

## General Practitioner in Oncology (GPO) Education Program

### Mandate and Overview

The GPO Education Program is an eight-week learning opportunity for family physicians, particularly those from outside urban centres, who are keen to strengthen their oncology skills and enhance cancer care in their communities. Our aim is for all BC communities with 15,000 people or more to have at least one family physician who has completed this program and can support all aspects of cancer care for local patients and their families.

The program is offered in a flexible format that can be completed over six months. The full-time, two-week Introductory Module is offered every February and September at BC Cancer in Vancouver. This Introductory Module focuses on cancer types and treatments, medical and radiation oncology, surgery, oncological emergencies, diagnostic imaging and cancer management. The course also includes information about prevention, risk factors, genetics, screening, early diagnosis, staging, treatment modalities and management of side effects, follow-up and surveillance procedures, palliative care, future advances and methods to remain current and teach others.

Thirty days of Clinical Rotation are then completed at the Cancer Centre where participants' patients are referred. Participants are encouraged to tailor their learning specific to the needs of their communities.

If you have any questions about the GPO Education Program or would like more information, please e-mail [fpon@bccancer.bc.ca](mailto:fpon@bccancer.bc.ca).

### Accreditation

The Introductory Module is accredited by the University of British Columbia Division of Continuing Professional Development (UBC CPD) as detailed below. Participants completing the 30 days of rotation are eligible to claim 70 Mainpro+ Self Learning, Certified credits through their College of Family Physicians of Canada Member account plus additional Other Non-Certified credits.

*UBC CPD is fully accredited by the Committee on Accreditation of Continuing Medical Education (CACME) to provide study credits for continuing medical education for physicians. This course (GPO Education Program: Introductory Module) has been reviewed and approved by the UBC Division of Continuing Professional Development. This Group Learning course meets the certification criteria of the College of Family Physicians of Canada and has been certified by UBC CPD for up to **70 Mainpro+ credits**. Each physician should claim only those credits he/she actually spent in the activity.*

## Learning Objectives

**At the completion of the CPO Education Program Introductory Module, learners will be able to:**

- 1) Apply foundational oncologic knowledge to oncology practice.
- 2) Recognize cancer progression.
- 3) Identify and manage cancer treatment-related side effects and cancer-related effects.
- 4) Apply oncology therapy protocols to provide enhanced oncology care for patients undergoing active cancer therapy.
- 5) Integrate clinical resources and established contacts within the BC/Yukon cancer system to provide oncology care.
- 6) Reflect on the importance of ongoing oncologic skill development and maintenance and recognize the continuing medical education resources available to GPOs and oncology NPs.
- 7) Recognize skin cancer, cite risk factors and lifetime risk of developing skin cancer, and review methods of preventing skin cancer.