



Dear Ontario Association of General Surgeons,

Disease Pathway Management is a unifying approach to the way in which Cancer Care Ontario sets priorities for cancer control, plans cancer services and improves the quality of care in Ontario. The DPM approach applies a framework for examining the performance of the system across the cancer journey – from prevention to recovery to end-of-life care for specific cancers - and identifies any system gaps along the way. This disease-focused view of the patient journey makes the DPM approach the ideal vehicle for improving processes, quality of care and the patient experience by identifying areas for improvement that the province, Regional Cancer Programs, and individual institutions can act upon.

DPM develops pathway maps, flowcharts that provide a high-level overview of the care that a typical cancer patient in Ontario should receive. They are organized by cancer type. The pathway maps depict evidence-based and consensus-driven best practice for patients in Ontario during each phase of the cancer journey. When developing pathway maps, DPM builds multidisciplinary teams (working groups) that bring together disease-specific experts including primary care physicians, specialists, nurses and allied health professionals. Pathway maps are used to identify opportunities to embed best practice into care delivery processes, monitor performance both at a patient and population level, and to catalyze action to address quality and measurement gaps. DPM is pleased to share with you the **Breast Cancer Pathway Map**, which is now available on the external Cancer Care Ontario website.

The **Breast Cancer Pathway Map** provides an overview of evidence-based best practices for the management of patients in Ontario during each phase of the breast cancer patient journey. A total of four pathway maps have been developed that span the breast cancer patient journey and include:

- Prevention
- Screening & Diagnosis
- Treatment
- Follow-Up Care

To view the Breast Pathway Map and a list of the Ontario experts involved in its development, please [click here](#).

If you have questions or comments pertaining to the Breast Cancer Pathway Map, please contact [disease.pathway.management@cancercare.on.ca](mailto:disease.pathway.management@cancercare.on.ca).

Sincerely,

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