

Session 2: Adoption of Novel therapeutics in the Canadian healthcare system: learnings from CAR T cell therapy

Monday October 26<sup>th</sup>, 1:40PM – 3:10PM
Virtual Conference

#### **Session Overview:**

The continued advancement of cell and gene therapies promises to transform the treatment of disease and delivery of healthcare for patients, while also fundamentally disrupting and straining Canada's traditional HTA and drug reimbursement processes. This panel will explore recent CADTH process updates related to evaluating cell and gene therapies, as well as Canadian case studies & considerations for how to tackle this exciting challenge in Canadian healthcare going forward.

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patient advocate perspective



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the cancer collaborative is a not for profit advocacy group with a mission to bridge science, policy and advocacy to proactively identify the challenges and opportunities within oncology, prioritize them and work together to make action oriented changes on how cancer care is delivered in canada. meeting the challenges of today's cancer ecosystem with innovation and collaboration to create meaningful impact for patients and system readiness through multistakeholder engagement.

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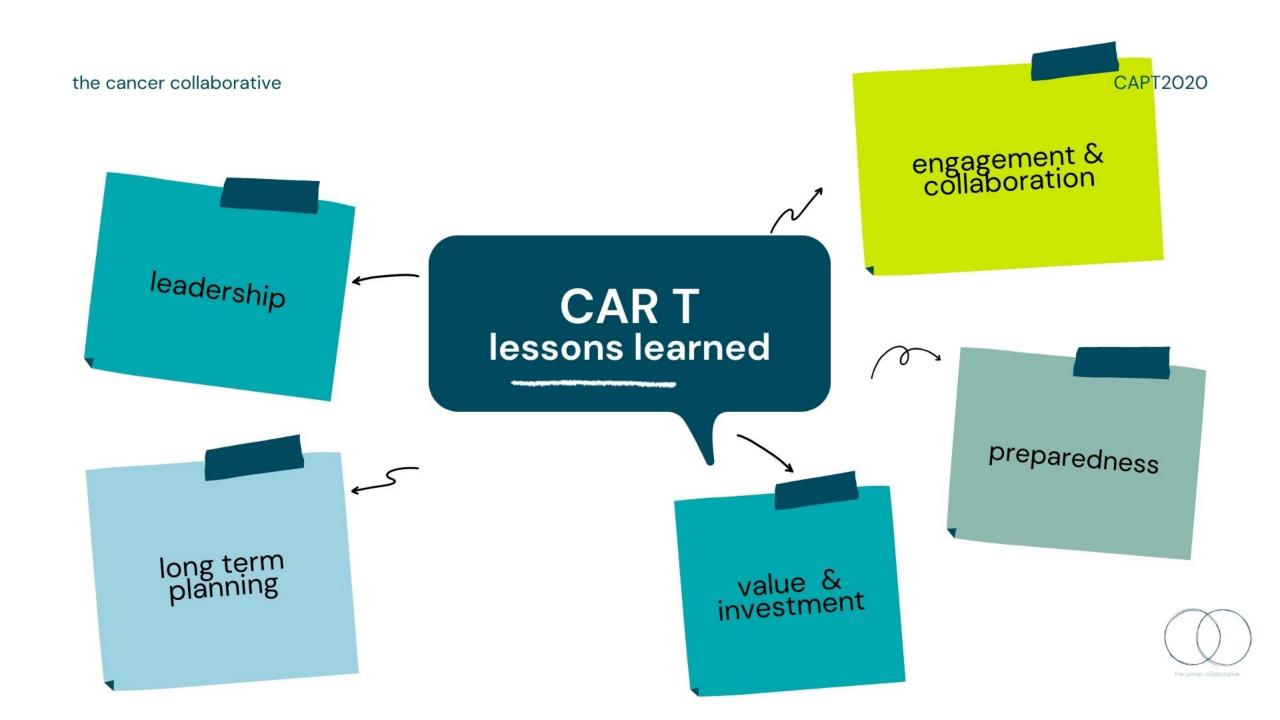
a new and unique new way to treat cancer, CAR T-cell therapy is poised to transform the outlook for children and adults with certain otherwise incurable cancers'





- new hope | personalized cures
- 2 complexity | uncertainty
- 3 cost vs value
- 4 ethical and equitable access





# doing better for patients

are we ready?

stakeholders must learn to work together in a collaborative environment in order to bridge the gap rather than widen it



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# **CADTH HTA reviews: cell and gene therapies**

- Despite regulatory approval as a drug, CADTH chose to review the new CAR-Ts through its device pathway:
  - Implementation considerations
  - Ethics framework established
  - Reviewed by Health Technology Expert Review Panel (HTERP)



# **HTA reviews: Lessons Learned**

- Adjustments made to ethics review
- Need to detailed processes for review
- Understand who needs to be engaged and the needs of stakeholders
- The Health system is still learning how to use these products at the same time



# CADTH cell and gene therapy review: current status

- Requirement for an implementation plan provided by sponsor
  - Drug programs will review and determine appropriate review process
- Clinical and economics will follow usual process
- Identification of ethical considerations
- Establish an implementation panel if required
- Additional support as needed e.g., funding negotiations



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# **Public Payer Perspective**

#### **Scott Gavura**

Director Provincial Drug Reimbursement Programs October 26, 2020

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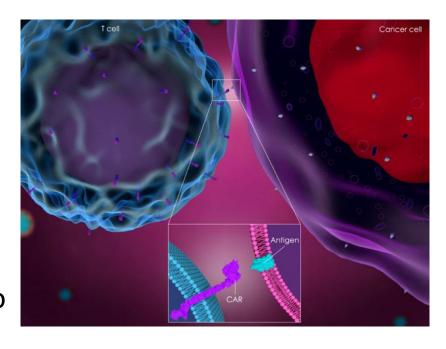
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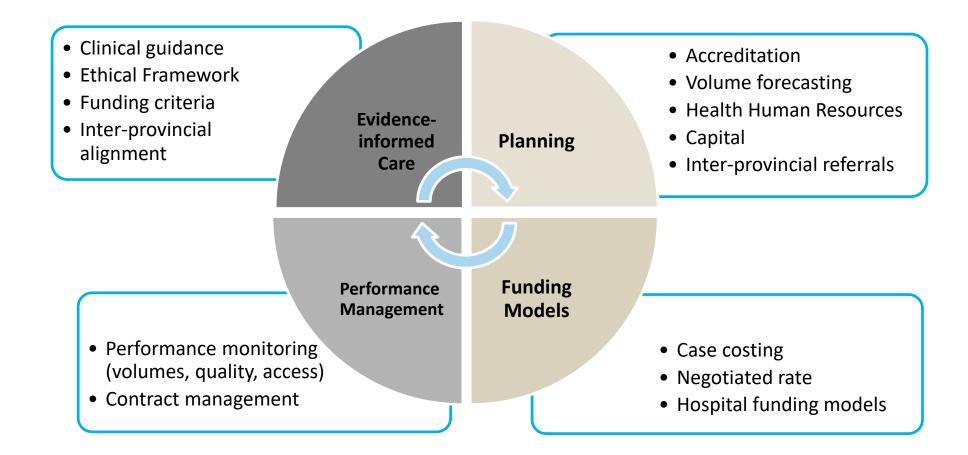
# A new funding program required for CAR-T

- An immunotherapy with a complex manufacturing and delivery process.
- Specialized resources clearly required, but many unknowns.
- Patients sent to U.S. facilities starting as early as 2014
- Initially, in-province expertise to deliver CAR T-cell therapy was lacking.





# Approach to program development





## **Initial uncertainties**

- Review process
- Pan-Canadian negotiation process
- How funding should occur
- Timelines for site readiness, impacted by
  - Capital build delays
  - Health human resources
  - Standard Operating Procedure development and agreements with manufacturers
- Limited geographic access
- Manufacturing constraints
- And then...
  - The impact of COVID-19, diverting planning resources



### Where are we now?

- Two indications reviewed, negotiated, funded.
- Established referral and enrollment process. Funding criteria are posted online.
- 4 sites in Ontario and 2 in Quebec providing commercial CAR T-cell therapy
- Numerous clinical trials underway across the country.
- Ongoing data collection and evaluation of real-world effectiveness underway (OICR-funded grant)
- (Ontario): Referral to U.S. facilities if there's no capacity in Ontario for funded indication.

Established process for review and negotiation for future drugs/indications.

CAR T-cell product	Health Canada	Indications	Ontario funding Status
Kymriah	Approved	<ul><li>ALL (&lt;25yrs)</li><li>DLBCL (adults)</li></ul>	• Funded in 2019
Yescarta	Approved	• DLBCL	<ul> <li>In negotiations</li> </ul>
Tecartus	Pending (FDA approved)	• MCL	Not funded



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Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T-cell Therapy Enrolment Process and Forms

Chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy is a new treatment for some types of leukemia and lymphoma.

Availability of CAR T-cell Therapy in Canada

The process to produce and deliver CAR T-cell therapy is complex. While Ontario is building capacity for CAR T-cell therapy, the province can now treat a limited number of patients from Ontario, and other provinces and territories.

**Enrolment Forms** 

CAR T-cell therapy for pediatric and PDF young adult patients with relapsed/refractory B-cell ALL

CAR T-cell therapy for relapsed/refractory lymphoma

https://www.cancercareontario.ca/en/guidelines-advice/types-of-cancer/hematologic/car-t-cell-therapy-enrolment



# Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-Cell Therapy (CART-C): A Hospital Perspective

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#### **Purpose and Main Messages**

#### **Purposes:**

- To describe hospital processes in adopting CART-C therapy
- To advise how other stakeholders might facilitate hospital processes in advancing CART-C therapy

#### **Main Messages**:

- Hospitals and their physicians and staff enthusiastically want to advance new and better therapies
- Hospitals want to provide high-quality care, comply with authorities and partner with the private sector
- Hospitals that are to provide CART-C therapy will inevitably have a research agenda
- Hospitals are hierarchical and very operational; stakeholders should understand and respect these tenets
- Hospitals have limited abilities to take new work; other stakeholders need to "make this easy"

#### **Factors for External Stakeholders to Consider**

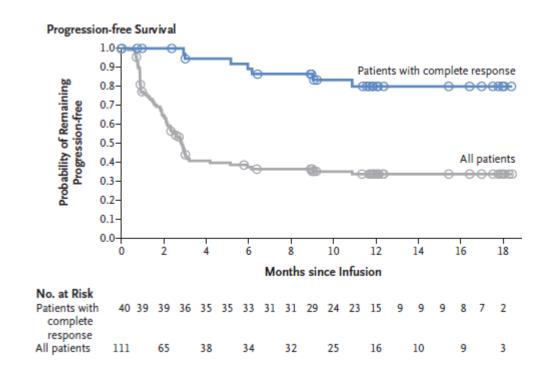
- Do you understand the Hospital's structure and how this structure should be accessed?
- What are the priorities of the Hospital related to "Complex Malignant Hematology"?
- What is the experience of the Hospital related to FACT, Health Canada and research sponsor accountabilities?
- What is the Hospital's capacity for complex project management? How might you assist this?
- What are the processes in advancing CART-C therapy that are most at risk of:
  - Delay in advancing
  - Repetitive reprocessing

#### **CART-Cell Therapy and Lymphoma**

#### ORIGINAL ARTICLE

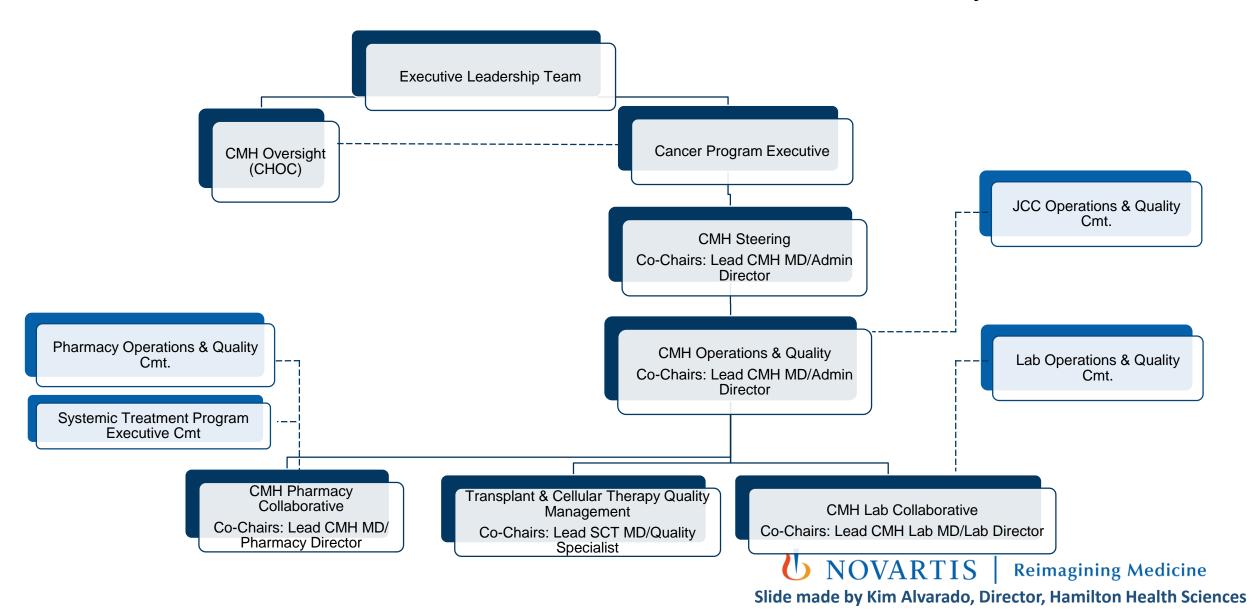
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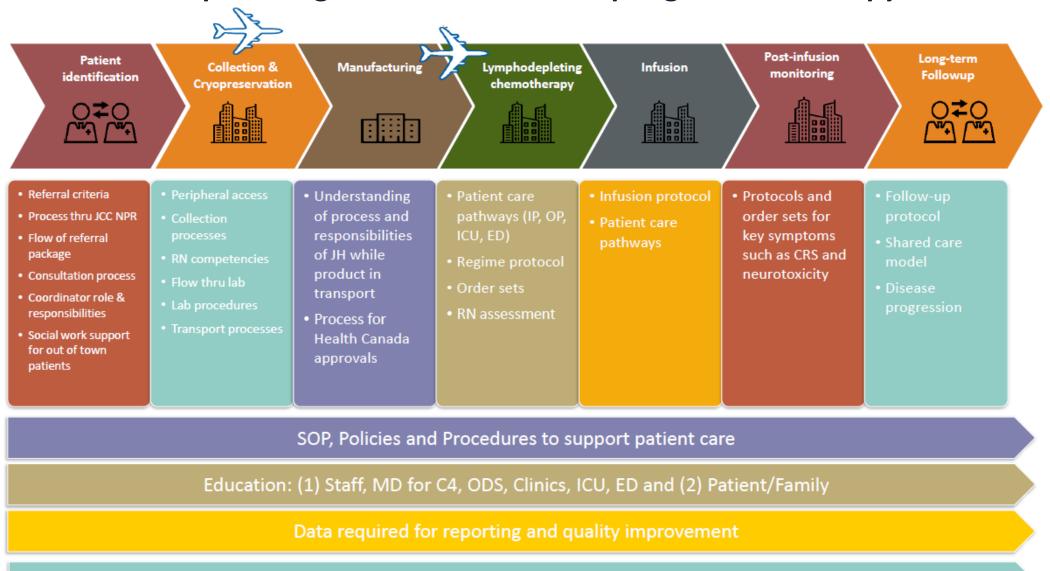


## Complex Malignant Hematology (CMH) Committee Structure

Approved by CPE October 2018 Endorsed by CHOC December 2018



#### **Hospital Program Processes in Adopting CART-C Therapy**



Targeted communication (Messages to JH, LHIN, Partner Hospitals, community, etc)

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#### **Summary**

- CART-C therapy is potentially transformative
- Rapid adoption is occurring
- Growth will include indications and private sector expansion
- There are recognized risks:
  - Patient care is specialized and requires close relations between Programs\*
  - Provincial / national referral / catchment is expected; Canada abides by universal care principles
  - Relations with the private sector are unique
  - Regulatory implications are substantial

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# The industry perspective

presented at the CAPT virtual conference October 26 2020

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"We're making the immune system do things it never could... it's unlike anything the pharmaceutical industry has ever done."

Carl H. June, MD Richard W. Vague Professor of Immunotherapy at the Perelman School of Medicine and Director of the Center for Cellular Immunotherapies at the Abramson Cancer Center, University of Pennsylvania

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