

# Screening for Distress: Implementation and Outcomes in Three Provinces

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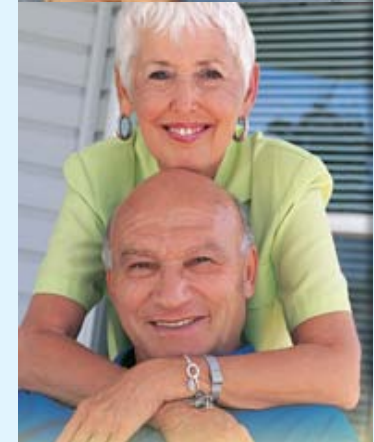
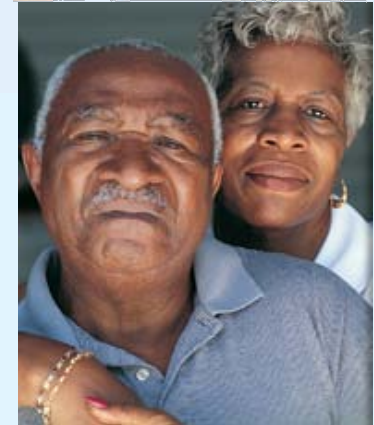
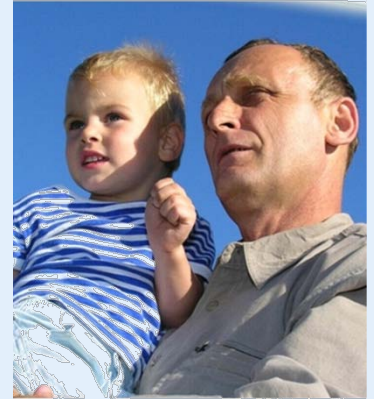
# Purpose

- ▶ Share with participants the current state of Screening for Distress in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta
- ▶ Share some of the data emerging from these implementations
- ▶ Provide participants with insight into our future directions
  - This presentation emerged from an exciting new collaboration building upon Screening for Distress

**A COMPASS  
to  
Person Centred Care:  
Rural & Urban Patient  
Reported Results**

Feb 26, 2014

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# COMPASS collaborators in rural Manitoba

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## **SCREENING FOR DISTRESS**

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## **RURAL IMPLEMENTATION**

### **TEAM:**

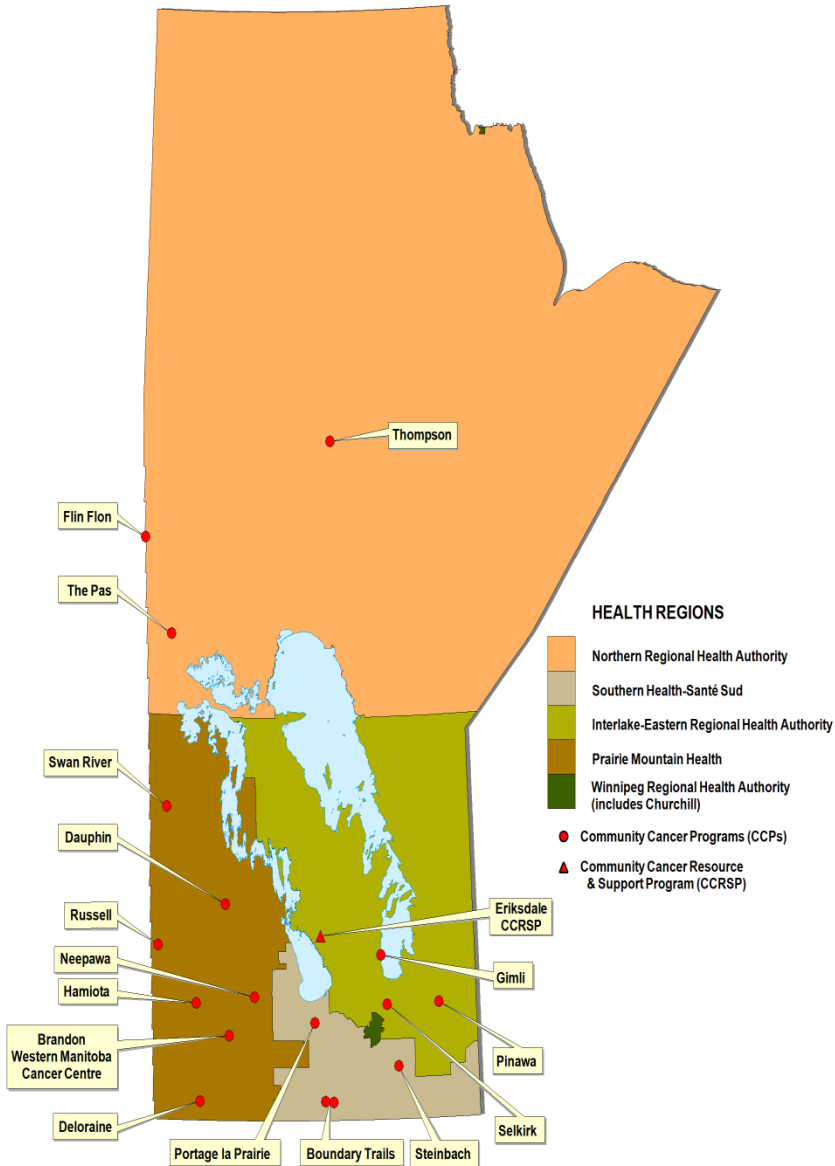
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# COMMUNITY CANCER PROGRAMS IN MANITOBA

Bringing Cancer Care Closer to Home



Map by Community Oncology Program  
February 15, 2013



## COMPASS:

### COMprehensive Problem And Symptom Screening:

- ESASr
  - Canadian Problem Checklist
  - Additional question on smoking
- **Since 2012:**
    - Used at Every physician visit
    - At every clinic at CCMB and all CCPs (except Surg Oncology)

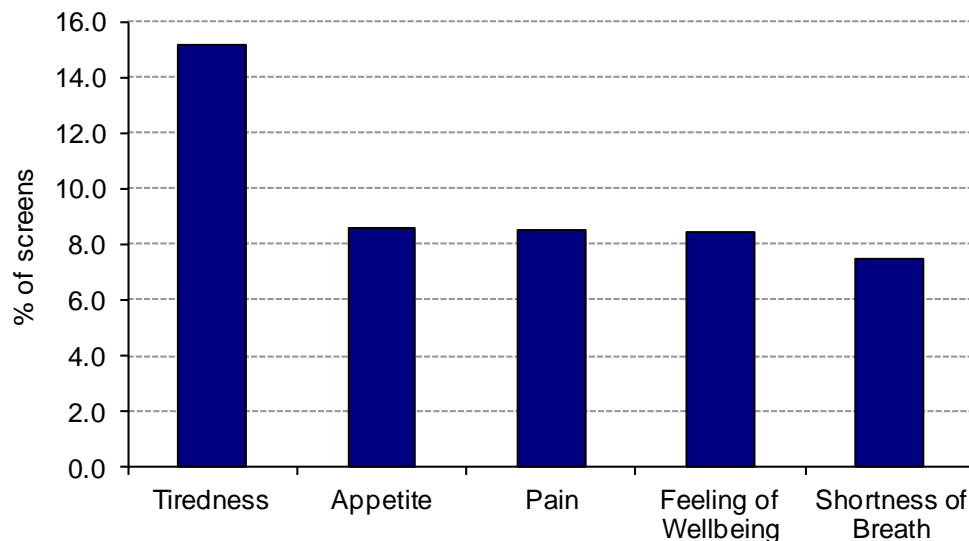
# PATIENT REPORTED SYMPTOMS AND PROBLEMS JAN-AUG 2012 N=17,056

## TOP 5 ESAS IN 7 – 10 RANGE

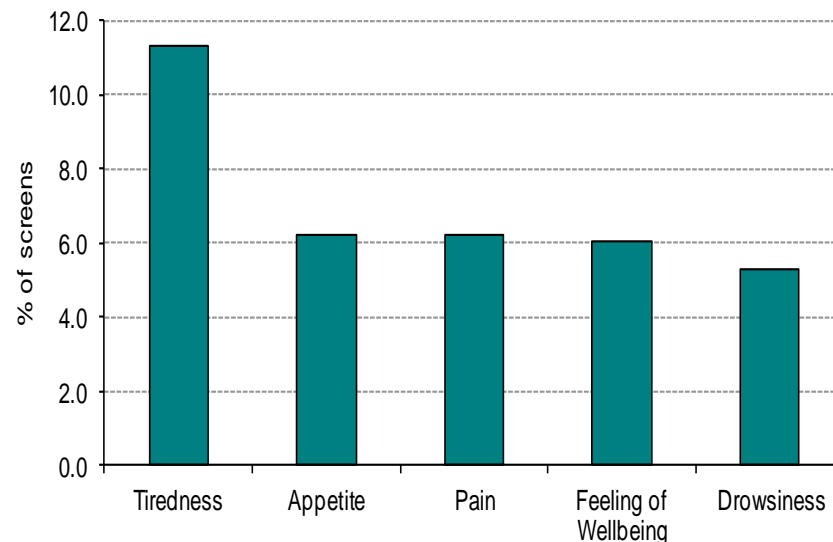
**CANCERCARE MANITOBA  
WINNIPEG CLINICS  
N=11,438**

**COMMUNITY CANCER PROGRAMS  
OUTSIDE WINNIPEG  
N= 5, 618**

Top 5 ESAS categories in the 7-10 range for CCMB

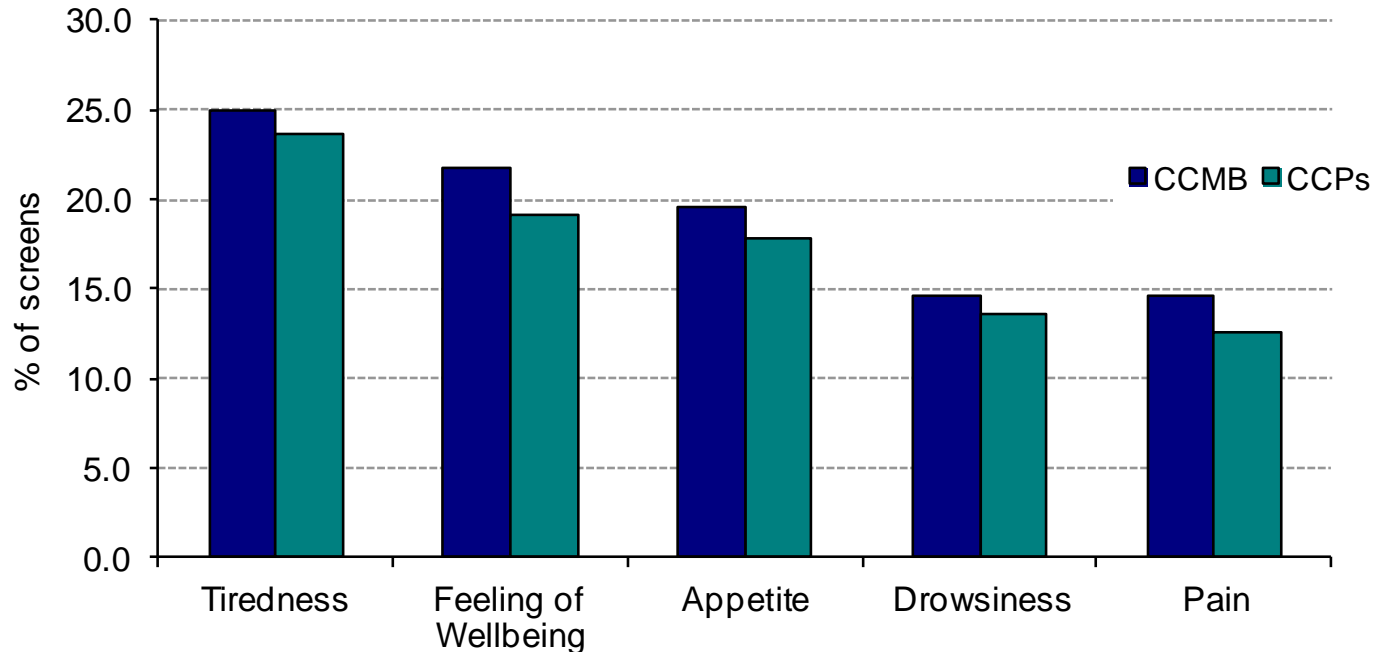


Top 5 ESAS categories in the 7-10 range for CCPs



## TOP 5 ESAS IN 4-6 RANGE

Top 5 ESAS Categories in the 4-6 range





## **Rank Order for CPC Item Selection (12-23\*%)**

### **6 domains**

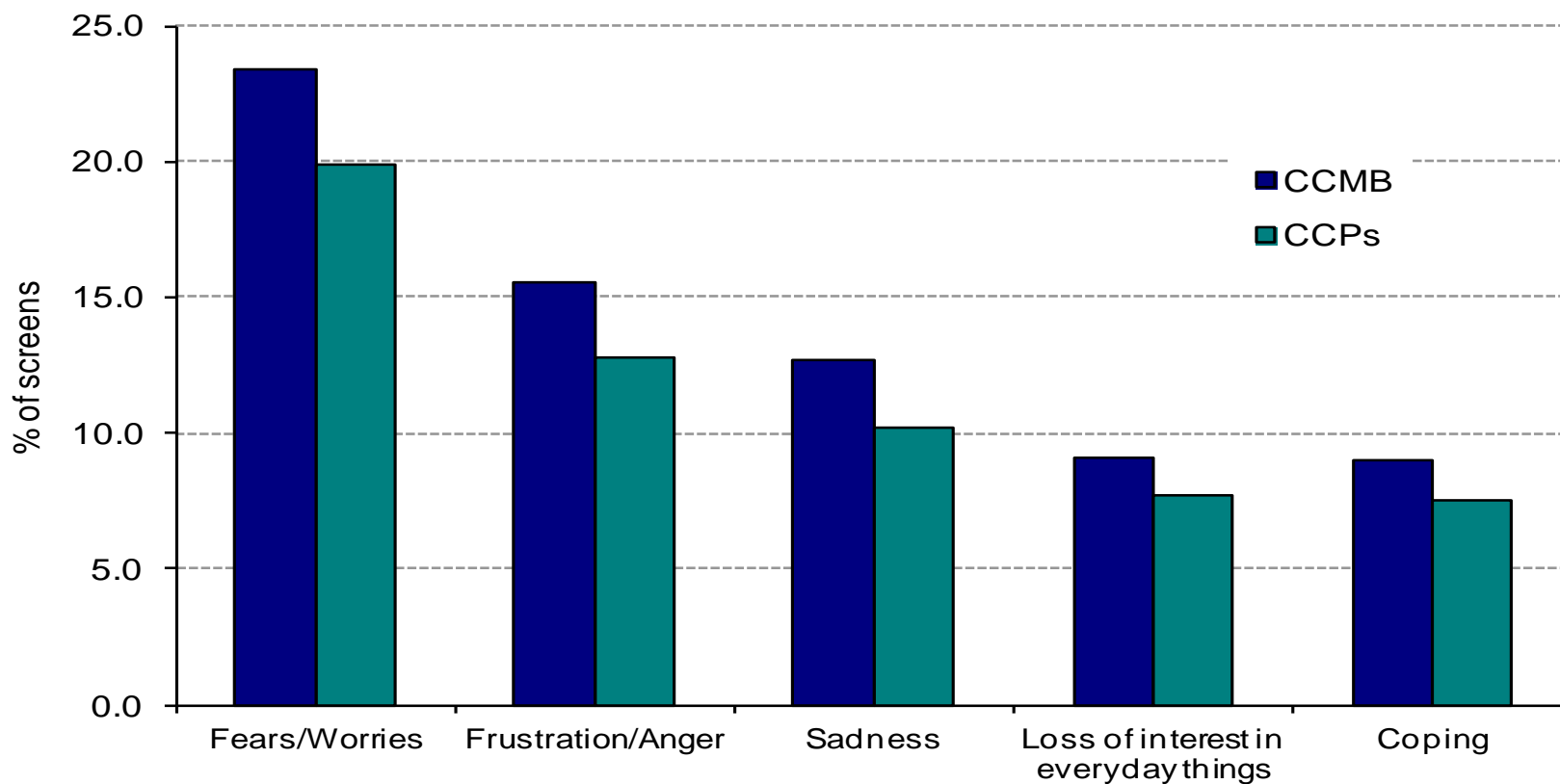
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|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>1. Sleep*</b>                      | <b>Physical</b>  |
| <b>2. Fears / Worries*</b>            | <b>Emotional</b> |
| 3. Constipation / Diarrhea            | Physical         |
| 4. Concentration / Memory             | Physical         |
| 5. Weight                             | Physical         |
| 6. Worry about friends/family         | Social/Family    |
| 7. Frustration/Anger                  | Emotional        |
| 8. Understanding my illness/treatment | Informational    |
| 9. Sadness                            | Emotional        |
| 10. Feeling a burden to others        | Social/Family    |



# Canadian Problem Checklist: Emotional

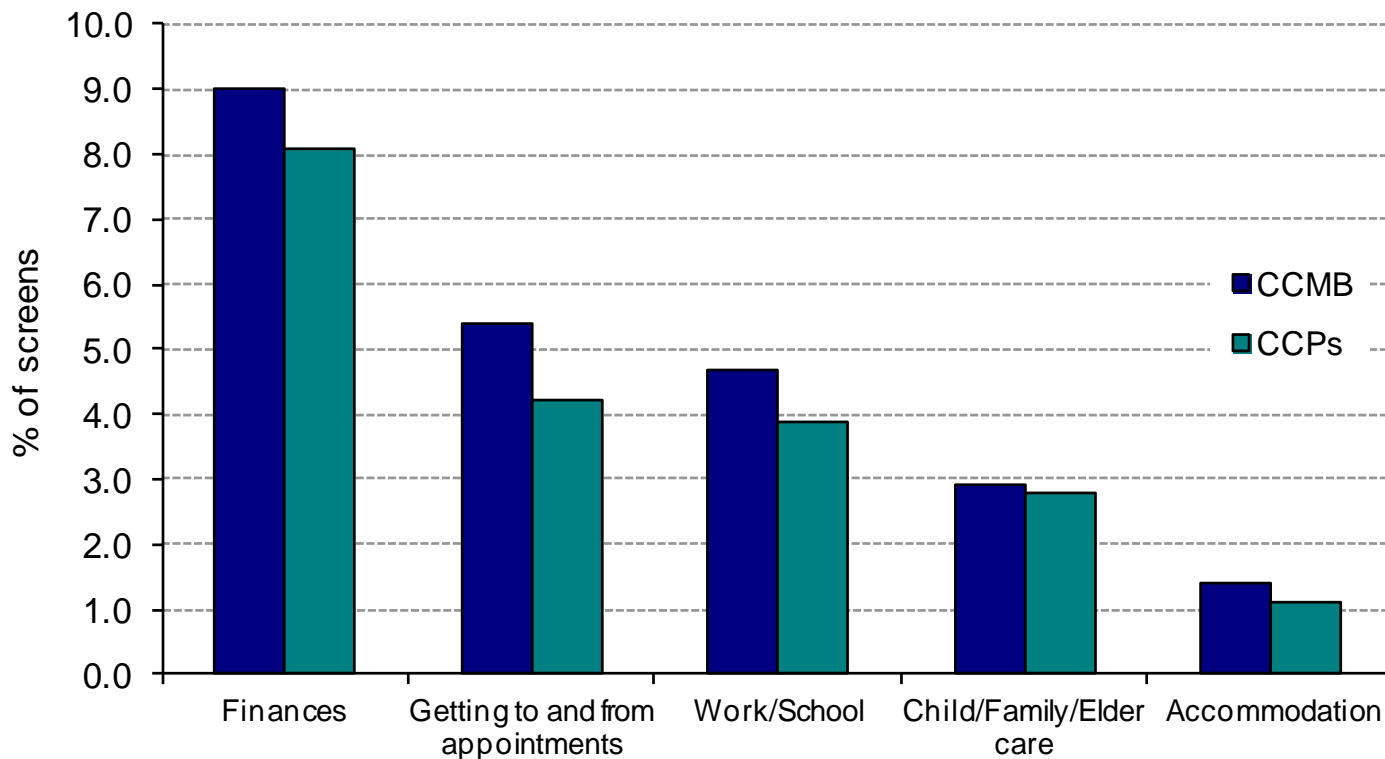
Canadian Problem Checklist, Top 5 responses for Emotional





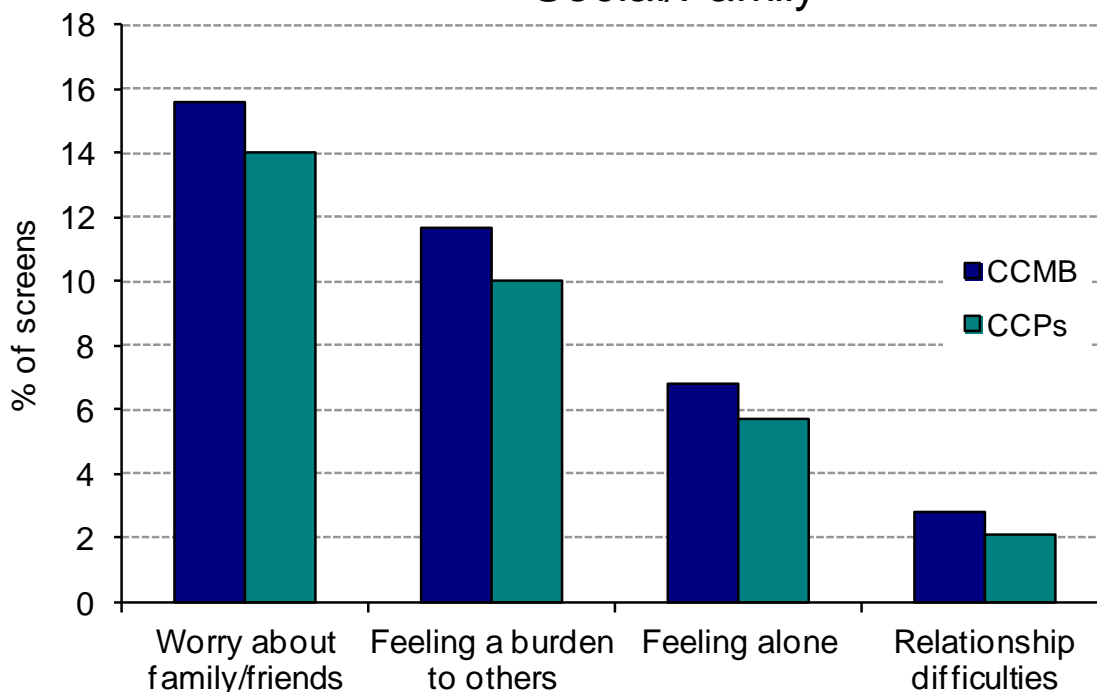
# Canadian Problem Checklist: Practical

Canadian Problem Checklist, Top 5 responses for Practical

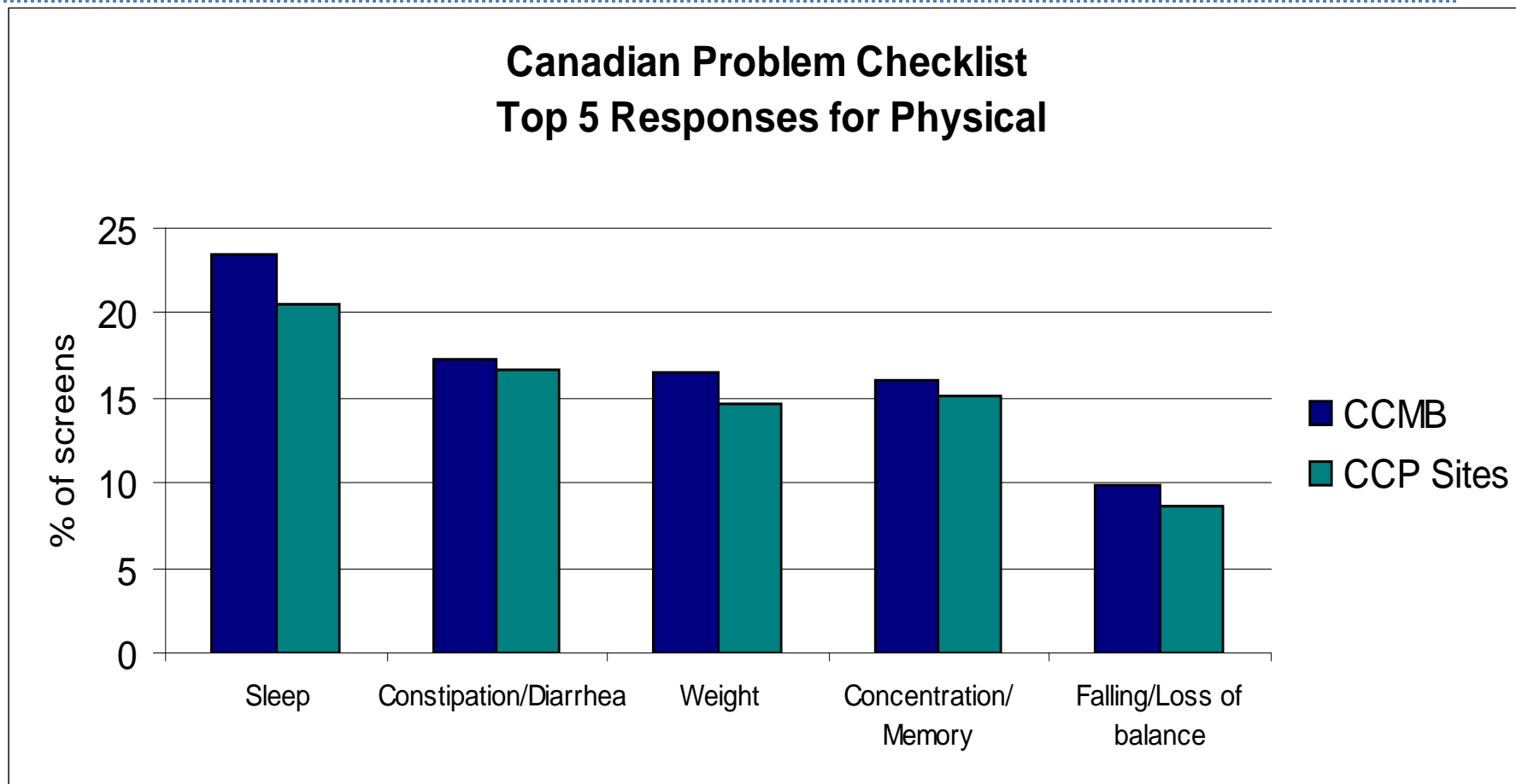


# Canadian Problem Checklist: Social

Canadian Problem Checklist, responses for Social/Family



# Canadian Problem Checklist: Physical





## Moving Forward in Manitoba

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- Engagement of Nurse Educator and Managers and CNO
- Implementation in last clinics: Surgical Oncology and Gyne – WRHA Oncology programs
- Engagement of Epi and IS
- Partnership/collaboration with Alberta and Sask
- Audits/ongoing education/leveraging other work
- Screening Coordinator?
- HREB – Evaluation and Data analyses

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# Saskatchewan Cancer Agency Screening for Distress Implementation

By: Deb Bulych  
February 2014



# Current State / Outcomes

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- Implemented in 2011 with new patients at the Saskatoon Cancer Centre (SCC) and the Allan Blair Cancer Centre (ABCC) – paper based
  - Both sites implemented with screening new patients; primary nurses discuss the tool with patient and assesses/intervenes as required
- Allan Blair Cancer Centre
  - Fall 2013: expanded to all review appointments with an oncologist
- Saskatoon Cancer Centre
  - 2013: expanded to include Radiation therapists conducting screening for distress during first week of treatment
- Province wide - New patient navigators conduct screening for distress with newly diagnosed patients



# Current State / Outcomes

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- Top three frequently identified distress symptoms rated  $\geq 5$  on the ESAS:
  1. Tiredness 35%
  2. Best well being 29%
  3. Anxiety 28%
  
- 3 most commonly endorse categories on the CPC
  1. Emotional 61%
  2. Informational 60%
  3. Physical 52%

# Current State / Outcomes

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- Top three reasons of referrals from the ESAS :
  1. Depression 35%
  2. Anxiety 32%
  3. Nausea 31%
  
- Top three reasons for referrals by CPC category:
  1. Social/Family 39%
  2. Emotional 31%
  3. Practical 28%

# Evaluation Data/Outcomes

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## Annual audits conducted

- August 2013: Allan Blair Cancer Centre
  - 98% of patients participated
  - 94% reviewed with nurse
  - 71% issues assessed by primary nurse
  - Resulted in 64% referrals following assessment

# Implementation Data/Outcomes

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- November 2013: Saskatoon Cancer Centre
  - 82% of patients participated
  - 67% reviewed and issues assessed by primary nurse
  - 48% referrals following assessment

# Key learnings from the implementation:

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- Dedicated coordinators are required in each treatment center to coordinate and champion the program
  - Coordinators hired in July 2013
- Conduct regular training and encouragement to staff
- Conduct ongoing monitoring and audits. Share results with staff
- Develop clear care pathways, procedures, and documentation protocols
- Future evaluation should include patient experience and staff competencies with Screening for Distress

# Screening for Distress as a patient reported outcome

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- Utilizing data collected from Screening for Distress can inform our practice
- Through identified patient need in the implementation phase 3 new programs were created:
  1. Pain and Symptom Management clinics
  2. Sexuality counselling
  3. Fatigue program
- Evaluation results showed the Aboriginal and Metis population had a much higher percentage of CPC issues
- Each of these needs were consistently identified by patients in Screening for Distress and led to the creation of programs to meet those patient reported needs

# Enhancing Person-Centred Care Through: Screening for Distress, the 6<sup>th</sup> Vital Sign

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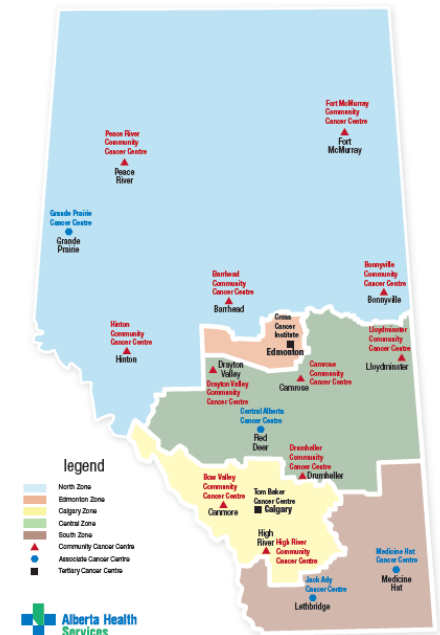
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# Screening for Distress as a Priority in Alberta

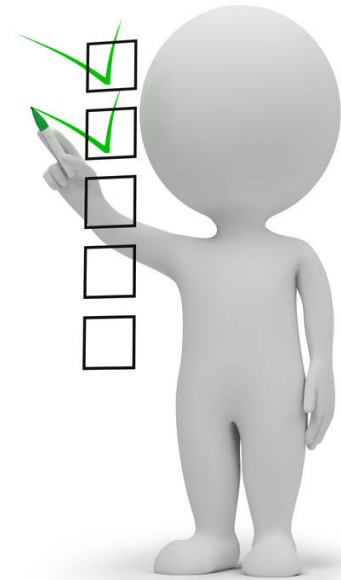
- Long history with screening
  - 2005: TBCC – Research and program
  - 2010: Funded by the Partnership to implement in 3 areas
- Important Endorsements:
  - Accreditation Canada (2009)
  - Alberta Cancer Plan (2013)
- Enhanced Care Grant (2012-2014)
  - Implement routine screening in 17 cancer centres



# Goals of Provincial Program

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1. Establish Screening for Distress as a standard component of care delivery across cancer care
2. Improve Person-Centredness of care delivery (Quality Improvement)
3. Establish a consistent set of data points collected across province (outcomes)
4. Ensure sustainability of practice change



# Models of Implementation

## TBCC

Coordinator connects with Tumour Group Leader and Coordinator

Coordinator works with identified staff to develop plan

## CO

Site Visit and Presentation

Navigator Trained and Orientated

Work with site/Nav to develop plan

## CCI

Coordinator works with management & nursing ed. to identify area of implementation

In conjunction with this group and area specific staff develops plan

Baseline Data Collected

Additional Training Provided

Implementation

Ongoing QI

Post Data Collection

Feedback and Future Plans



# Current Status of Implementation


- Community Cancer Centres
  - Screening (11/11): Hinton, Barrhead, Drayton Valley, Canmore, Bonnyville, High River, Peace River, Drumheller, Camrose, Fort McMurray, Lloydminster
- Associate Cancer Centres
  - Screening (4/4): Medicine Hat, Grande Prairie, Red Deer, Lethbridge
- Tertiary Sites
  - TBCC: Screening 24/24 groups
  - CCI: Screening 4/4 groups





# Standard Components

- Basic Model
- Recommendations
  - All patients
  - Routine
  - Minimum data set
- Charting requirements
- Education Content
- Evaluation Framework-  
Provincial/Project Accountabilities


Affix patient label within this box.

**Screening for Distress**

Completed By  
 Patient    Family    Health Professional    Assisted by family/health professional   Date (yyyy-Mon-dd)

**Please circle the number that best describes how you feel NOW**

No pain	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Worst possible pain
No tiredness (Tiredness = lack of energy)	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Worst possible tiredness
No drowsiness (Drowsiness = feeling sleepy)	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Worst possible drowsiness
No nausea	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Worst possible nausea
No lack of appetite	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Worst possible lack of appetite
No shortness of breath	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Worst possible shortness of breath
No depression (Depression = feeling sad)	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Worst possible depression
No anxiety (Anxiety = feeling nervous)	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Worst possible anxiety
Best well-being (Well-being = how you feel overall)	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Worst possible well-being
No Other problem (i.e. constipation)	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Worst possible

**Check all of the following items that are CURRENTLY concerns for you**

<b>Emotional</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Fears/Worries <input type="checkbox"/> Sadness <input type="checkbox"/> Frustration/Anger <input type="checkbox"/> Changes in appearance <input type="checkbox"/> Intimacy/Sexuality  <b>Spiritual</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Meaning/Purpose of life <input type="checkbox"/> Faith  <b>Practical</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Work/School <input type="checkbox"/> Finances <input type="checkbox"/> Getting to & from appointments <input type="checkbox"/> Home Care <input type="checkbox"/> Accommodation <input type="checkbox"/> Quitting smoking <input type="checkbox"/> Drug costs <input type="checkbox"/> Health Insurance	<b>Physical</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Concentration/Memory <input type="checkbox"/> Sleep <input type="checkbox"/> Weight <input type="checkbox"/> Fever/Chills <input type="checkbox"/> Bleeding/Bruising <input type="checkbox"/> Cough <input type="checkbox"/> Mouth sores <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty swallowing <input type="checkbox"/> Special diet <input type="checkbox"/> Heartburn/Indigestion <input type="checkbox"/> Vomiting <input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea <input type="checkbox"/> Constipation <input type="checkbox"/> Bladder problems <input type="checkbox"/> Dizziness <input type="checkbox"/> Headaches <input type="checkbox"/> Vision or hearing changes <input type="checkbox"/> Numbness/Tingling <input type="checkbox"/> Changes to skin/Nails <input type="checkbox"/> Lymphedema/Swelling	<input type="checkbox"/> Walking/Mobility <input type="checkbox"/> Trouble with everyday activities (i.e. bathing, dressing) <input type="checkbox"/> Sensitivity to cold  <b>Social/Family</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Feeling a burden to others <input type="checkbox"/> Worry about family/friends <input type="checkbox"/> Feeling alone <input type="checkbox"/> Support with children/partner  <b>Informational</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Understanding my illness and/or treatment <input type="checkbox"/> Talking with the health care team <input type="checkbox"/> Making treatment decisions/Personal Directive <input type="checkbox"/> Knowing about available resources <input type="checkbox"/> Taking medications as prescribed
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Other Concerns

Reviewed by (Name of Health Care Professional)   Signature (of Health Care Professional)   Date (yyyy-Mon-dd)

# Site Specific Components

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- Implementation plan
- Education strategy/approach
- Integration with current documentation
- Which team members will be responsible for managing various concerns
- What are the referral options and pathways



# Evaluation

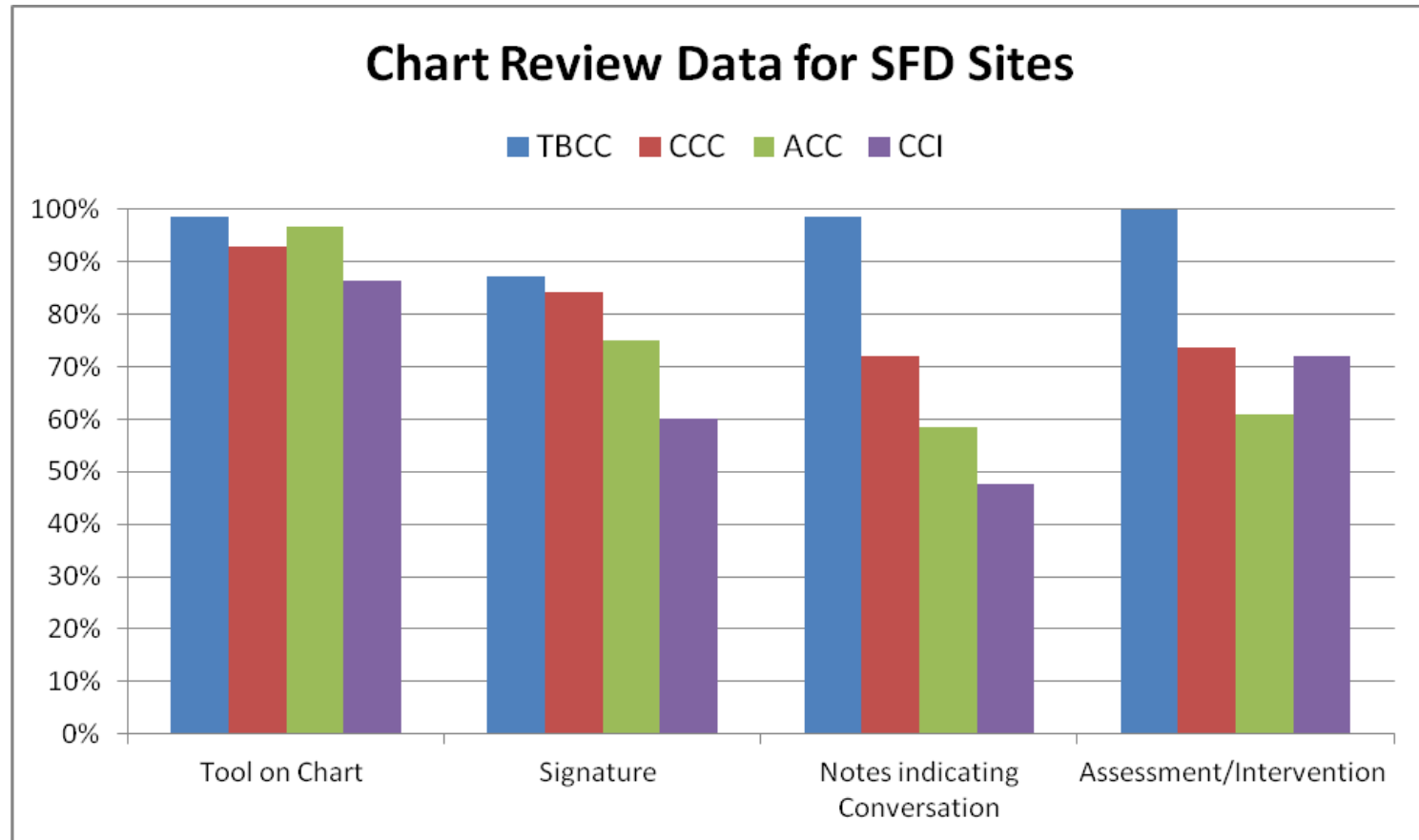
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- Robust pre/post evaluation across all sites
  - 739 pre patient surveys
  - 251 pre staff surveys
  - Currently completing post surveys
- Purpose of data collection
  - Evaluate implementation
  - Determine differences and similarities across sites and groups
- Ongoing quality improvement
  - Chart reviews





# Chart Reviews





# Key Learnings Across Sites

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- Importance of being present & building positive personal relationships
- Phased implementation is vital
- Evaluation is a pain but important
  - Chart reviews are great for monitoring progress
- Sustainability should be a consideration in the implementation
  - Orientation, integration with documentation, resource pathways
- 2 years to implement a project this size is ambitious

# Moving Forward...

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- Grant Extension
  - Solidifying practice change and ensuring sustainability
  - Positions: Interdisciplinary practice coordinator, Research Associate, Evaluation Assistant
- Utilizing the Data
  - Overall summary
  - Group specific data
  - Prevalence of concerns
- New Enhanced Care Grant
  - Responding to distress by utilizing supportive care guidelines
- Patient Reported Outcomes
  - Collecting and utilizing patient reported outcomes to drive care



# Moving Forward Together – PROs

- ▶ Building on our screening connections to submit PRO proposal
- ▶ Patient Reported Outcomes
  - Patient-reported outcomes have been defined as those outcomes that matter to the patient, distinct from disease-focused outcomes they are usually self-reported (Cancer Quality Council of Ontario, 2003)
  - Our proposal builds on provincial similarities (same minimum screening data set & same EMR)
  - Over the next 3 years we hope to work together to:
    - Develop systems for the routine collection, analysis, and integration of PRO data into cancer care systems
    - Work together to utilize the data to select and implement QI initiatives

# Questions & Discussion



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