

ONCOLOGY INTEREST GROUP

The Oncology interest group met on May 9, 2009 at the CHICA national meeting in St John's Newfoundland. Terms of Reference were reviewed for function/purpose of the interest group and standardization to fit CHICA-Canada's template. Terms of Reference were reviewed for function/purpose of chair/co-chair

It was announced that the chair and co-chair will be resigning as of this meeting and new chair and co-chair will be required. Kay sent out a call to the group to encourage one of the members to take over these roles.

This group finds challenges as many members rarely attend the national meeting, and consistency in discussion is challenging. Communication occurs through the e-mail venue with good response when questions are raised.

Discussion occurred around the current pandemic with the H1N1 virus. The revised version of the Cancer Care pandemic plan was distributed to the membership. Most facilities are performing a combination of passive and active surveillance for febrile respiratory illness (FRI) screening. One of the facilities has developed an electronic admission screening tool for FRI. Inconsistency of messages from all levels of government has led to confusion about the pandemic. Shortages of supplies have been identified as a concern in most centers.

It was agreed that outpatient oncology clinics have the opportunity to review and update their pandemic plan and ensure it provides appropriate strategies and guidance to triage outpatients based on category of treatment.

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PEDIATRICS INTEREST GROUP

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