



ROLE TITLE:	Clinical Lead (Cancer), Provincial Drug Reimbursement Programs
REPORTS TO:	Director, Provincial Drug Reimbursement Programs
LOCATION:	Toronto/Virtual
ANTICIPATED TIME COMMITMENT:	1 days/week (0.2 FTE)
TERM:	Two-year term, with 1 optional two year renewal
No. of OPPORTUNITIES:	1
POSTING DATE:	<i>June 4, 2024</i>
CLOSING DATE:	<i>July 3, 2024</i>

POSITION SUMMARY

Ontario Health is seeking expressions of interest for the position of **Clinical Lead (Cancer), Provincial Drug Reimbursement Programs (PDRP)**. This is an opportunity to play a significant role in advising PDRP on operational and strategic issues related to cancer drug reimbursement, and to advance work to evaluate the real-world effectiveness of funded cancer therapies. This opportunity is open to all qualified candidates.

The PDRP unit administers several funding programs for high-cost drugs and services on behalf of the Ontario Ministry of Health (ministry). As part of the Clinical Institutes and Quality Programs (CIQP) portfolio, PDRP provides timely access to high-cost treatments and services, while ensuring the rational use of limited health resources. PDRP's cancer-related responsibilities include administration of the New Drug Funding Program, the High Cost Therapy Funding Program, the Evidence-Building Program and the Case-by-Case Review Program. PDRP also supports the ministry in administering its Out-of-Country prior approval program. PDRP adjudicates funding requests for CAR T-cell therapy, offers an Evidence Search and Review Service, and is the home of the Canadian Cancer Real-World Evaluation (CCRE) Platform, a Core Network Partner of the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH)'s post-marketing drug evaluation program, CoLab.

Interested parties should forward their expression of interest and curriculum vitae, electronically, to **Niroo Sivapalan**, at nirooya.sivapalan@ontariohealth.ca no later than **5:00 P.M. on July 3, 2024**.

Questions about the role may be submitted to **Niroo Sivapalan**, nirooya.sivapalan@ontariohealth.ca no later than **June 13, 2024**. A consolidated list of all questions and answers will be available to any party, by request, by **June 19, 2024**. To receive a copy of the consolidated list of questions and answers, please contact Niroooya.sivapalan@ontariohealth.ca.

ACCOUNTABILITIES

The key responsibilities of this role are:

- Work collaboratively with PDRP to identify research projects that evaluate access, equity, effectiveness, and value of funded systemic therapies.
- Assist in the identification of research questions; provide clinical insight during methods development and data analysis; and review manuscripts for publication.
- Research projects should be relevant to drug-funding decision-makers and be performed in an efficient and timely manner to address pressing inquiries and explore topics of interest.
- Identify opportunities to collaborate with other Ontario Cancer leads on research projects of interest, and liaise with pan-Canadian and provincial partners on relevant projects.
- Provide oversight of Drug Advisory Committee activities that support drug reimbursement, which include proactive scanning of drug issues, liaising with relevant stakeholders, and developing submissions or proposals for Ministry consideration.
- Provide clinical input and advice to support the daily operations of PDRP related to individual case adjudication, and [clinical trial assessments](#).
- Participate, as requested, on ministry and Ontario Health reimbursement program advisory committees and internal/external working groups.
- Lead and participate in internal and external clinical presentations, as required, on behalf of PDRP.
- Act as an Ontario Health spokesperson on media and stakeholder inquiries related to cancer drug reimbursement, as required.

QUALIFICATIONS

- A medical oncologist or hematologist currently practising in Ontario with a minimum of 5 years of clinical experience.
- Background in clinical trials methodology and clinical epidemiology.
- Recognized as an opinion leader within the oncology community.
- An understanding of drug regulatory approval and health technology assessment processes in Canada.
- An understanding of provincial public drug reimbursement programs for cancer and non-cancer drugs.
- Enthusiasm for, and commitment to, quality improvement in cancer care at the system level.
- Established research track record with relevant past publications.
- Familiarity with, and experience working with, Ontario cancer administrative data sets.
- Track record of developing collaborative research networks and securing external research funding.
- Good understanding of the evolution of “personalized” cancer therapies and their potential impact on cancer reimbursement policies and programs.
- Demonstrate a collaborative leadership model with excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to work effectively with diverse groups of clinicians, as well as individual senior and junior staff.
- Ability to create strong rapport and collaborative working relationships that are built on trust and respect.
- Highly experienced in facilitating effective meetings and building consensus among diverse groups of stakeholders.
- Demonstrated commitment to patient-focused care and public accountability.
- Exceptional written and oral communication skills.
- A background in pharmacoeconomics would be an asset.
- Media training would be an asset.

- Able to commit one day/week to the outlined role for a term of 24 months.

HOW TO APPLY:

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Ontario Health encourages applications from candidates who are First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and urban Indigenous; Francophone; Black and racialized; members of 2SLGBTQIA+ communities; trans and nonbinary; and disabled. Ontario Health welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations are available on request for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process.

We will evaluate all applications against the skills and experience requirements for the position. Those candidates selected for interview will be contacted directly by a representative from the Business Unit. Ontario Health may consider applications from incumbents currently in the position. If you have not been contacted within 3 weeks after the close of the posting, you can assume you are not under consideration for this position.

More about Ontario Health:

Ontario Health is an agency created by the Government of Ontario with a mandate to connect and coordinate Ontario's health care system in ways that have not been done before, to help ensure that Ontarians receive the best possible care.

Ontario Health oversees health care delivery across the province, which includes ensuring front-line providers and other health professionals have the tools and information they need to deliver the best possible care within their communities. This also means simplifying the current system and connecting and coordinating its many complex parts in new and innovative ways. This involves keeping a close eye on how the health system is performing and providing evidence-based standards and improvements to address any gaps.

Ontario Health helps to support significant and important transformation in Ontario's health system, working to ease the transition between points of care for Ontarians and helping to ensure they have access to the care they need. Ontario Health is adapting world-renowned practices from areas such as cancer care and renal care to other parts of the system, including mental health and addictions.

Through integration, coordination, connection, and clinical excellence, Ontario Health is working to reduce strain on the system which will enable investment of more resources on the care Ontarians need, and, most importantly, improve health outcomes and overall wellness for all.

As an operational service agency of the Government of Ontario, Ontario Health is accountable for conducting a fair and transparent process, providing equal treatment to all qualified parties, in selecting a candidate for the above mentioned role.

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