

PAN-CANADIAN CANCER RESEARCH STRATEGY



Moving Forward Together: The Pan-Canadian Research Strategy and the Canadian Cancer Research Alliance

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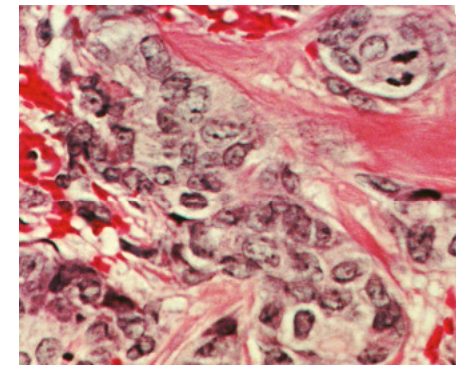
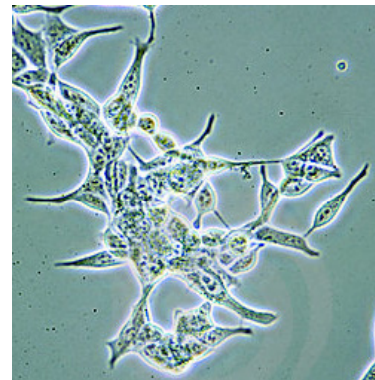
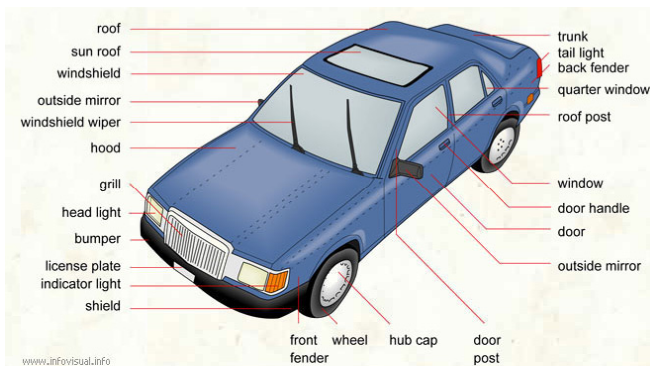
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Outline

- Why having a Canadian Cancer Research Alliance ?
- Origins of the Canadian Cancer Research Alliance (CCRA)
- Why a pan-Canadian cancer research strategy?
- The process of developing the strategy
- Action items of the strategy

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The complexity of cancers and cancer cells



>200 different forms of the disease:
Bladder, brain, breast, colorectal, leukemia, liver, lung, lymphoma, melanoma, ovary, pancreas, prostate, testis, etc.

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CCRA had its origins in the Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control (CSCC)

- As one of several Action groups, the “Research Action Group” (RAG) was charged with providing input into CSCC regarding research.
- Under the leadership of Drs. Gerry Johnston and Phil Branton:
 - RAG members wanted a stronger and broader voice to address research issues across the spectrum.
 - In December 2003, research funders were invited to discuss a vision for a **nationally coordinated cancer research effort**:

CCRA was born

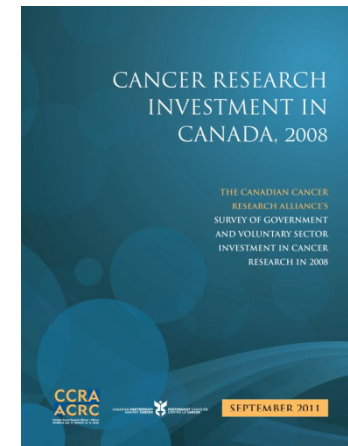
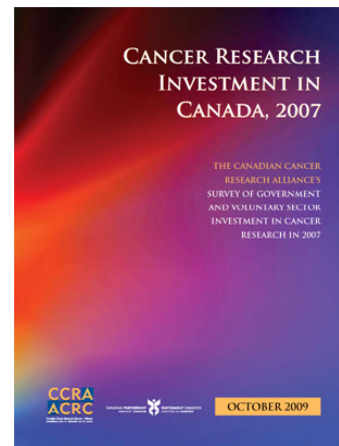
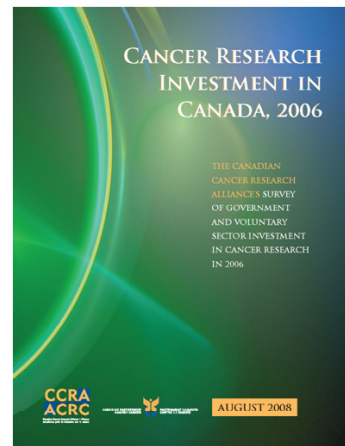
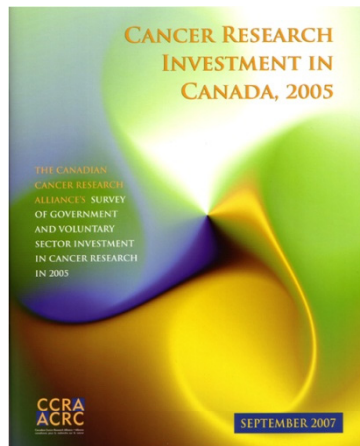
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Today, the Canadian Cancer Research Alliance is...

- An alliance of 31 organizations, cancer research funders and other key stakeholders, **working together** to:
 - identify, **develop** and initiate large transformative cancer research initiatives
 - **coordinate** cancer research at a pan-Canadian level
 - **document** cancer research activity in Canada
 - act (the CCRA Board) as the **Research Advisory Group** of the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer
- The CCRA board is composed of 13 organizational representatives and two patient/survivor/family representatives.
- The CCRA Secretariat is funded by the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer.

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CCRA Cancer Research Survey...



- Assists in the **identification of significant gaps and potential opportunities (collaborations)** in cancer research
- Provided the foundation for the development of a **pan-Canadian research strategy**

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1. Focused, Complementary Research

2. National Consultation Process

3. Options Analysis Process

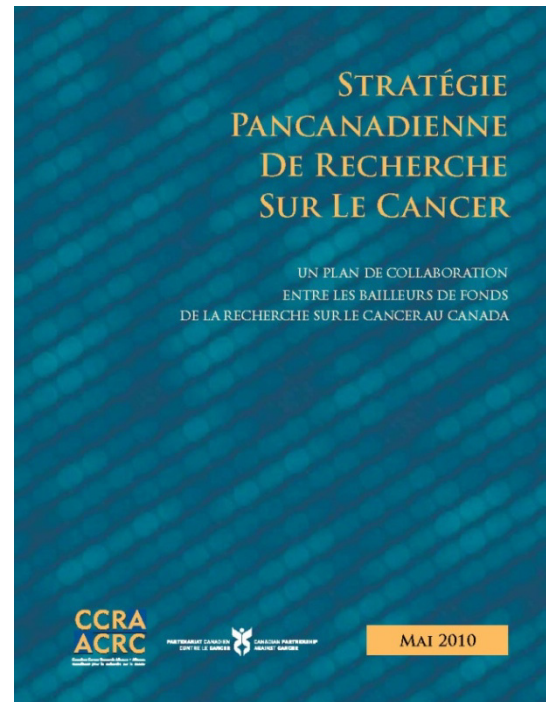
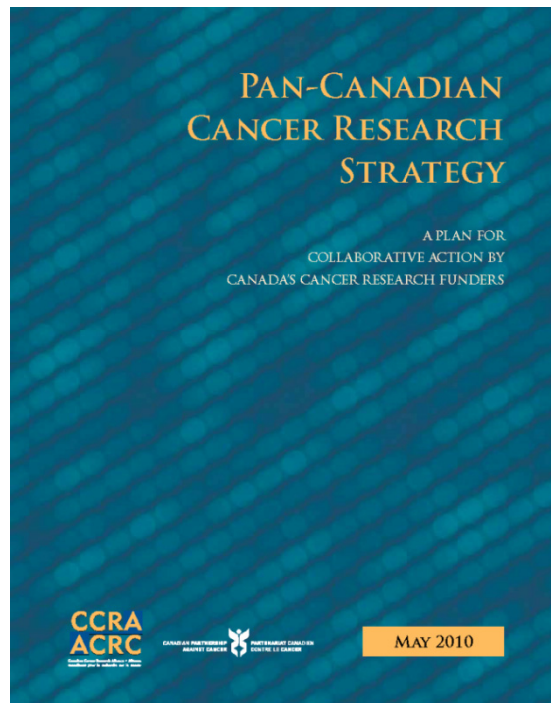
4. Strategic Planning Retreat

5. Strategy Finalization

November 2008



February 2010



Its **GOAL:**

To identify priorities for **collaborative investment and action**

to maximize impact on **cancer control and accelerate discovery.**

“A plan for collaborative action by Canada’s cancer research funders”



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24 Action Items

- **Span the spectrum** of cancer research areas
- Relate to **new funding** and also **respond** to specific issues, opportunities or concerns
- Have an accountable, **lead agency** and partner agency(ies)
- Have a **timeline** for deliverables

Some themes:

- **linkages** with international partners or other non-cancer research funders
- importance of **engaging** practitioners and policy-makers
- **Industry is** recognized as an important **partner** for those initiatives that will translate discoveries into products for cancer treatment, personalized therapies or early detection

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More information

- To access a copy of the Pan-Canadian Cancer Research Strategy or other related materials, please go to the CCRA web site at www.ccra-acrc.ca.
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