

“These researchers are advancing new and innovative programs aimed at reducing the risk of cancer as well as improving care for cancer patients,” says Dr. Roger Strasser, Dean of NOSM. “These awards recognize best practices for improving the quality and value of healthcare programs across Ontario. We are happy that leaders in our region are being recognized for their valuable work.”

Michael Power is Regional Vice President of Cancer Care Ontario, Executive Vice President of Chronic Disease and Prevention Management at TBRHSC, and CEO of TBRRI. He offers his sincere congratulations: “We at Regional Cancer Care Northwest are very proud the success of these two research teams. Along with Cancer Care Ontario, we applaud you for your commitment to ongoing quality improvements, and your efforts and willingness to share your innovative work with the rest of the province.”

"Research, academics and partnerships are the pillars of our Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre's Strategic Plan 2015," says Andrée Robichaud, President and CEO of TBRHSC, who also offers her congratulations, "These projects are an example of collaborating across disciplines and organizations to improve our community's health."

“The work of these teams demonstrates the innovative research that is going on in Northwestern Ontario to improve the care experience of cancer patients,” says Laura Kokocinski, CEO of the North West Local Health Integration Network. “We congratulate Thunder Bay Regional Sciences Centre and the Northern Ontario School of Medicine on their awards.”

Through the Health Sciences Discovery Fund and the Northern Cancer Fund, the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation provided financial support to the research teams. Foundation President & CEO Glenn Craig says these awards clearly demonstrate the significant return on investment to the generous people who donate. “We are proud to support meaningful and robust research that has a real impact on patients here in Northwestern Ontario and beyond.”

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The Cancer Quality Council of Ontario (CQCO) is an arm’s length advisory group established in 2002 to guide Cancer Care Ontario and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care in their efforts to improve the quality of cancer care in the province www.cqco.ca.

Two other awards given:

- 1) The **Tobacco Addiction Treatment Initiative at St. Joseph’s Healthcare Hamilton** received an *Innovation Honourable Mention*
- 2) The **Erie St. Clair Community Care Access Centre** received the **Quality Award**