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A 360° view of the Apobiologix Partnership Program

We are thrilled to bring you the May 2023 edition of **snAPPshot**, Apobiologix' quarterly newsletter designed to highlight APP initiatives, and recognize and support leaders in oncology.

Interviews and case studies are views of the individual and do not represent the views of Apobiologix.

What's happening?

Helping patients choose an injection device best suited to their needs.

In this edition of snAPPshot, we talk to oncology pivot nurse, Brandy Louise Vanderbyl from Montreal's Jewish General Hospital, about how Lapelga delivery device decisions are made at her centre.[†]

Q: At your centre, who oversees decision-making for device selection (i.e., choosing between the Lapelga Pre-Filled Syringe [PFS] or the Pre-Filled Autoinjector [PFI])?

A: The patient is the key decision-maker. We present options to the patient and then they decide if they would like to use the PFS or PFI to inject.

Q: What types of patients do you feel would benefit most from the Lapelga Pre-Filled Autoinjector versus the Pre-Filled Syringe?

A: Patients who don't have any experience with subcutaneous injections would benefit most from the autoinjector. Additionally, patients who are looking to become more autonomous or who don't want to inconvenience a family member, patients living alone and/or without family support, patients with sufficient body fat, and patients with dexterity issues would all benefit from the autoinjector.

Q: How do you approach the conversation of device selection with patients?

A: The conversation typically happens when patients come to the pivot nurse office to review all the medications prescribed to them by their oncologist. When discussing Lapelga, we will explain to the patient that they have two injection options, and then we show the PFI demo device. Often, we can tell if the patient is interested or not based on their reaction to the demo device.

Q: Do you have any other advice for training patients on the autoinjector?

A: When discussing the PFI, some patients have asked how they know for certain that they have received the entire injection when they don't see the needle. This is typically resolved by reassuring the patient that the injection is complete when they hear the audible "click".

PFI Demo Devices are available for your centre, as well as several other tools to support your device selection discussion with patients, including: a Lapelga Device Selection Tool, PFI Patient Injection Video, and PFI Patient Injection Guide. To get your PFI Demo Device and support tools reach out to your Apobiologix rep today!

[†] Interview has been edited and condensed for brevity.

HCP appreciation

Congratulations to the 2022/2023 HOPE Award Winners!

We are pleased to announce the recipients of the 2022/2023 HOPE (Honouring Oncology Pharmacy Excellence) Awards!

Sponsored by the Apobiologix Partnership Program, the HOPE Awards were created to recognize and showcase individuals and/or teams whose work has made a significant contribution to the oncology pharmacy community. This year we had an overwhelming number of submissions. Thank you to all who applied!

The HOPE Awards are presented each year in conjunction with the Canadian Association of Pharmacy in Oncology (CAPHO) Conference. This year, the conference took place from April 13th-16th 2023 in Toronto, Ontario.

More details of each project that received a 2023 HOPE Award will be featured in future snAPPshot newsletters.

The HOPE Awards will return for 2023/2024. Stay tuned for more information.

To learn more about the HOPE Awards, [Click Here](#)

2023 HOPE Award Winners



Teaching & Education



Laura Minard, Ny Phonchaeran, Samantha Scott, Amanda Daniels, Claudia Harding (Group),
Development and Implementation of a Pharmacist-led Clinic Focused on Patient Education and Toxicity Management for Patients with Neo/Adjuvant Breast Cancer (Nova Scotia Health)



Tara Leslie,
Inter-Professional Education in Heme/Onc/BMT (University of Alberta)



Interprofessional Programs



Lauren Hutton,
Prostate Cancer Shared Care Pharmacy Clinic (Nova Scotia Health)



Alina Rashid and Sabiha Delawala (Group),
Establishing the Role of an Oncology Pharmacist Within a Team-Based Model of Care at a Community Hospital (William Osler Health)

We would also like to give an honorable mention to Drug Access Navigator, Kayla Ross, for her project, **The Voice of Drug Access.**



Sustainability and/or Efficiency



Raphaël Coutu,
Development of Computer Tools to Optimize the work of the Pharmacist in Oncology (CIUSSE-CHUS)



Heather Ryan,
New Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Pharmacy Cleanroom Development Project and Regional NAPRA Standards Implementation (Eastern Health)



Applied Knowledge

Cohort 3 Update: Addressing Basics in Cancer (ABC): An Oncology Education Program

The ABC program is a pharmacist driven, oncology specific education program that was developed in response to a stated lack of programs, training, and education around the fundamentals of oncology, supportive care, and side effect management in patients living with cancer. To date, there have been three successful cohorts of this program, all sponsored by the Apobiologix Partnership Program.

The ABC program is open to:

- ✓ **Pharmacists**
- ✓ **Pharmacy Technicians**
- ✓ **Pharmacy Assistants**
- ✓ **Pharmacy Students**
- ✓ **Other HCPs looking to gain knowledge about oncology-specific pharmacy**

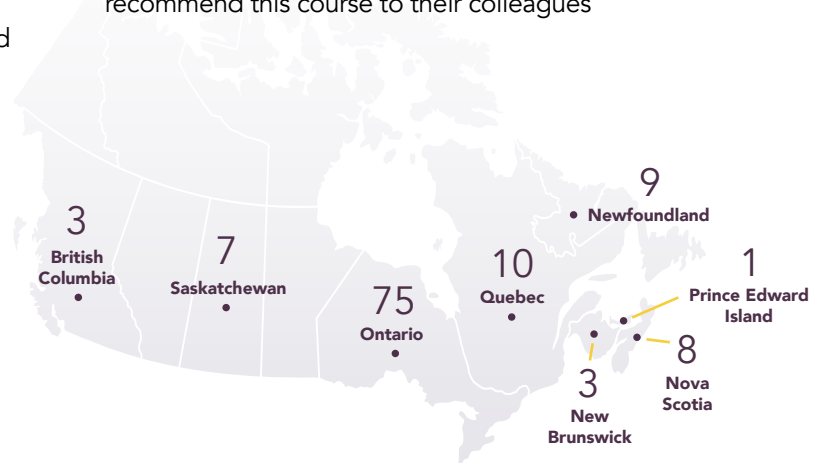
“This was a wonderful intro course, and I find it especially useful as a non-onco pharmacist who interacts with patients receiving cancer treatments”

~ Cohort 3 Participant

For more information about the ABC Program or how to enrol in future cohorts, please contact your Apobiologix representative or reach out to info@abconcparmacy.com

Program Highlights:

- 116 participants in the ABC program to date
- 90% weekly attendance rate
- 97.5% of participants from Cohort 3 said this material would help them in their practice
- 90% of Cohort 3 participants said the course met their expectations
- 97.5% of participants in Cohort 3 said they would recommend this course to their colleagues



Upcoming events!

Email your Apobiologix Representative for more information or to register.

June
3rd
2023

Nursing Across the Cancer Care Continuum.

WOSK Centre for Dialogue, Vancouver, BC.

Click below to

2023/2024 HOPE Awards – Submission Link Coming Soon!

Canadian Fellows Program at ASCO and ASH*

Project Funding/Donation Application

ABC — Inquire at info@abconcparmacy.com