

Geoff Porter, MD

Expert Lead, Clinical Care at Canadian Partnership Against Cancer

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Dr. Geoff Porter is an Expert Lead in Clinical Care, leading policy and program work to improve the delivery of cancer treatment in Canada

Biography

Dr. Geoff Porter is Expert Lead, Clinical Care at the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer. He previously served as the Partnership's inaugural Senior Scientific Leader, Diagnosis and Clinical Care.

Serving in his Partnership role on a part-time basis, Dr. Porter is also a Professor of Surgery and the Ramia Chair in Surgical Oncology at Dalhousie University. He also serves as Director of the Cancer Outcomes Research Unit in Halifax, where he has worked to generate standard research metrics in the forms of publications and grants, as well as significant knowledge translation and exchange activities, resulting in tangible clinical change. In the past, he has served as the Head of the Cancer Care Program in Halifax, as well as the Chair of Surgical Quality Control for the Radiation Therapy Oncology Group (RTOG).

Dr. Porter studied medicine at Queen's University and he holds a Master of Science in medical sciences, specializing in epidemiology, from the University of Alberta. He trained in Surgical Oncology at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas.

Over the past few years, Dr. Porter has participated in several Partnership initiatives, working groups, steering committees and reports, notably as Clinical Lead for breast cancer surgery in the Synoptic Reporting Tools Project. In addition, he acted as Chair of the Electronic Synoptic Surgery Quality Initiative which has led to the doubling of surgeons using synoptic reporting tools with a focus on using the results to further cancer control. He also led the Partnership's submission for the Choosing Wisely Canada oncology list of recommendations to identify low-value or potentially harmful practices, contributing to landmark recommendations for the cancer control community.

Areas of Expertise

Clinical and Health Services, Surgical Care for Cancer Patients, Cancer Health Services Research, Access to Cancer Care, Appropriateness Efficiency, Clinical Trials

Education

Queen's University
MD Medicine

University of Alberta
MSc Medical Sciences

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