



We are sending an addendum to our April 2022 Newsletter because BCAK received a few important items after our April newsletter was circulated. We feel these items will be of interest to our members and supporters.

### **NEW ITEMS**

May Fundraiser - Music Theater Benefit Concert  
Seeking Volunteers to Discuss Impact of Covid19

Report on the Effect of Covid 19 on Cancer Treatment  
2 Research Participation Requests

### **MUSIC THEATER BENEFIT CONCERT**

Molly Luhta is generously holding a Music Theater Benefit Concert in May in support of BCAK. The concert will feature Molly Luhta's Studio Odessa Children's Choir.

- Date - Friday, 6 May 2022
- Time - 7:00 pm
- Location - Crossroads United Church on Sir John A Blvd (across from Loblaws at the Kingston Shopping Centre)
- Cost - Donation

All donations will benefit BCAK. Many thanks to Molly and the Odessa Children's Choir for your time and effort on behalf of BCAK.

Molly is looking for a BCAK volunteer for the evening of the concert. If you are interested, call the office at 613-531-7912.  
**IMPACT OF COVID 19.**

### **GLOBAL NEWS INTERVIEW VOLUNTEER**

Global News Kingston has contacted BCAK regarding an article written by Dr. Dr. Timothy Hanna of Queen's University on the impact of Covid 19 on cancer treatment. They are putting together a story about how the Covid-19 pandemic has impacted cancer patients in the Kingston area. In addition to interviewing Dr. Hanna, they are also looking to talk to a cancer patient(s) in the Kingston area whose treatment has been impacted. The article below contains more information on Dr. Hanna's study.

If you fall into this category and would be willing to be interviewed, please email Wendy immediately at [email.bcak@gmail.com](mailto:email.bcak@gmail.com) and she will forward your name to CKWS.

### **REPORT ON CANCER TREATMENT AND COVID 19**

Dr. Timothy P Hanna, Associate Professor of Oncology and Public Health Sciences, Queen's University, Ontario, and his team researched the survival impact of a 4-week delay in diagnosis and treatment due to Covid-19 on cancer patients. They used information from over 1.2 million cancer patients from 34 high-quality studies on 17 conditions where surgery, radiation or systemic therapy are routinely used. Seven types of cancer were included in the study - bladder, breast, cervix, colon, rectum, lung and head and neck. These, together, represent 44 per cent of all cancers diagnosed worldwide, every year.

Their report found that across the seven cancer types, a delay of even four weeks could be associated with reduced survival. For example, cancer surgeries for breast, colon, bladder and head and neck sites were associated with a mortality increase between six and eight per cent for each four-week delay. Sex, advanced age and socio-economic factors were often associated with disparities in waiting times. As the delay increased, the impact on survival became even greater.

In his article, Dr. Hanna noted that a McGill University team used information from the study to develop a model to estimate the impact of the Covid 19 delays. They found that between 2020 and 2030, disruptions to cancer care during the COVID-19 pandemic could lead to about 20,000 additional deaths from cancer in Canada.

Dr. Hanna published the details of this study in the online blog "The Conversation CA". You can read or listen to the entire article on the "The Conversation" website at demonstrating a link between waiting longer for cancer treatment and worse survival outcomes.

## RESEARCH STUDY PARTICIPATION REQUESTS

### BENEFITS OF NEUROFEEDBACK ON CANCER TREATMENT SYMPTOMS

BCAK received this invitation to members from Sarah Walker of the Kingston School of Nursing to participate in a research study on neurofeedback.

Dear Breast Cancer Action Kingston,

I am writing to inform you of a study that we are recruiting for in Kingston through the school of Nursing at Queen's University. The study is once again looking at the benefits of neurofeedback and I am the nurse who will be coordinating things under the guidance of Marian Luctkar-Flude, the Principal Investigator. She carried out a similar type of research with Breast Cancer patients a few years ago and is now advancing this research further and for this study we are recruiting individuals who have received cancer treatment for other cancers, not just breast cancer.

I would like to send you some information here on email but also ask if I might bring some leaflets and the poster to put up at BCAK?

Our new website just launched, has a few things that need sorting when accessing via cell phone- but hopefully will be sorted soon, and this is the link [www.sonrlab.ca](http://www.sonrlab.ca)

Thanks,  
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### FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE ACCEPTANCE OF A BREAST CANCER DIAGNOSIS

The following invitation to participate in a breast cancer survey was received at BCAK yesterday and might be of interest to our members.

We are seeking help distributing information about an online survey research project. We are studying survivor identity for those who have been diagnosed with breast cancer and the factors that influence acceptance of the term. By way of background, I am working with a medical student at the University of British Columbia on this project (Mr. Kevin Gunther) but I am located at Dalhousie University in Halifax.

Our survey is for anyone who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. We have received ethics approval from the University of British Columbia Behavioral Research Ethics Board for this study and are currently recruiting participants. The survey takes about 15 minutes to complete.

I've attached our study invite letter to this email, which provides more information and the survey link, also found here: [https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9ZTMbmyAUPIIHE9](https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9ZTMbmyAUPIIHE9)

Please let me know if you have any questions about the study.

Thank you. Have a great day.  
Warm regards,  
Chiara Gottheil