



# AYA NEWSLETTER

## Next AYA Meetup

**Date/time:** May 27th, 2021  
6-7:30pm

Join us on the 4th Thursday of every month to chat and connect with other AYAs!

Please email [aya@uhn](mailto:aya@uhn) to register and to receive the meeting link.

## How to support the Canadian Cancer Society's 'Help Hope Grow' Campaign:

For ways to help support the fight against cancer, please visit <https://action.cancer.ca/en/ways-to-give/daffodil>.



## April is cancer awareness month.

Every Spring, the Canadian Cancer Society begins their Daffodil Campaign to rally Canadians together to help support and remember those affected by cancer.

The daffodil is a symbol of hope, strength and courage for Canadians fighting against cancer. This sunny symbol is especially meaningful now more than ever to look ahead towards brighter days. Every year, the resilient daffodil survives harsh winters waiting to bloom in the spring. *And when daffodils bloom, hope grows.*

### Are you a young adult (19-39 years) living with cancer?

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We invite you to complete a survey about your experience and needs with post treatment care.

Participate in the survey by clicking here:

For English: <https://external.redcap.uhn.ca/surveys/?s=A9TJR3T4EP>

For French: <https://external.redcap.uhn.ca/surveys/?s=X9Y44PLEXE>

This survey is part of a larger research study by the Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Program at the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre and the Canadian Cancer Society. The goal of the study is to determine ways to better support people living with cancer after they have completed primary cancer treatment.

For questions about this study, please contact Jonathan Avery at: [Jonathan.avery@uhnresearch.ca](mailto:Jonathan.avery@uhnresearch.ca).

*Please note that communication via e-mail is not absolutely secure. Thus, please do not communicate personal sensitive information via e-mail.*

*You must be a Canadian resident to participate.*

## Our Caring For The Future: Adolescent and Young Adult Symposium was a huge success!

We would like to thank our planning committee for their wonderful work in organizing the symposium, our presenters for their informative talks, and all of our attendees for taking part.

While all of our presenters showcased incredible work in AYA research, we would like to highlight the work of Dr. Jennifer Cohen and Anika Petrella. Dr. Jennifer Cohen's talk "*Exploring how telepresence robots can connect adolescent cancer patients to school during treatment: The TRECA program*" and Anika Petrella's talk: "*Evaluating the ball's in your court intervention for survivors of testicular cancer: A mixed methods study*" were tied for the award of best talk.



**Dr. Jennifer Cohen**



**Anika Petrella**

We wish all of our presenters the best of luck on their future research endeavours. We are looking forward to next year's symposium and showcasing more innovative AYA research!

## UPCOMING EVENTS!



From May 6-8th, Young Adult Cancer Canada will be hosting “Welcome to Virtual Primetown.” You can attend virtual workshops, panels and social events, and listen to inspiring key note speakers - all designed to empower, educate and support you!

Register here! <https://www.youngadultcancer.ca/program/primetown/>

**MAY 11TH AT 7:30 P.M. EST  
JUNE 8TH AT 7:30 P.M. EST  
VIA ZOOM**

## PINK PEARL'S VIRTUAL LOCAL SOCIALS

We're happy to announce, we've made our Local Socials virtual - and are even more excited that our AMAZING Ambassadors will be leading the conversation! These peer-support led sessions will give you the opportunity to share your story, ask questions, and spend time chatting with one another.

RSVP at least 1-week before each session to [program@pinkpearlcanada.org](mailto:program@pinkpearlcanada.org).

Sessions are open to all, and specifically designed for women who identify as female facing any type of cancer.