



PEI CANCER ACTION PLAN

Making a Difference *Together*
2023-2028

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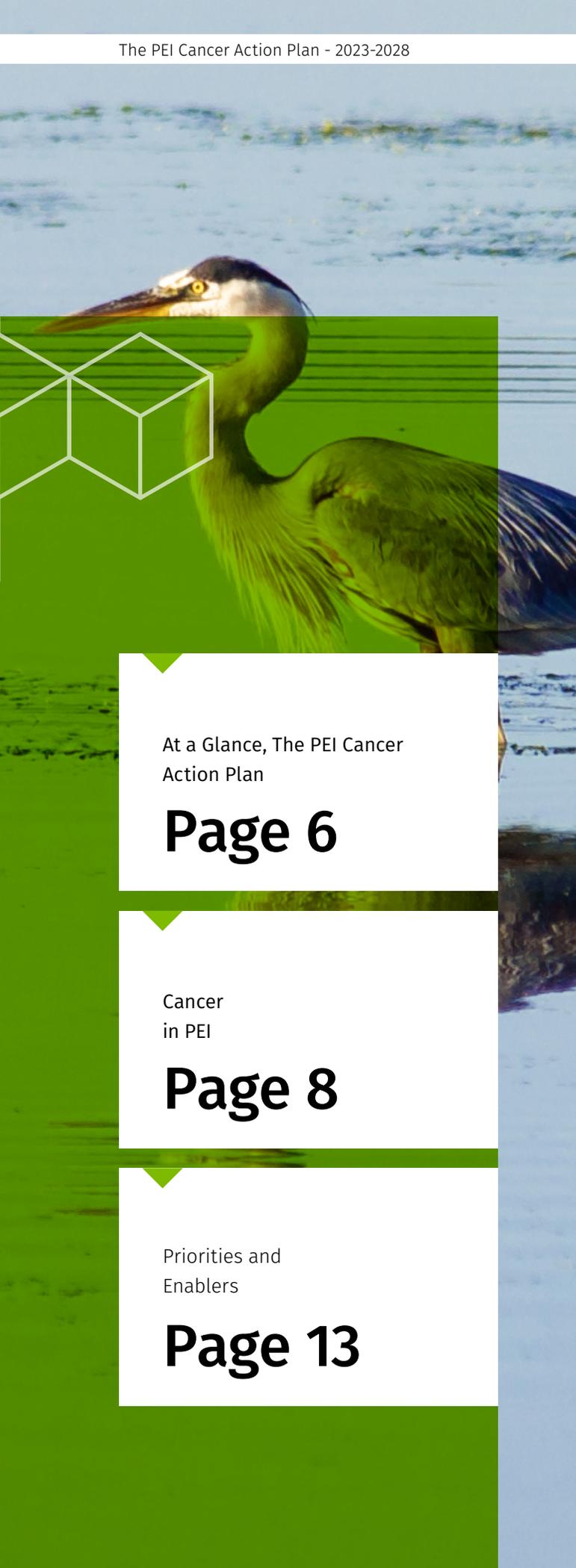
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Vision

Reduce cancer
and its impact
on all Islanders

Mission

Working together and leading
improvement and change
that value people, quality and
evidence, so all Islanders live
healthier lives and receive
high quality cancer care



Working together to improve the health of Islanders

A message from the Minister of Health and Wellness



This cancer plan builds upon years of work to reduce cancer and its impacts on the people of Prince Edward Island. It is designed to reflect the hopes, needs and concerns of Islanders who face cancer – as patients, as supporters of patients, and as caregivers.

The plan sets direction for government as we renew our cancer priorities and identify key actions for prevention & health promotion, screening & early detection, coordination of cancer treatment, patient support and follow-up.

Physicians, staff, patient advisors and leaders can look to this document as a guidebook as we continue to provide treatment and encourage prevention for the too-common threat of cancer on Prince Edward Island.

Thank you to all who have made this work possible. Together we can reduce the impact of cancer on Islanders and build a healthy future.

Hon. Ernie Hudson,
Minister Health and Wellness

Working together to lead change that values people, quality and evidence

A message from the Chief Executive Officer, Health PEI



Islanders are by nature a resilient group, but even the hardiest among us has found the last few years to be challenging. The pandemic, staff resourcing challenges, inflation, and the worst hurricane in our history, are some of the obstacles put in our way.

Despite or perhaps because of these hurdles, Islanders have come together to imagine what a better cancer system could look like. One that puts people first – whoever they are and wherever they live – to receive the best possible care.

Our new cancer action plan provides us with a nimble, and responsive and innovative framework, that we can use to tackle what is ahead together. It will

guide our work to catch cancers earlier, provide those with cancer with the best possible care, take down barriers, and help patients and their support networks with tools and resources to navigate treatment.

A warm thank you to everyone who provided their time and experience to build a better and more equitable cancer system, and our gratitude to the Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control for paving the way.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Gardam', written in a cursive style.

Dr. Michael Gardam
Chief Executive Officer, Health PEI

At-a-Glance: PEI Cancer Action Plan – 2023 to 2028

PRIORITY 1

Decrease the risk of people getting cancer



1. Sustain high rates of HPV vaccination in PEI.
2. Increase access to the resources that help people quit smoking and stay smoke free.
3. Invest in awareness and programs to reduce common risk factors for cancer.

PRIORITY 2

Diagnose cancer faster, accurately and at an early stage



1. Reduce rate of late-stage lung cancer diagnoses.
2. Adopt latest evidence in cervical cancer screening.
3. Increase participation in cancer screening.
4. Prioritize faster and earlier diagnoses of cancers.

PRIORITY 3

Deliver high-quality care in a sustainable, world-class system



1. Standardize care plans and treatment pathways.
2. Advance cancer system quality and sustainability through routine evaluation.
3. Increase drug availability and coverage.
4. Foster a high performing and collaborative workplace.

PRIORITY 4

Eliminate barriers to people getting the care they need



1. Increase competency to improve approaches to care that are culturally safe, free of bias and racism.
2. Improve coordination of care including off-Island care.
3. Increase capacity for providing care closer to home.
4. Create pathways to ensure access to cancer services for patients without a primary care provider.

PRIORITY 5

Deliver supports for patients, families and caregivers



1. Increase access to supports for both patients and families along the cancer journey.
2. Apply a person-centered approach to all care plans.
3. Improve access to early and integrated palliative care.
4. Improve patient and caregiver experience throughout each phase of the cancer journey.
5. Provide patients and families access to health information and resources.

+ Enablers

Data Development & Access

Expand and share health information that creates the greatest impact for communities and services

Knowledge Mobilization

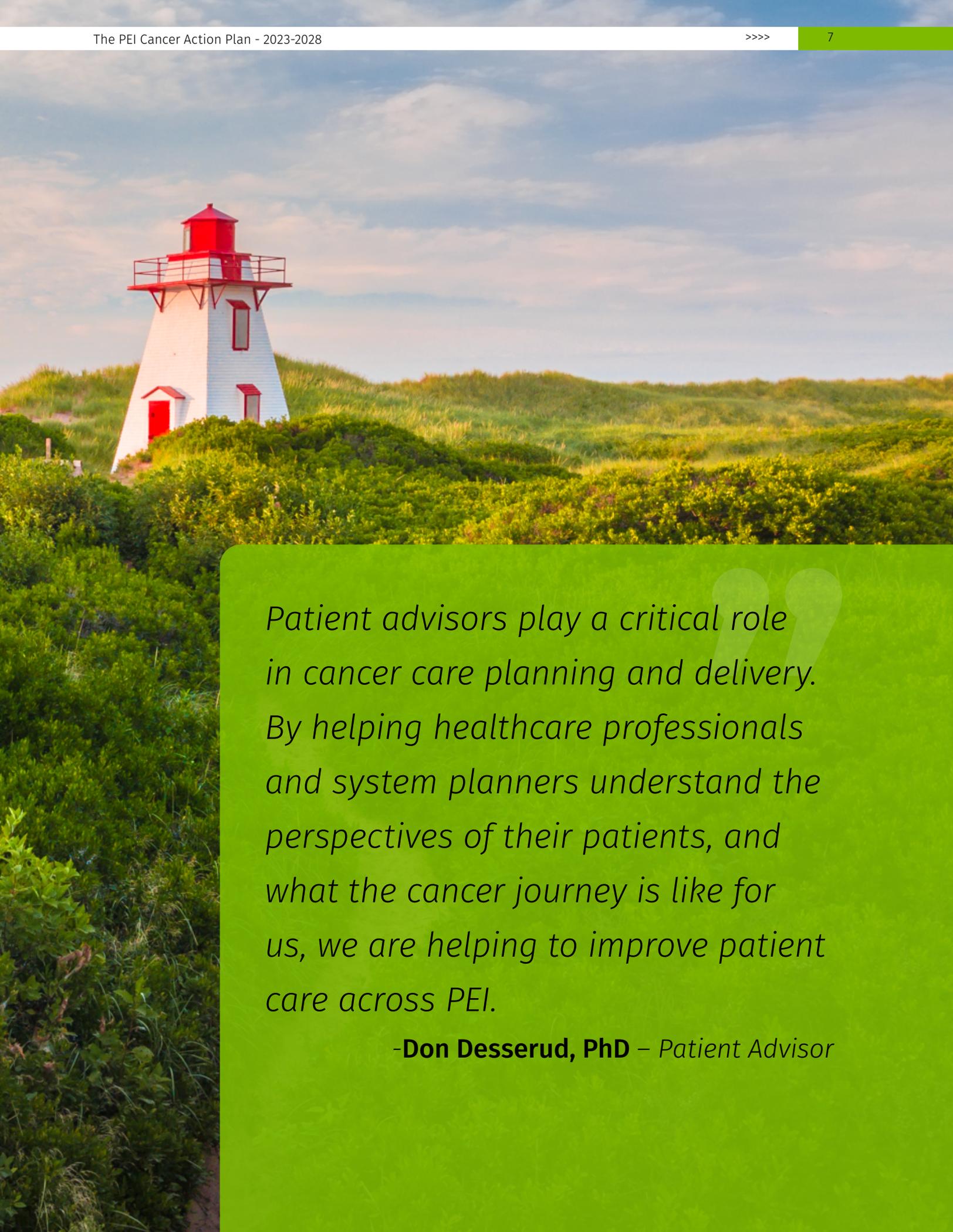
Create opportunities to share information to improve care delivery and planning

Technology

Further adopt health record systems and technologies to improve information flow and care

Leadership

Strengthen provincial coordination and oversight of cancer care in PEI



Patient advisors play a critical role in cancer care planning and delivery. By helping healthcare professionals and system planners understand the perspectives of their patients, and what the cancer journey is like for us, we are helping to improve patient care across PEI.

-Don Desserud, PhD – Patient Advisor

Making a Difference *Together*

Cancer in PEI

Over the last twenty years, government, health services and community partners in PEI have made positive strides in improving cancer outcomes and the experience of cancer patients.

Advances in cancer treatment are helping patients to live longer and improving quality of life for those living with and beyond cancer. Some cancers are being cured entirely. Effective cancer screening programs and improvements in diagnosis means many cancers are caught earlier – when they are often easier to treat.

Since 2016, PEI's cancer strategy has provided guidance for many important cancer control initiatives to:

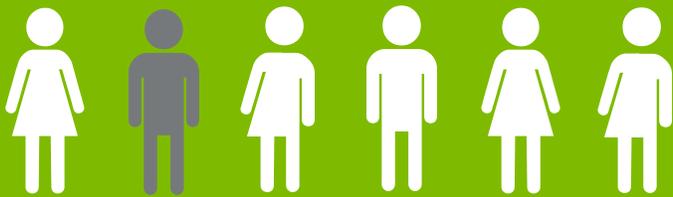
- *Prevent cancer through initiatives such as smoking cessation and HPV immunization.*
- *Strengthen cancer screening programs and develop diagnostic pathways to prevent more cancers, find more cancers earlier, and start more treatments sooner.*
- *Improve coordination of care and enhance patient navigation that better meets needs for information, emotional and practical supports for patients and families moving through the cancer journey.*
- *Implement advance care planning across the cancer control continuum and improve access to a fully integrated provincial palliative care program.*
- *Increase capacity to participate in research and monitor cancer trends.*

With an aging and growing population, cancer continues to be the leading cause of death in PEI. There is still much work to be done to prevent cancer and reduce the impact of cancer on Islanders. Consider the following statistics on the impact of cancer in PEI. >>>



Cancer significantly impacts those diagnosed and their caregivers, as well as our community and the broader healthcare system. To plan services, resources and practice needs, and prevention we must use the best evidence and information available. We can provide better care when we have better information to guide us.

- Dr. Carol McClure, Cancer Surveillance Epidemiologist



Globally

» **1 in 6 deaths**
is due to cancer

1 in 4
Canadians
will die
of cancer



» **2 in 5 Canadians**
will be diagnosed with
cancer in their lifetime

1 in 5 Islanders

have received
a cancer diagnosis



Snapshot of cancer on PEI



How many Islanders develop cancer every year?

1000 new cases per year

How many Islanders develop cancer every year? Just over 1000 new cases of cancer are diagnosed every year in PEI. This is double the number of cancer cases diagnosed thirty years ago.

Snapshot of cancer on PEI



Why are more people developing cancer?

The population of seniors in PEI has increased by

44.7%

Why are more people developing cancer? With age, a person's risk of developing cancer increases. The population of seniors increased by 44.7% from 2012 to 2022. As our populations grows and ages, so do overall number of cancer cases. From 2012 to 2022 our population grew by 26,000 to just over 170,000 residents in PEI.

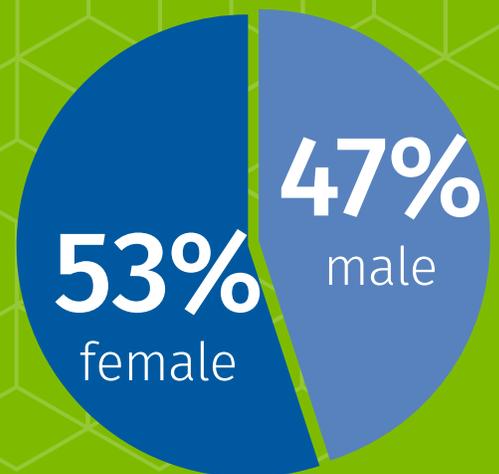
Snapshot of cancer on PEI



What are the most common types of cancers in PEI?

50% Lung, colorectal, breast and prostate cancers make up to 50% of cancer cases.

What are the most common types of cancer in PEI? Lung, colorectal, breast and prostate cancers are the most common cancers in PEI making up 50 percent of cancer cases. These four cancers are also the leading causes of death for Islanders



out of
1000 Cancer
Diagnoses

Survival Rate

59%

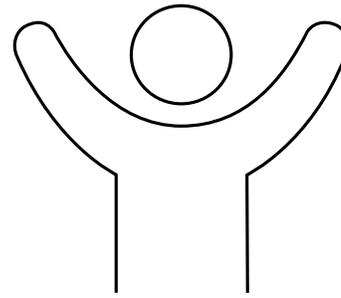
1995-1999



Survival Rate

64%

2015-2019



Are more people surviving cancer?

YES!

Snapshot of cancer on PEI

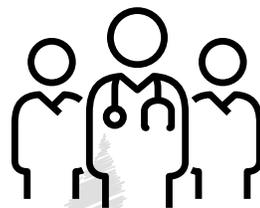
The good news is yes! While more people in PEI are being diagnosed with cancer, more are surviving cancer than ever before. Improvements in survival are a result of screening programs, early detection of cancer and improved treatment.



Snapshot of cancer on PEI

Does PEI differ from other parts of Canada?

Does PEI differ from other parts of Canada? Incidence of melanoma, lung, and colorectal cancers are higher in PEI than in Canada. Island residents also report higher health risk behaviors than the rest of the country with higher rates of smoking, physical inactivity, and alcohol consumption.



Snapshot of cancer on PEI

What is the broader impact of cancer in PEI?

What is the broader impact of cancer in PEI? Diagnosis and treatment of cancer can impact individuals and families in different ways - financially, emotionally, and spiritually. It also affects the health system through allocation of resources. As our population ages and cancer cases increase, this impact will continue to put pressure on our **already stressed health care system as well as our communities and families.**

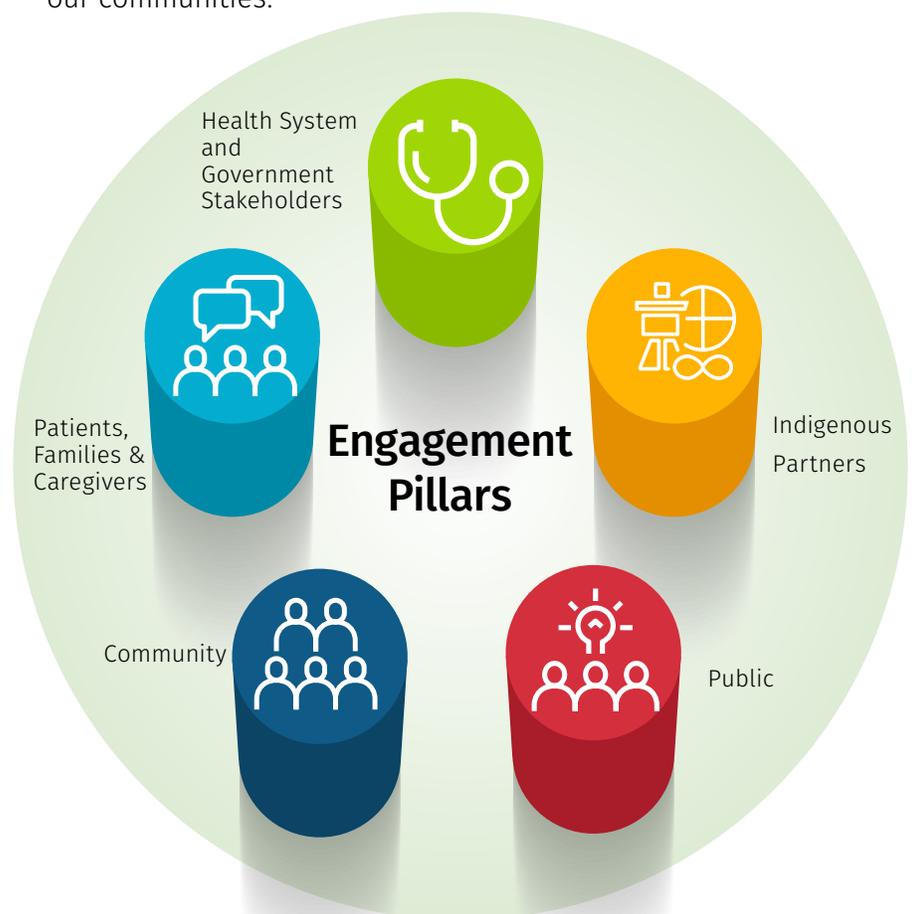
Shaping a cancer system for the future



A multi-pronged approach was designed to generate inclusive input from a diverse range of groups, including representation from regions across PEI and populations experiencing health inequities.

The vision of PEI's Cancer Action Plan 2023 to 2028 is to reduce cancer and its impact on all Islanders. We will achieve this by working together to drive change and lead improvements that value people, quality, and evidence, so all Islanders can live healthier lives and receive high-quality cancer care.

Development of PEI's Cancer Action Plan was grounded in foundational principles of equity, diversity, engagement, the plan's priorities and actions reflect the [2019 – 2029 Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control](#) which was shaped by input from partners across PEI and Canada; the Government of PEI and Health PEI's values and commitment to caring, integrity, excellence, collaboration, and innovation; and, the rich diversity in our communities.



Informed by the Community

The new Action Plan was shaped by voices from across PEI. Partner and community input and advice is integral to positioning PEI to respond to patient and cancer system needs, especially as we tackle the challenges of post-pandemic recovery and build a more equitable cancer system for Islanders.

A multi-pronged approach was designed to generate inclusive input from a diverse range of groups, including representation from regions across PEI and populations experiencing health inequities.

Stakeholder engagement activities were grounded in a commitment to equity. The goal was to understand the current gaps and to inform actions to address these challenges and opportunities.

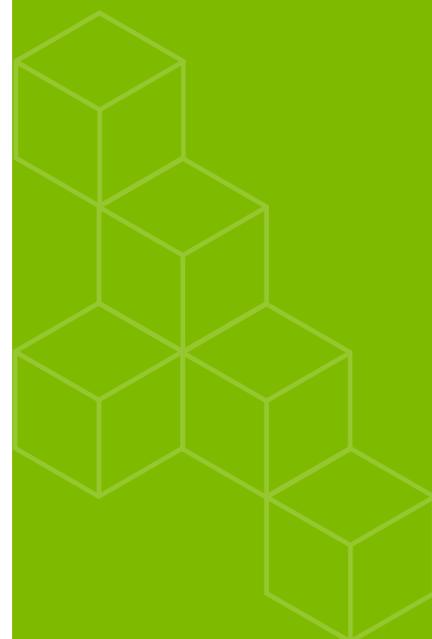
The result is a forward-looking PEI Cancer Action plan with five priorities and four enablers, each with specific actions, that will strengthen cancer control and care for all people in PEI and families and caregivers affected by cancer.

Strengthening Relationships with Indigenous Communities

Indigenous partners provided input to the Action Plan through engagement opportunities and participation as Advisory Committee Members.

Government of PEI and Health PEI are committed to:

- Advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action for health in planning, information sharing and care delivery
- Continuing the work together as partners on shared priorities for cancer prevention and care to improve outcomes and experiences of Indigenous patients and the people who support them >>>



PEI Cancer Action Plan

Cancer Action Plan Governance and Reporting

The 2023 – 2028 plan was developed under the guidance of the Cancer Action Plan Advisory and Leadership Committees and was informed by provincial engagements on health priorities and strategic plans to ensure alignment.

Ongoing oversight, implementation and progress reporting is the shared responsibility of Health PEI and the Department of Health and Wellness. Annual reports will provide updates on successes and challenges, including performance indicators and evaluation outcomes.

Thanks to the Cancer Action Plan Advisory and Leadership Committee members for their guidance and to the partner organizations who contributed to the development of this plan.

Thank you also to the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer for their commitment and support to advance the priorities of the national strategy in PEI. >>>

Please see appendix for a full list of committees.

Like all of Canada, PEI has faced challenges and continues to build back from the pandemic. In this challenge there is also an opportunity to work together and build a more equitable health system that meets the needs of all Islanders.

Marla Delaney - Provincial Cancer Coordinator

2023 to 2028

Priorities and Enablers

Built upon five priorities, PEI’s plan provides concrete actions while allowing for flexible and nimble responses to partners’ needs and system pressures in the years ahead. Four enablers are the tools and approaches necessary to strengthen innovation, embedding evidence and ensuring progressive cancer control and care in PEI.

The priorities span the cancer continuum from prevention and early diagnosis through to survivorship and end of life care and build on work to date. Each of the priorities and detailed actions are aligned to the Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control and have clearly defined outcomes for 2028. Progress will be regularly measured and reported to islanders. >>>



PRIORITY 1

Decrease the risk of people getting cancer



PRIORITY 2

Diagnose cancer faster, accurately and at an early stage



PRIORITY 3

Deliver high-quality care in a sustainable, world-class system



PRIORITY 4

Eliminate barriers to people getting the care they need



PRIORITY 5

Deliver supports for patients, families and caregivers

ENABLERS			
<p>Data Development & Access</p> <p>Expand and share health information that creates the greatest impact for communities and services</p>	<p>Knowledge Mobilization</p> <p>Create opportunities to share information to improve care delivery and planning</p>	<p>Technology</p> <p>Further adopt health record systems and technologies to improve information flow and care</p>	<p>Leadership</p> <p>Strengthen provincial coordination and oversight of cancer care in PEI</p>

Insights

Priority 1:

Decrease the risk of people getting cancer

Islanders place a high priority on supporting efforts to prevent cancer. The cancer community, governments and healthcare partners play important roles in supporting healthier living.

The good news is some types of cancer can be prevented. That's why cancer prevention is an important part of PEI's Cancer Action Plan. Physical activity, healthier eating, limiting alcohol use, quitting tobacco, practicing sun safety, and being immunized against HPV all help reduce the risk of cancer. Working together, governments, organizations, and communities can help prevent cancer by making the 'healthy choice, the easy choice' for individuals.

- **Dr. David Sabapathy**, Deputy Chief Public Health Officer



Building on Progress

Cancer prevention has been strengthened in PEI through a number of policies and initiatives introduced since 2016, including: Grade 6 children's HPV vaccination of children in Grade 6 across the province; [Live Well PEI](#) resources to promote healthier lifestyle choices; delivering supportive programs to help Islanders smoke less or quit entirely; and reducing the number of young people who try smoking with legislation that bans flavoured tobacco and regulates e-cigarettes.

Objectives

1. Sustain high rates of HPV vaccination.
2. Increase access to resources that help people quit and stay smoke free.
3. Invest in awareness and programs to reduce common risk factors for cancer.

Actions

- 1.1 Increase awareness, education and acceptability of HPV vaccination with a focus on under-immunized populations
- 1.2 Strengthen measurement of HPV vaccination rates to identify inequities and engage with communities to inform program improvements
- 2.1 Expand delivery of smoking and vaping cessation programming across PEI including follow-up and counselling
- 2.2 Develop safe and inclusive approaches to smoking cessation
- 3.1 Invest in Live Well PEI initiatives to support awareness and uptake of healthy lifestyles and choices related to sun-safety, alcohol, physical activity, nutrition, mental wellbeing, and smoking
- 3.2 Support greater public and workplace awareness of carcinogen risks and protection

Insights

Priority 2:

Diagnose cancer faster, accurately and at an earlier stage

The faster a cancer can be accurately diagnosed, the faster a person can receive the most effective treatment. Timely access to accurate information is important to identify the best cancer treatment options, while earlier stage diagnoses can improve treatability of many cancers.

The colorectal cancer screening process was very accessible especially with not having a family doctor. The instructions were clear and I was able to send the sample in by mail- and that was very convenient.

- A cancer screening program participant



Building on Progress

PEI has made investments over the last decade to help catch cancers earlier. Examples of impact include: the “I stopped cancer before it stopped me” campaign to promote cancer screening participation; special reports on colorectal, lung, prostate and breast cancer in PEI; and updated breast cancer screening guidelines and decision aids for public and provider.

Objectives

1. Reduce rate of late-stage lung cancer diagnoses.
2. Adopt latest evidence in cervical cancer screening.
3. Increase participation in cancer screening.
4. Prioritize faster and earlier diagnoses of cancers.

Actions

- 1.1 Implement an organized lung screening program
- 2.1 Continue to strengthen engagement and accessibility of culturally appropriate cervical cancer screening
- 2.2 Implement and evaluate self-sample HPV screening kits to support uptake by under-screened populations
- 3.1 Create cancer screening information that is easy to understand, culturally-appropriate, safe and inclusive
- 3.2 Work with communities to ensure screening is available in a safe and inclusive way for all individuals
- 4.1 Secure diagnostic navigation human resources and tools to maximize the support for patients and system improvements
- 4.2 Improve access to cancer screening and early diagnosis services for people who are at a high risk
- 4.3 Work with clinicians and patients to develop and use pathways to inform steps from suspicion to diagnosis.
- 4.4 Review and strengthen referral processes for transitions in care from diagnosis to treatment to ensure timeliness, consistency and information access.

Insights

Priority 3: Delivery high-quality care in a sustainable, world- class system

People living in PEI deserve high-quality cancer care. This includes coordinated access to provincial services and information for the best treatment in PEI and outside the province.

If a specialist says a drug or treatment is needed and it is covered in other provinces, then PEI should provide it here and pay for it. These delays cause just more stress, strain, and anxiety. It is not helpful. - A cancer survivor



Building on Progress

PEI maintains a strong focus on ensuring Islanders have access to high-quality care. Examples of impact over the last few years include availability of high-precision radiation therapy in PEI and recruiting additional oncologists to treat patients closer to home. To inform planning, in 2020, PEI released its Cancer Trends Report with data that reflect the impact of over 30 years of cancer surveillance in the province.

Objectives

1. Standardize care plans and treatment pathways.
2. Advance cancer system quality and sustainability through routine evaluation.
3. Increase drug availability and coverage.
4. Foster a high performing and collaborative workplace

Actions

- 1.1 Develop standardized care plans and pathways that help patients, families and their care team understand treatment options and next steps
- 1.2 Establish tools to develop and share care plans and treatment pathways
- 2.1 Develop evaluation frameworks and reporting plan for cancer care services and programs
- 2.2 Share and use program evaluations to inform improvements, planning, sustainability and to adopt high-value practices
- 3.1 Expand drug navigation supports and streamline drug program approval processes
- 3.2 Increase equitable access to drugs that treat and manage cancer, side effects and symptoms
- 4.1 Establish a collaborative care model that enhances scopes of practice, timely access to care and improves patient outcomes
- 4.2 Reflect role of care team members and scope of practice within treatment pathways and care plans
- 4.3 Conduct a review and assessment of Health Human Resource structure, to inform measures aimed at promoting a sustainable cancer care workforce

Insights

Priority 4:

Eliminate barriers to people getting the care they need

All residents of PEI should have access to the care they need. This means identifying and addressing barriers and supporting diverse populations and experiences.

Receiving a cancer diagnosis can be highly emotional, and navigating and coping in your second language is very challenging. Access to information, support and care in your language enables patients to actively engage in their care as it reduces language barriers and increases odds of patients being more involved and informed in all aspects of their care plan.

- Community focus group participant



Building on Progress

Since 2015, patient and family partners have joined committees and working groups to provide advice to support planning and identify opportunities for improvement in cancer care. Working together with partners and community groups has resulted in better care. A powerful example of collaboration, change and inclusive planning is the advancement of knowledge, skills and resources for a palliative approach to care. Supports and care during a person's journey with cancer is strengthened when informed by people with real life experience.

Objectives

1. Increase competency to improve approaches to care that are culturally safe, free of bias and racism.
2. Improve coordination of care, including off-Island care.
3. Increase capacity for providing care closer to home.
4. Create pathways to ensure access to cancer services for patients without a primary care provider.

Actions

- 1.1 Continue to engage and build relationships with Indigenous communities to help support self-determined cancer control priorities
- 1.2 Increase knowledge and awareness amongst healthcare professionals to strengthen care delivery, planning and policy that are culturally safe and free of bias and racism
- 1.3 Coordinate and strengthen supports for those facing language barriers
- 2.1 Establish pathways and partnerships to allow for efficient and effective off-Island care
- 2.2 Develop and communicate clear processes and policies to guide off-island treatment access
- 2.3 Establish better coordinated navigation supports and resources for patients that require off-island care and when returning back to PEI
- 3.1 Make supports for on-island transportation to health care services more accessible and equitable
- 3.2 Improve access to supports for drugs and medical equipment for those receiving home-based care
- 3.3 Expand the use of virtual health and other services to reduce the need for travel for individuals living in rural areas
- 4.1 Develop strategies and processes to ensure access to care for people living with and beyond cancer who are without a primary care provider.

Insights

Priority 5: Deliver Supports for Patients, Families and Caregivers

Every person's cancer journey is unique. Cancer treatment may be in the form of surgery, radiation or medication and cancer survivors may need support once treatment is complete. Other patients and families may need palliative care and end-of-life supports. All patients – wherever they are on their cancer journey – need care that ensures the best quality of life possible.

I am a caregiver to a cancer patient, and I do not feel like I have any mental or emotional supports. It has been two years since our lives were shattered into a million pieces. No one informs us – not until we ask.

- A caregiver



Building on Progress

PEI is proud to work with the cancer community to develop and deliver initiatives that support patients, caregivers and families. Recent examples include: the Passport to Care developed with and for patients to provide information about diagnosis, treatment planning and local resources. Personal experiences inform care improvements and has informed this plan including Islanders' contributions to the national Transition Study regarding the phase from active treatment to living well as a survivor.

Objectives

1. Increase access to supports for both patients and families along the cancer journey.
2. Apply a person-centred approach to all care plans.
3. Improve access to early and integrated palliative care.
4. Improve patient and caregiver experience throughout each phase of the cancer journey.
5. Provide patients and families access to health information and resources.

Actions

- 1.1 Identify gaps and opportunities to strengthen equitable access and earlier integration of mental health supports for patients and caregivers
- 1.2 Improve equitable access and integration of allied health team professionals and support
- 2.1 Convene multidisciplinary teams, including healthcare providers, patient and family advisors, cancer care navigators, and community members, to develop patient-centered care plans
- 3.1 Continue efforts to increase awareness and competencies of approaches to palliative care throughout the patient care journey
- 4.1 Further define role and scope of navigators to enhance supports for patients, families and caregivers
- 4.2 Develop supports for patients and providers that enable seamless transitions in care
- 5.1 Explore opportunities for patient-facing information sharing tools and technologies (e.g. patient portal)
- 5.2 Standardize and promote use of patient-centric/plain language terminology across providers

ENABLING PROGRESS

ENABLER 1 Data Development & Access



Expand and share health information that creates the greatest impact for communities and services

- 1.1 Increase accessibility of existing cancer system data and effective tools to share the information with public, providers and leaders.
- 1.2 Develop policy around expanding collection of equity-related data, risk factors and social determinants of health
- 1.3 Identify which populations experience inequities by collecting and analyzing disaggregated data using culturally appropriate and safe approaches
- 1.4 Grow and sustain analytical, research and evaluation capacity

ENABLER 2 Knowledge Mobilization



Create opportunities to share and improve care delivery and planning

- 2.1 Support and grow ability to share health data to enable communities to understand the burden of cancer and opportunities to improve outcomes
- 2.2 Assess the needs and barriers for underserved populations to inform program and service delivery
- 2.3 Use existing health data and knowledge to support system planning
- 2.4 Explore opportunities for real-time uses for data to support patient-centered approaches to care

ENABLER 3 Technology



Further adopt health record systems and technologies to improve information flow and care

- 3.1 Implement an electronic health record system for cancer treatment in PEI
- 3.2 Increase accessibility and sharing of health information by integrating electronic health records that span the cancer care continuum
- 3.3 Better utilize innovations (e.g. virtual care) to improve access to specialized care for diagnosis and treatment planning

ENABLER 4 Leadership



Strengthen provincial coordination and oversight of cancer care in PEI

- 4.1 Establish a provincial cancer program that leads priority setting, decision making and reporting across the cancer continuum by Health PEI
- 4.2 Build and sustain capacity to coordinate cancer system planning, evaluation, and reporting across the cancer continuum

At the core of providing cancer care services is the need to re-imagine, ‘relationship-centered’ care and to ensure timely, gracious and compassionate care is at the centre of services in PEI.

- Community Engagement participant



The journey of the cancer patient begins with the jolt of diagnosis and enters a period of many unknowns. While a cancer patient's story plays out in a large and sometimes overwhelming medical context, it is, at its essence, a very personal journey. Thankfully, many compassionate professionals have dedicated themselves to casting light onto the darkness, guiding people through what is most currently understood about cancer and healing.

As a proud member of the Provincial Cancer Coordination Steering Committee since 2015, I believe the PEI Cancer Action Plan brings people and organizations together with a shared purpose, clear goals and actions, leading to real and sustained change. Step by step, with this sustained commitment, the lives of many Islanders will be improved in a meaningful way.

Charlotte Stewart
Patient Advisor



PEI is making great strides to reduce cancer and its impact on Islanders, however with our growing and aging population, we need to do more. This Cancer Action Plan builds on successes to date and reflects the voices of Islanders – their hopes and concerns and how we as a community need to tackle ongoing and emerging challenges of cancer. While it provides clear objectives and actions to advance our work, at the end of the day,

PEI's Cancer Action Plan is about people. It is about reducing the number of people who get cancer. It is about delivering equitable, high-quality care for every person who is diagnosed with cancer – whoever they are and wherever they live. It is about the many Islanders who work tirelessly to deliver the best possible care.

Dr. Larry Pan
Head of Radiation Oncology and Chair,
Cancer Action Plan Advisory Committee

Appendix

PEI Cancer Action Plan Development Committees

PEI Cancer Action Plan- Advisory Committee 2022

Health PEI (HPEI):

- Dr. Larry Pan, Radiation Oncology (chair)
- Dr. Philip Champion, Medical Oncology
- Dr. Kristen Mead, Medical Director, Provincial Laboratory Services
- Dr. Mireille Lecours, Medical Advisor, Provincial Integrated Palliative Care Program
- Dr. Carol McClure, Provincial Cancer Surveillance Epidemiologist
- Charlotte Stewart, Patient Partner
- Don Desserud, Patient Partner
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- Marla Delaney, Provincial Cancer Coordinator (HPEI)

Appendix

PEI Cancer Action Plan Development Committees

PEI Cancer Action Plan- Leadership & Oversight

PEI Cancer Action Plan- Leadership Committee

- Andrew MacDougall, Executive Director Community Health & Seniors Care, Health PEI (co-Chair)
- Kelley Rayner, Director of Community Health, Department of Health & Wellness (co-Chair)
- Dylana Arsenault, Executive Director Hospital Services and Patient Flow, Health PEI
- Eileen Larkin, Director of Community Specialty Services, Health PEI
- Dr. David Sabapathy, Deputy Chief Public Health Officer, Department of Health & Wellness

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- Marla Delaney, Provincial Cancer Coordinator, Health PEI

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- Corinne Rowsell, Chief Operating Officer, Health PEI

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