

ONCOLOGY INTEREST GROUP

Current Chair and Co-Chair: Kimberly Mallory (Chair) & Cheryl Bertrand (Co-Chair)

Number of members: 61

Dates/topics of meetings throughout the year (in-person meetings and teleconference calls):

Jan 20, 2016 - Revitalization teleconference with co-chairs and IPAC Canada.

Jan 28, 2016 - Planning (survey to members) teleconference with co-chairs

March 2016 - OIG Member survey out to group

April 5, 2016 - Co-Chairs teleconference to discuss survey results and plan for upcoming activities

Results of any questionnaires/surveys sent out by the Interest Group

Interest group members are interested in how we define Immunocompromise, Outpatient guidelines, genetically modified viral cancer therapies and Infection Control Concerns, Infection Control in Brachytherapy

Highlights/Ongoing Projects:

Currently none under development, but plans are to form working groups to:

- 1) Assess current VRE practices in oncology patients across Canada and attempt to provide guidance on standardization.
- 2) Develop Outpatient Oncology Cleaning Guidelines.
- 3) Provide guidance for infection control implications of therapies that are unique to oncology settings.
- 4) Revitalize group participation through webinars (first one planned for mid-July on definition of Immunocompromise), new website materials (oncolytic viruses), and forming special topic working groups, linking with Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology to provide IC support to the C.A.N.O. group (hope to also link with radiation therapy organizations if possible).