



## SPECIAL COMMUNIQUÉ

Date: February 2, 2012

To: GOC membership at large

Subject: Large Canadian-led multicentre randomized trial approved for CIHR funding.

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Dear Colleague,

We are extremely pleased to announce that the Canadian-led study "*A Randomized Trial Comparing Radical Hysterectomy and Pelvic Node Dissection vs Simple Hysterectomy and Pelvic Node Dissection in Patients with Low-Risk Early Stage Cervical Cancer*" has been successful in securing CIHR funding for 8 years. This is an international prospective randomized trial that is spearheaded by several GOC members including Dr. Marie Plante, Dr. Tony Fyles, Dr. Janice Kwon, Dr. Sarah Ferguson and Dr. Lori Brotto. The trial will be conducted under the auspices of the NCIC Gynecology Clinical Trials Group and is supported by a large number of international groups within the Gynecologic Cancer InterGroup mechanism. The objective of this trial is to compare the outcome and quality of life between standard radical hysterectomy and nodes versus simple hysterectomy and nodes in low-risk disease. This work has the potential to be a groundbreaking and practice-changing study. The total number of patients will be 700 and GOC will be working closely with the NCIC CTG to facilitate accrual and implementation.

Needless to say this is an outstanding achievement, first being funded by CIHR and second being a unique international surgical trial led by our own members. We should all be extremely proud of this and bask in some reflected glory on Canada's continued contribution to gynecologic cancer worldwide. More information on next steps will follow through the NCIC Gyne CTG mechanism and our Communities of Practice process.

On behalf of the GOC Executive, I would like to extend our sincere congratulations and appreciation to the investigators. The Society looks forward to galvanizing our collaborative efforts to make this trial a resounding success.

Sincerely,

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