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## Canadian Cancer Society Research Institute Program Redesign

### An update on goals, process and timelines

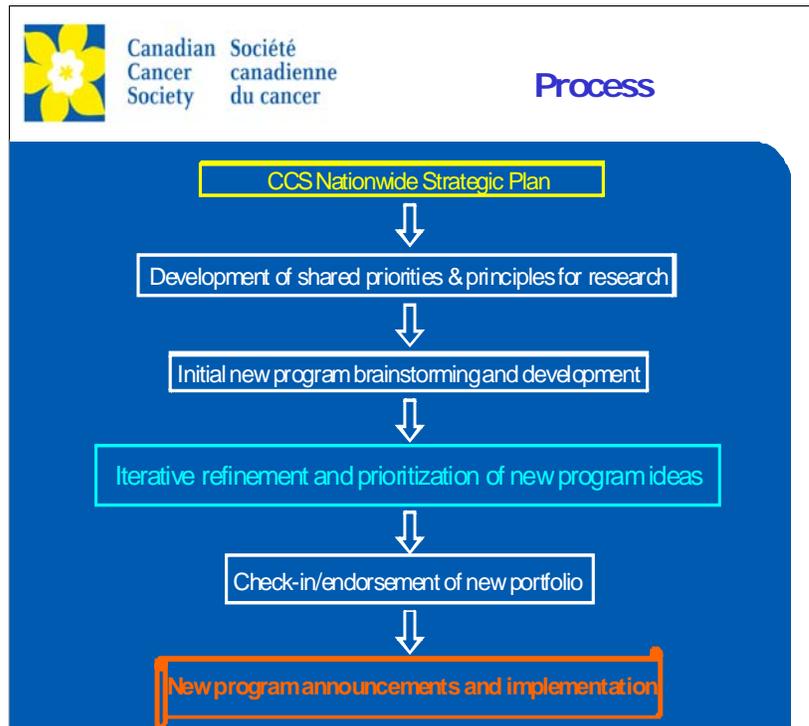
As you may have heard, the CCSRI is undergoing an in-depth evaluation and redesign of our research portfolio in order to ensure that we continue to fund excellent, innovative research. We know that making an impact in the fight against cancers is as important to the research community as it is to the Canadian Cancer Society. Armed with this new research portfolio, we hope to engage you as scientists, but also as volunteers, spokespeople and donors. We hope to reinvigorate investment from the public in Canadian Cancer Society research.

As we progress through the research redesign process, the CCSRI will be as transparent and consultative as possible with the research community. To help to achieve that, CCSRI will be providing frequent and ongoing updates as the new program ideas evolve, and we invite your feedback. Please feel free to use our [website](#) to post comments or suggestions – we will consider them all.



## The process

A great deal of consultation has occurred and is continuing. While no final decisions



have been made, we are getting much closer to a consensus and will continue to keep you engaged. We are currently (December 2010) at stage 4 (the iterative refinement stage) of the chart to the left.

Three working groups were established to discuss the redesign. The groups were composed of CCSRI senior staff and scientific and Canadian Cancer Society division representatives who

have broad expertise in each of the three “Ends” of the nationwide strategic plan. These Ends are:

- **End 1** (reduced incidence of cancer)
- **End 2** (reduced mortality from cancer)
- **End 3** (improved quality of life for those living with and beyond cancer)

The working groups included scientific leaders, successful mid-career and early career scientists, broad geographical representation, including scientists from smaller regions, and at least one ACOR member. In addition, the End 1 group includes the CEOs from Nova Scotia Division and BC/Yukon Division, both of whom have made substantial regional investments in cancer prevention research.

The groups met in Toronto at Canadian Cancer Society, National, in early October and were each asked to address the following 2 broad questions:

- What are the unique Canadian strengths of and major barriers to progress in your area of cancer research?
- What funding mechanisms could the Canadian Cancer Society develop to accelerate discovery and the advancement of knowledge in your research community?

Many interesting ideas emerged from the working group meetings. These ideas are being further considered and refined by the Research Cabinet, ACOR and Canadian Cancer Society/CCSRI senior staff and board members in the coming months. The Research Cabinet is composed of senior Canadian Cancer Society leadership representing 4 divisions, a subgroup of ACOR members, the NACORP chair and senior leadership from Canadian Cancer Society, National, and from CCSRI.

### **Timelines**

We expect to announce the new research programs in the spring of 2011. A timeline for the implementation and roll-out of new programs will also be announced at that time.

### **Feedback**

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