

Canadian Partnership Against Cancer: Partnership Action Groups

Cancer control knowledge and expertise are widely dispersed throughout Canada's health care system. To draw on this information and expertise and make it readily accessible to all stakeholders, collaborative networks of experts were established for each of the priority areas of the Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control. Each Action Group is headed by a Chair who is a recognized subject matter expert. Action Group members are drawn from across Canada and include health practitioners and administrators, epidemiologists, analysts and cancer survivors. The Action Groups feed information to the Advisory Council and make recommendations regarding priority setting, and manage and implement cancer control activities in their areas of expertise. The make up of the Action Groups is flexible and will change as new priorities in cancer control emerge. For further information, visit www.partnershipagainstcancer.ca.

There are nine Partnership Action Groups:

1. Primary Prevention – of greatest relevance to the Environmental & Occupational Carcinogen Stakeholder Group
2. Screening
3. Standards
4. Cancer Control Guidelines
5. Rebalance Focus
6. Human Resources
7. Research
8. Surveillance
9. Quality Performance Assurance

The Primary Prevention Partnership Action Group has the most relevance for the Environmental & Occupational Carcinogen Stakeholder Group.

Mandate:

1. To promote the creation of a national, provincial/territorial, and local community primary prevention system to address population-based risk factors for cancer and other chronic diseases, by collaboration with chronic disease constituencies.
2. To reduce the incidence of preventable cancers in Canada, and ultimately reduce morbidity and mortality from this disease.
3. To play a leadership role in promoting major change in the cancer control and health care paradigms, whereby primary prevention/health promotion obtains the appropriate increased priority and resource allocation, and this increase is sustained in the future.

Priorities:

1. Ensure that all cancer control organizations advance a primary prevention agenda.
2. Work with other chronic disease organizations on health promotion and addressing common risk factors such as unhealthy eating, physical inactivity and overweight / obesity.

3. Facilitate progress in communities of practice that require infrastructure and capacity building

i. National Skin Cancer Prevention Committee: Develop and promote national strategic directions to decrease the burden of skin cancer in Canada, by reducing exposure to the sun and other sources of ultraviolet radiation.

ii. **National Committee on Environmental and Occupational Exposures: Develop and promote national strategic directions to reduce and/or prevent exposure to environmental and occupational carcinogens.**

iii. National Infectious Agents Committee: Develop and promote national strategic directions to reduce and/or prevent exposure to cancer causing infectious agents.

4. Work with primary care providers to enhance the role of prevention in the primary care setting.

5. Assume a public and media communication/education role for primary prevention.

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Reference:

<http://www.partnershipagainstcancer.ca/inside.php?lang=EN&ID=16>