

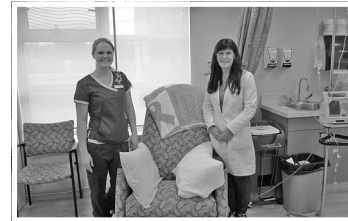
CANCER TREATMENT SERVICES IN THE INTERLAKE-EASTERN REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

If you or a family member are living with a cancer diagnosis and undertaking or exploring treatment, you have a number of supports in the region where care and concern are complemented with information and empowerment.

COMMUNITY CANCER PROGRAMS

CancerCare Manitoba works in partnership with Regional Health Authorities to support rural communities in establishing Community Cancer Programs. The Interlake-Eastern RHA has three Community Cancer Programs located in hospitals in Gimli, Pinawa and Selkirk.

Community Cancer Programs are day clinics staffed by a team of family physicians, nurses, pharmacists, social workers and other health professionals who have received specialized education in oncology. Staff at Community Cancer Programs work with CancerCare Manitoba oncologists and their teams to provide comprehensive cancer care closer to home. This includes chemotherapy and follow-up care and support, allowing patients to stay connected to their families and communities. Oncologists maintain ongoing contact with the Community Cancer Program team and retain overall responsibility for the patient's care.



*Community Cancer Programs Gimli
Left to right: Tanis Poworski,
oncology nurse; Julie Kumps,
oncology nurse.
Missing: Dr. Chapnick and
Dr. S.V Patel*



*Community Cancer Programs Pinawa
Left to right: Dr. Bruneau;
Connie Randell,
oncology nurse; Susan Barnett,
oncology social worker; Wanda Woodbeck,
community cancer programs clerk;
Michelle Rosentreter,
oncology nurse; Missing: Dr. Hanna.*



*Community Cancer Programs Selkirk,
Left to right: Michelle Eramchuk,
oncology nurse; Colleen Bytheway,
clinical team manager.
Missing: Dr. Demsas,
Dr. Lindenschmidt, Dr. Speer*

CANCER NAVIGATION SERVICES

The Interlake-Eastern Cancer Navigation Services team helps cancer patients and their families navigate through the health care system providing support when required. This team launched in September 2013 and are currently helping 275 patients, with an average of two new referrals each day.

The Cancer Navigation Services team includes two nurse navigators who work with health care providers, surgeons, cancer specialists and other health care team members to ensure you have the information you need regarding treatment and informed decision making. These nurses confirm appointments, answer questions, share information about resources and services and connect you with education and practical and emotional support.

The team's psychosocial oncology clinician is a social worker who assists with the emotional, psychological, social and practical issues that a cancer diagnosis can bring. With this help, you can learn about and access support programs that may be of help. You and your family can also take advantage of counseling services.

Nurse navigators and cancer counseling services are free and available to everyone. If you or a family member are concerned you might have cancer or if you or a family member have been diagnosed with cancer please contact Cancer Navigation Services for support at 1-855-557-2273.

The Cancer Navigation Services team also includes a community engagement liaison who links people requesting service to the team. This liaison provides access to culturally appropriate information and helps communities find information about cancer services. The liaison office is located at the Eriksdale Community Cancer Resource Program. If you have an upcoming community event and would like the liaison to attend and share information, please call 1-204-739-4457.



*Cancer Navigation Services, left to right; Donna
Anderson, community engagement liaison; Marcia
Garvie, nurse navigator; Rebecca Pritchard, nurse
navigator; Theresa Dankochik, administrative
assistant; Michele Smith, cancer social worker.*