALYSIS

## MCDA

- Deliberative process on all aspects of the law including
  - opportunities in listing medication on the lists with regard to the general drug plan: to ensure reasonable and equitable access to drugs as required by the medical condition of people
  - relation between therapeutic value and economic value and budget impact analysis
  - qualitative and quantitative judgement

# NEW EVALUATION PROCESS

- Updated drug evaluation framework published in July 2018
  - key steps and basic principles explaining the process
  - integration of the 5 aspects of the law into 6 deliberative criteria
  - stowage of guide and submission forms
  - simplification of the scheme of recommendations ... same argument
- Multi-source drugs
  - Status quo ... 9 updates with submission deadlines
- Biosimilars
  - modification of the evaluation process

# RWE IN OUR PROCESS

- More than economic concern
  - exposure to « bad drugs »
  - more harm than asset in accordance with patient preferences

- Not always a regulator's concern



efficacy

innocuity



uncertainty on long term outcomes... OS

Must we deny the patients of treatments potentially safe and effective during the time the evidence is coming?

## RWE AND PURPOSE

- Are we ready to live and accept the results issued by RWE?
  - what if the results are not what expected?
    - re-negotiate?
    - desinvest?
- Are we conscious than while we collect RWD, the environment changes
  - more experienced clinicians
  - new therapies, new sequencing
  - will we find what we are looking for ?

# RWE AND PURPOSE

- Does HTA have the ability to do that?
  - access to data
- Does the government want and have the ability to receive that?
  - in HTA recommendations
  - in signed agreement
  - in managing this information



## WHY RWE

- A way to ↓ uncertainties
  - confirm long term outcomes
  - reassessment
    - review recommandation/sequencing
  - re-negotiate prices according to efficiency
- A way to identify best responders
  - when results are fantastic in small number

## FROM THE PAST INTO THE FUTURE

- « The unmet need is big but the actual data do not give us confidence that the medication can fulfill that need »
  - In the past : therapeutic value not assessed
  - In the future :
    - refusal of listing?
    - positive recommandation with condition?
      - clinical monitoring

# Évaluation des médicaments : étapes clés

Évaluation des médicaments aux fins d'inscription

Décision du ministre de la santé et des services sociaux sur l'inscription des médicaments

Mise à jour par la Régie d'assurance maladie du Québec (RAMQ) de la liste des médicaments assurés

Évaluation des médicaments en condition réelle d'utilisation

Élaboration de recommandations, guide d'usage optimal, et d'outils destinés au professionnel de la santé

## Principales données et informations utilisées:

Études cliniques soumises par les fabricants

Opinions d'experts  
(comité scientifique permanent aux fins d'inscription)

Avis au ministre soumis par l'INESSS

Décision du ministre

Banque de données administratives

Données scientifiques

Données contextuelles  
(banque de données administratives)

Données expérientielles

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# How RWE can Inform Reimbursement Questions: A Case Study Approach

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CANCER DU REIN DU CANADA



# Canadian Kidney Cancer information system (CKCis)

## Brief History and Present Status



# Initial vision

## *1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Kidney Cancer Forum 2008*



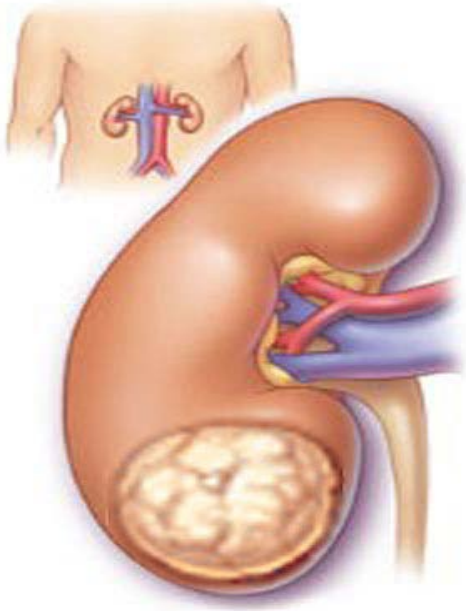


# June 2012

## CIHR Network Catalyst Grant Announced for Kidney Cancer Research Network of Canada







# Kidney Cancer Research Network of Canada (KCRNC)

## Working with

# Kidney Cancer Canada

[www.kidneycancercanada.org](http://www.kidneycancercanada.org)

## Why a National Information System Database?

### ► Benefit of a national database

- Ability to evaluate our outcomes
- Ability to understand our needs
- Ability to identify our strength and weakness
- Ability to identify differences across the country
- Ability to study **real-time data**
- Should be linked to a biobank in interested institutions
  - Provides a unique opportunity to develop Canadian research programs
  - Allows to improves our knowledge of the disease

# Renal Cancer Database meeting Toronto, January 2008

- ▶ Invitation to participate to broad group of participants
  - CPAC (Canadian Partnership Against Cancer)
  - CIHI (Canadian Institute for Health information)
  - Canada Health Infoway
  - Privacy officer
  - Thyroid Cancer Registry of Canada
  
- ▶ Initiative supported by Pfizer

## Environmental Assessment

- **Environmental scan of current technologies at the participating institutions**
- **Every institution has a different IT infrastructure**
- **Many institutions have other priorities (i.e. many cancer IT projects pending)**
- **Institutions would like to have a solution that is embedded into their EPR**
  - **Not a third party system**
  - **Prefer internal long-term support/maintenance**
  - **Inherent EPR integration (no additional interfacing)**
  - **Congruent with long-term goals**

**NEED AN ADAPTABLE SOLUTION**

# Some Existing Models

Name	scope	participation
CIHI Discharge Abstract Database (DAD)	National	~850 sites
Canadian Joint Replacement Registry (CJRR)	National	~450 surgeons
Retinoblastoma World Survey	International	14 countries
CCO Interactive Symptom Assessment and Collection (ISAAC)	Provincial	5 sites

## Implementation Plan

- ▶ **Establish a Steering & Operations committees**
- ▶ **Define research questions**
- ▶ **Define data set**
- ▶ **Develop work flow for data entry/import and access**
- ▶ **Determine hosting and support for central system**
- ▶ **Define Governance Model**
- ▶ **Define and develop outcomes and data quality reports**
- ▶ **Address Privacy requirements**
- ▶ **Develop database and user interface**



# Potential sites

Sites	Urologist	Medical Oncologist
McGill University health Center	S. Tanguay	J. Sturgeon
University Health Network	A. Finelli	J. Knox
Halifax	R. Rendon	L. Wood
Montreal University	P. Karakiewick	N. Blais
Laval University	L. Lacombe	E. Levesque
London	S. Pautler	M. MacKenzie
Hamilton	A. Kapoor	S. Hotte
Vancouver	P. Black	C. Kollmansberger
Calgary	B. Donnelly	D. Heng
Winnipeg	D. Drachenberg	R. Wong
Ottawa	C. Morash	N. Reaume
Edmonton	R. Moore	S. North
Sunnybrook	L. Klotz	C. Blarnason

## Core data set

- ▶ **Patient Demographics**
- ▶ **Initial Consultation information**
- ▶ **Initial Diagnosis**
- ▶ **Lab Values form**
- ▶ **Operative Report**
- ▶ **Pathology report**
- ▶ **Radiology/Imaging**
- ▶ **Radiation Therapy**
- ▶ **Systemic treatment**
- ▶ **Adverse Event form**
- ▶ **Follow-up**



## Potential Research Questions

- Analyze the PFS, DSS and OS for all stages of kidney cancer in Canada
- Evaluate treatment outcome of first line metastatic RCC (mRCC) in an effort to provide effectiveness data to drug funding organizations.
- Evaluate practice pattern across Canada for the management of stage T1a and T1b RCC
- Evaluate impact of partial nephrectomy, ablative techniques and radical nephrectomy on renal function
- Evaluate treatment options and outcome for second and third line therapy of mRCC
- Evaluate treatment outcome by pathologic subtypes of mRCC
- Validate previously identified prognostic factors for PFS and OS in an independent, prospective database
- Evaluate toxicity of systemic therapy and potentially correlate them with renal function, body surface area, genetic single nucleotide polymorphisms (when biobank available)
- Evaluate the role of pre-surgical targeted therapy
- Evaluate the impact of surgery in metastatic RCC
- Evaluate the use of biopsy in management of localized and metastatic RCC
- Evaluate and compare the complications associated with the different surgical techniques of partial nephrectomy
- Locally advanced disease: Evaluate the impact of lymph node dissection and adrenalectomy
- Evaluate the impact of warm and cold ischemia duration on renal function
- Evaluate the outcome of unclassified and collecting duct Ca

## Data collection methods

- ▶ Secure access to institution data
- ▶ Add or modify data with ability to mark data as completed for reporting purposes
- ▶ Multiple permission models
- ▶ Direct web data entry
- ▶ Import data from local system
  - Pre-determined format that will be accepted
  - Tool will allow users to upload a data files, to eliminate any duplicate data entry efforts

# Databases options

**CancerCARE**  
Kidney Cancer Information System

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### Patient timeline

**Brown, Charlie**  
MRN: 9999999

▼ Add new event ▼ Search events ▼ Patient details

- New initial consultation
- New follow-up visit
- New nephrectomy
- New surgical pathology
- New imaging
- New radiation
- New interventional radiology
- New biopsy

20-SEP-2007 11-OCT-2007 25-OCT-2007 13-NOV-2007 17-DEC-2007 09-JAN-2008

BIOPSY FOLLOWUP NEPHRECTOMY TODAY SURGICAL PATHOLOGY

Update timeline

Current Patient: Joe Testpatient TEST0000 DOB: 06/13/1952 Find a Patient: [Search]

Help Log Out Disease View: All

PATIENT LISTS PATIENT DATA FORMS EFORMS DATA ANALYSIS PROTOCOL MANAGEMENT

Common Tasks Patients Encounters Procedures Therapies Diagnostics Outcomes

### Pathology for Joe Testpatient

SubForms

From Operation On [Dropdown] Histology [Dropdown]

Source Procedure 02/02/2006 : TURBT Secondary Histology [Dropdown]

Path Report Date [Dropdown] Institution [Dropdown]

Path # [Dropdown] Laboratory [Dropdown]

Specimen Type [Dropdown] Specimen Collection Type [Dropdown]

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06-12-1999	Prot XX-YYZ	Start Date Entered	
02-02-2000	RP		
03-03-2001	MRI	Prostate Equivocal	STD
12-12-2002	OR Details		
06-2003	OR Details		
02-02-2005	Bone Density	Bilateral Abdomen/ Pelvis Normal	
02-02-2006	TURBT		
09-04-2006	ACP	22	
09-11-2006	Cytology	CSF Suspicious	
11-14-2006	Relapse		
01-08-2007	Barium Enema		
01-22-2007	Cystoscopy	Left	OUT
1-30-2007	PSA	5.0	REV
02-02-2007	PSA	4.0	REV
	PSA	2.5	REV
07-02-2007	External Beam, 3D Conformal	70	
	Bilateral		
07-10-2007	Abdominal Wall Hernia		
	Appendectomy		
07-23-2007	5_ALPHA		

## Database/User Interface development

- Framework for database development
  - Handle multiple permission models
  - Set up to segregate multiple institution's data
  - User friendly interface
  - Comprehensive audit trails
  - Secure connections (SSL)
  - Implementation includes health care standards SNOMED and HL7

## Data Governance Model

### ■ Proposed Model

- Each institution will have access to their own data
  - Each institution will have the possibility to the aggregate data from all the institutions; depending on the type of report required, different levels of approval will be required. Approval model will need to be defined
- ### ■ Designated resource will pull the reports on a cost recovery basis. (CIHI model) Depending on financial support

## Privacy/REB

- Privacy Impact Assessment required
- Data sharing agreements
- Determine the role of REB and consent requirements



## Outcomes and Data Quality Reporting

### ► Annual Report

- Include general outcomes
- Participation trends (by date/province/service)
- Future directions

### ► Data Quality

- Summary of data element changes
- Method of data submission
- Description of data validation, including checks for duplicate records, missing and/or invalid data and inconsistencies in data imports
- Data validation with CIHI Discharge Abstract Database

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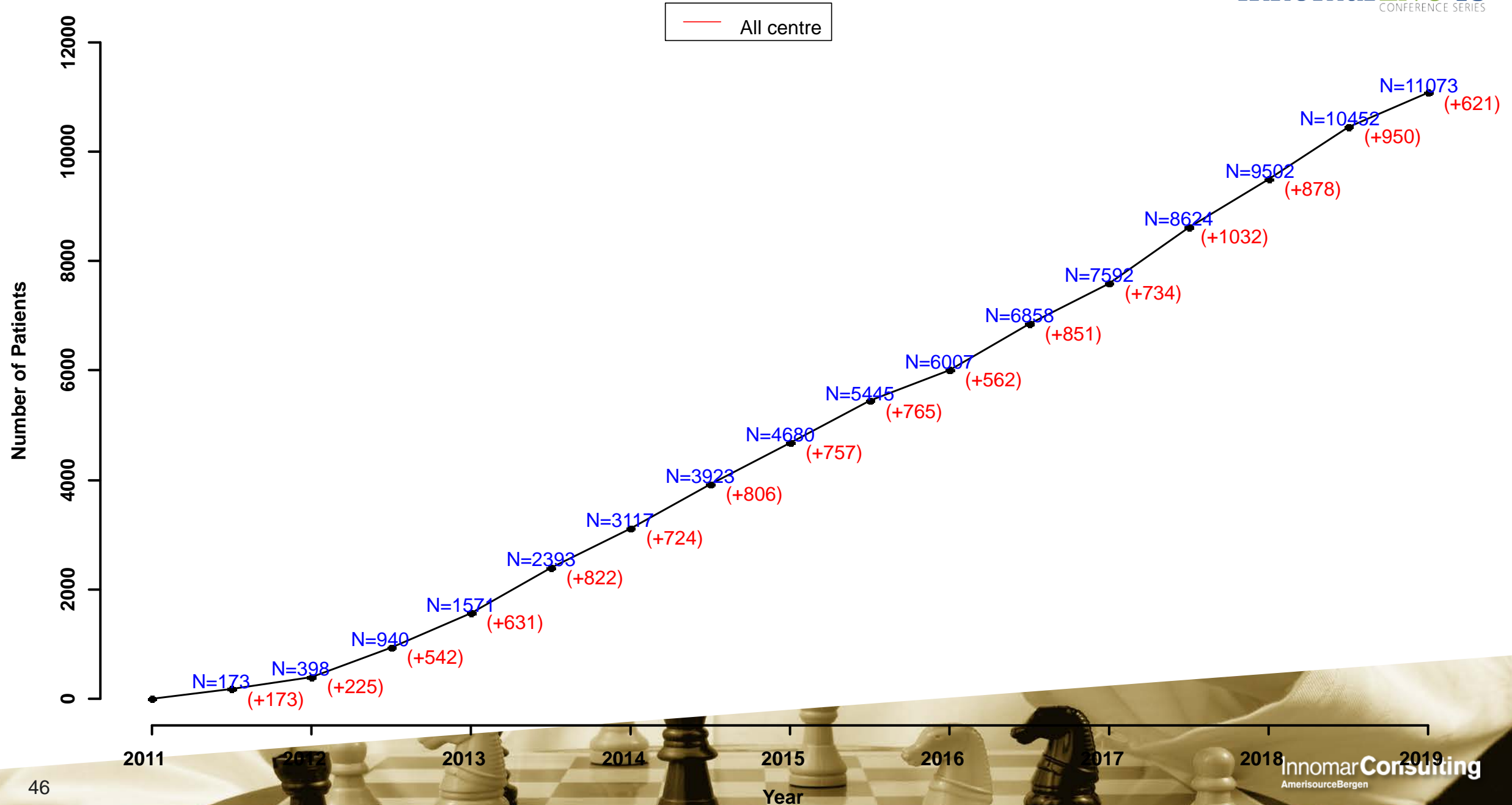


# Canadian Kidney Cancer information system (CKCis)

Numbers and Publications to Date  
October 16, 2018



# Accrual to CKCis



# **How RWE Can help implementing innovation**

Case Study: Opdivo in combination with Yervoy Access  
Program in Renal Cell Carcinoma

## Context on Opdivo (nivolumab) in combination with Yervoy (ipilimumab) in Renal Cell Carcinoma (RCC)

- **Opdivo in combination with Yervoy was approved by Health Canada on July 06, 2018 for the following indication:**
  - Intermediate/poor-risk advanced or metastatic RCC when used in combination with ipilimumab
- **pCODR issued an initial recommendation on Aug 30, 2018 :**
  - for the treatment of previously untreated intermediate or poor-risk advanced RCC with clear cell component
- **pCODR initial recommendation identified some implementation challenges including:**
  - There is uncertainty on the **optimal sequencing of available agents** following first line treatment with the regimen (Opdivo plus Yervoy)

- **Access Program (OLYveR) Objectives**  
Supporting access to OLYVEO (nivolumab 3mg/kg) in combination with low-dose YERVOY (ipilimumab 1 mg/kg) for the treatment for previously untreated patients with intermediate or poor risk RCC as defined by the IMDC prognostic risk criteria
- Enable the collection of real-world evidence on patient outcomes supported through local registries (CKCis registry) to **help inform optimal usage of this Innovation as well as subsequent treatment algorithm**

## Data Collection Priorities

To collect efficacy and safety data for:

- Subsequent treatment following Opdivo in combination with Yervoy in first-line RCC
- Opdivo in combination with Yervoy in special populations (non-clear cell histology, stable autoimmune disease, CNS metastases)
- Real World setting compared to clinical trial results



# The Canadian Kidney Cancer information system (CKCis): Past and Future RWE Applications

**October 23, 2018**

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For Canadians touched by Kidney Cancer



# Disclosure

- I have no actual or potential conflict of interest in relation to this topic or presentation

## Canadian Kidney Cancer information system (CKCis)

- A web-based nat'l registry containing retrospective and prospective de-identified patient data collected from consented patients
- CKCis has been in operation for 8 years - 15 Cdn centres accrue patients: 11000+ pts enrolled
- Flexible database platform

pCODR Provincial Advisory Group: Request for Advice

PAG submitted in April 2017 a RFA for the Final Recommendation of axitinib which was originally posted on March 2013

***Is there evidence to fund axitinib as an alternative to everolimus for the second-line treatment of metastatic clear cell renal carcinoma?***

Kidney Cancer Canada was invited to provide input on the RFA. We requested that CKCis investigators make as a research priority the RFA question.

## Background

- **2013 pERC recommendation re: axitinib:** funding for patients unable to tolerate or who have a contraindication to everolimus.

Vs

- **Management of advanced kidney cancer: Canadian Kidney Cancer Forum 2013 Consensus Update:** *At this time, there is no evidence to help determine which second-line therapy after VEGFr TKI is superior, thus everolimus or axitinib would be suitable choices..*

## CKCis Analysis/Results

- CKCis identified a study cohort of patients who were pretreated with either sunitinib or pazopanib.
- Axitinib was given second line in 108 patients while everolimus was used in 229 patients.
- Time to treatment failure (TTF) was found to be longer in the axitinib group while Overall Survival (OS) was similar in both groups.

**Conclusion of CKCis Investigators:** “Axitinib should be considered an option for all patients in Canada post 1stL VEGF-Targeted Therapy without the limitations of the existing pCODR recommendation”.

**pCODR Clinical Guidance Panel Conclusions:**

“The Clinical Guidance Panel is of the opinion that there is appropriate real world evidence and expert judgment to justify axitinib as an equal alternative to everolimus in the second line setting.”



## What if we had done this prospectively?

What If pERC had “conditionally” approved axitinib (without the imposed access restrictions)? CKCis could have been deployed to prospectively resolve the uncertainties.

- Shortly before the pERC recommendation in 2013 re: axitinib, CKCis had been launched and pt data was being collected
- In 2013 KCC did formally propose the prospective use of CKCis data to resolve uncertainties, including sequencing questions and non-evidence based restrictions on access
- Our pitch was to CCO, proposing to use CKCis to inform the Evidence Building Program.

## Piloting “Conditional” Reimbursement with Evidence Development

- We are urging pCODR to allow for the prospective collection of real world data: survival, side effects and toxicities, cost-effectiveness and utilization -- to resolve uncertainty encountered during the review of current and forthcoming treatments for mRCC.
- KCC and the KCRNC are prepared to work with the pCPA and pCODR to support evidence-building on an ongoing basis

## Why Kidney Cancer?

1. Existing high quality patient registry with proven capability to inform reimbursement decision-making
2. The treatment paradigm for kidney cancer is undergoing significant and rapid change. There will be uncertainty...but also tremendous opportunity to improved treatment/outcomes.
3. It is a relatively small cancer (#10 in incidence). Of the 6,600 Cdns being diagnosed with RCC this year, approximately 25% will be diagnosed as stage IV. The financial risk to payers to pilot a “conditional listings” process with evidence development is small.

# We Are Not Alone

Patient groups and clinician networks are building patient registries:

- eCancerCare, the platform developed by Techna (an institute of UHN, with UoT) is a suite of secure web-based software tools streamlining the collection of high-quality, structured point-of-care data for disease management and research.
- It has been deployed in ALL GYNE CANCER, ALL GU CANCERS, LYMPHOMA, MULTIPLE MYELOMA, LEUKEMIA (IN PROGRESS), OCULAR, LUNG, GI AND BREAST
- Bladder Cancer Canada has partnered with clinicians to build the **Canadian Bladder Cancer Information System (CBCIS)**
- The Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada is fundraising and building the **Canadian Brain Tumour Registry**