



# Gynecologic Oncology

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# Gynecologic Oncology Research at Princess Margaret

## Vision and Goals:



*To expand and promote **clinical, translational and educational research** by integration in the clinical care setting.*



*To become Canada's **leader** in Gynecologic Oncology, **improving outcomes** for all women with gynecologic cancer through excellence in patient care, research and education.*

## Our integrated approach includes:



### Active Screening

Pre-screening gynecologic oncology clinics to identify patients eligible for our studies.



### Biobanking

Collecting and banking blood samples from ovarian cancer patients and coordinating tissue collection for research.



### Collaboration

Building relationships across disciplines for novel and innovative translational research.



# Meet the Surgeon-Investigators



## Dr. Marcus Bernardini

Dr. Bernardini is the Division Head of Gynecologic Oncology at the University Health Network. His research interests include: understanding the role of precursor lesions in high grade serous ovarian cancer, as well as cytoreductive surgery for later stage disease. He co-leads the ovarian cytoreductive program as well as CANSTIC, a Pan-Canadian study looking at treatment and outcomes of ovarian pre-cursor lesions. He is also lead investigator of the Early Stage Cohort of CANSTAMP.



## Dr. Sarah Ferguson

Dr. Ferguson is Professor and Vice Chair of Research in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Toronto. As well she is Head of Research and Sinai Health System/University Health Network/Women's College Hospital. Her research interests include surgical clinical trials, patient-reported outcomes, survivorship and sexual health in gynecologic cancer. She also leads an extensive research program in endometrial cancer, with a focus on outcomes by molecular subtype, sentinel lymph node procedures, fertility preservation and hereditary cancer syndromes such as Lynch Syndrome. She has published pivotal surgical clinical trials including, Assessment of Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy vs Lymphadenectomy for Intermediate- and High-Grade Endometrial Cancer Staging published in JAMA Surgery and Sexual Health and Quality of Life in Patients With Low-Risk Early-Stage Cervical Cancer: Results From GCIG/CCTG CX.5/SHAPE Trial Comparing Simple Versus Radical Hysterectomy in Journal of Clinical Oncology. She is currently the principal investigator for the B-FiERCE trial and co-principal investigator for an upcoming clinical trial, WE-FiERCE.



## Dr. Stephane Laframboise

Dr. Laframboise is the Director of the Gynecology Oncology Fellowship Program at Princess Margaret. Her research interests are in vulvar cancer, with particular interest in psychosexual health, treatment outcomes and recurrence patterns. She will be launching STRIVE, a prospective multicenter study to evaluate margin assessment and role of repeat excision versus surveillance in HPV-independent and HPV-associated squamous cell carcinoma. Findings from this study may provide evidence for more tailored treatment approaches and improved outcomes for patients with vulvar cancer.



# Meet the Surgeon-Investigators



## Dr. Cristina Mitric

Dr. Mitric joined the division in 2024. Her clinical and academic interests focus on the integration of immunotherapy and the development of novel therapeutic and diagnostic strategies in gynecologic oncology, with the overarching goal of improving outcomes for patients with gynecologic malignancies. She also has a strong research interest in health economics, particularly in evaluating cost-effectiveness as it relates to surgical management optimization and genetic testing. Dr. Mitric is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Health Services Research at the Institute of Health Policy, Management, and Evaluation at the University of Toronto, where her work examines the clinical and economic implications of genetic testing in rare ovarian cancers.



## Dr. Liat Hogen

Dr. Hogen joined the division in 2017. Her research interests include predictive models to guide cytoreductive surgery in advanced ovarian cancer, and management of rare endometriosis-associated subtypes of ovarian cancer. She is leading study on development of an integrated model that leverages genomics and AI to improve surgical outcomes in ovarian cancer. She is also site principal investigator for multiple multicentre international trials in the surgical management of advanced ovarian cancer and is actively advancing adoption of HIPEC for appropriate patients.



## Dr. Genevieve Bouchard-Fortier

Dr. Bouchard-Fortier joined the division in 2016. Her research is focused on gestational trophoblastic disease and improving the quality of care of gynecologic oncology patients by developing and measuring quality metrics. Dr. Bouchard-Fortier has a number of projects using provincial database at IC/ES. In addition, she is leading a comprehensive quality improvement project to reduce perioperative blood transfusions in surgical gynecologic oncology patients.



# Meet the Surgeon-Investigators



## Dr. Rachel Soyoun Kim

Dr. Kim joined the division in 2022. Her research aims to personalize the diagnostic and treatment paradigm for patients with gynecological malignancies. In particular, she is interested in improving outcomes for young patients with endometrial cancer, and exploring the role of circulating tumour DNA for endometrial cancer surveillance. She is currently the lead investigator for a study to address fertility distress in young patients with endometrial cancer and will co-lead an upcoming clinical trial WE-FiERCE.



## Dr. Lauren Philp

Dr Lauren Philp is an assistant professor in the division of Gynecologic Oncology. She completed her residency training in OBGYN at the University of Toronto during which time she completed a MSc. through the clinician investigator program. She then undertook a clinical and research fellowship in Gynecologic Oncology at the Massachusetts General Hospital / Harvard Medical School in Boston, MA. She joined the faculty at the University of Toronto in 2022. Her research interests are centered on advanced ovarian cancer and translational science, specifically looking at the use of novel methods for intra-operative imaging and surgical guidance. Her research enables more accurate detection and personalized effective treatment. She is also actively involved in quality improvement and use of patient reported outcomes to inform and enhance care.



# Meet the Research Team



## Vanessa Ballin

Vanessa joined the Division of Gynecologic Oncology at Princess Margaret Cancer Centre in September of 2022. In her role as Clinical Research Manager she supports clinician-investigators in the planning, development, and initiation of new and innovative research projects, and provides oversight for all operational aspects of existing studies.



## Ferdous Parveen

Ferdous joined the Comprehensive Ovarian Tumours Program in November 2022. She is responsible for coordinating all ovarian cancer-related surgical and quality of life studies, including the LANCE, OCHP, FAST HOC, FARGO, Bio Diva, and Nutrition in Ovarian Cancer studies.



## Tara Zad

Tara joined the Division of Gynecologic Oncology at Princess Margaret Cancer Centre in October 2023. She is involved in screening, enrolling, and coordinating participants for the B-FiERCE, ROCC, WE-FiERCEQ, EN10, and EN11 clinical trials. In addition to coordination, she is responsible for REB documentation and data management for various prospective and retrospective studies.



## Joey Wong

Joey joined the Division of Gynecologic Oncology at Princess Margaret Cancer Centre as a volunteer in January 2025 and later as a Clinical Research Study Assistant in June 2025. She is involved in screening, enrolling, and coordinating participants for B-FiERCE. She is also screening participants for RESILIENCE. In addition to coordination, she is responsible for building and managing endometrial cancer registry.



## Grant Funding

\$3,453,135 awarded



## Patient Participation

17 actively recruiting studies



## Publications

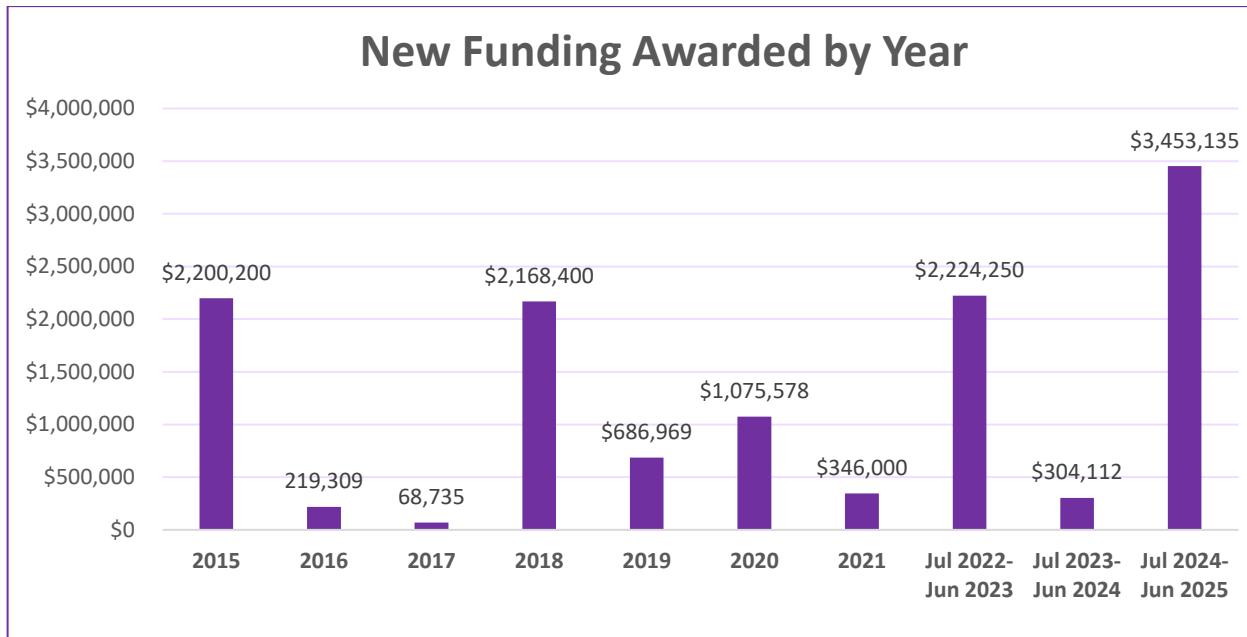
43 Total

12 First/Last Author

31 Co-Author



# Funding Awards



**Bouchard-Fortier G.** 2024 Fellberg Family Award, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Mount Sinai Hospital. **20,000 CAD** (2024 July-2026 June). Patterns of care of gestational trophoblastic neoplasia in Ontario: a population-based study. (Collaborator(s): Gien L, Swift B)

**Bouchard-Fortier G, Ferguson SE.** Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Mount Sinai Hospital. **10,000 CAD** (2024-Sept-2026 June). Rising Trends in Cervical cancer: Patterns, Causes and Implications. (Collaborator(s): Gien L, Kupets R, Cusimano M)

**Bouchard-Fortier G**, Lim J. 2025 Joan Murphy Award. Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Mount Sinai Hospital. **10,000 CAD** (2025-April -2027 April). Impact of marginalization on survival and healthcare utilization in epithelial ovarian cancer: an Ontario population-based study. (Collaborators: **Philp L**, Gien L, Grewat K)

**Kim SR.** Joan Murphy Divisional Award in Gynecologic Oncology. Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. **10,000 CAD** (2024 Jul-2026 Jul). Acceptance of weight loss medications in women with atypical hyperplasia or carcinoma of the endometrium as part of fertility preservation treatment: A qualitative study. (Collaborators: **Ferguson SE**, Dzyubak O, Simpson A, Gesink D)



Bosma, R (NPA), Clarke, H. Health Canada Substance Use and Addictions Program. **1,200,000 CAD** (2025-Feb). SafeOp Project: Prevention of chronic pain and opioid harms through the formalization and knowledge mobilization of best practices in perioperative pain management. (Collaborators: Ward S, Di Renna T, Bonin R, Furlan A, Pearsall E, Lomanowska A, Veiga L, Soucy B, Hudspith M, Birnie K, McCann KJ, Broderick C, LeBlanc C, Kulkarni G, **Bouchard-Fortier G**, Roche-Nagle G, Lee J, Ross K, Levinson W, Buckley N, Busse J, Hyland S)

Rajesh Bhayana. Cancer Digital Intelligence (CDI) Grand Challenge, University Health Network. **250,000 CAD**. (2024- Nov). Artificial Intelligence for Risk Stratification of Liver and Ovarian Lesions (LI-RADS and ORADS MRI) from Reports. (Collaborators: Ganor-Shwaartz C, Krishna S, Haider M, Deng Y, **Bouchard-Fortier G**)

Wilson B. Cancer Research Society Operating Grant. **135,000 CAD**. (2025 Jan – 2027 Aug) Light-Emitting Nanoparticles for Photoimmune Therapy of Ovarian Carcinomatosis. (Collaborators: **Philp L**, Pires L)

Lheureux S. Rodin G. Ovarian Cancer Canada Pragmatic Clinical Trials Competition Grant. **400,000 CAD** (2025 May -2029 May). Prevalence and Experience of Traumatic Stress in Patients with Newly Diagnosed and Recurrent Advanced Ovarian Cancer. (Collaborator: **Philp L**, Hales S, Shapiro G)

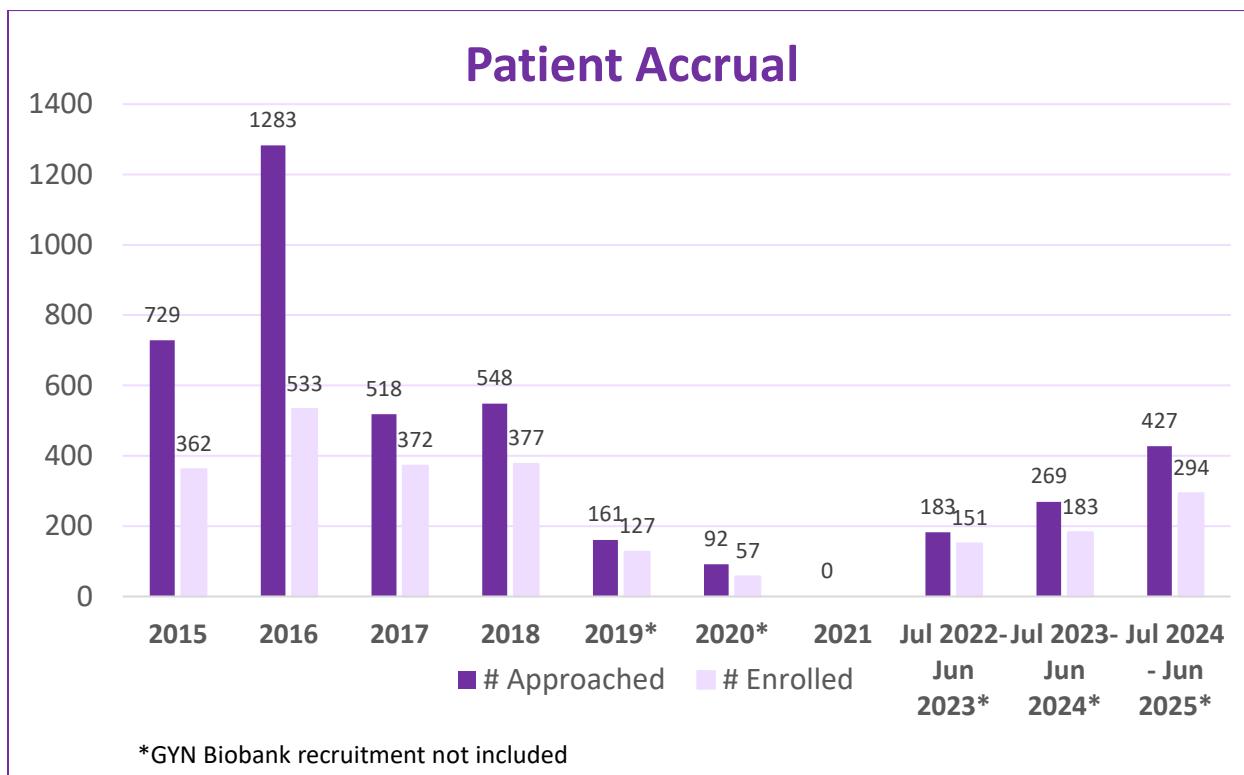
MOHCCN Patient Voices in Research Initiative Award. The Terry Fox Institution. **183,500 CAD** (2024 Nov – 2025 Dec). Exploring the perspectives of stakeholders for homologous recombination deficient (HRD) biomarker testing to guide precision medicine for advanced ovarian cancer treatment. (Co-Investigator: **Ferguson SE**)

Cusimano M. Wise Research and Education Institute Research Grant, Lahey Hospital & Medical Center, Burlington, MA, USA. 30,403 USD (**42,630 CAD**) (2025 Jan – 2027 Dec). Association of Bilateral Salpingo-Oophorectomy at Non-Malignant Hysterectomy with Long-Term Morbidity. (Co-Investigators: **Ferguson SE**, Moineedin R, Baxter NN, Gagliardi E, Johnson C, Griffith K)

Terry Fox Research Institute New Frontiers Project Program Grant. **1,192,005 CAD** (2024 July – 2029 June). The Terry Fox New Frontiers Program Project Grant in Porphysome Nanoparticle-Enabled Image-Guided Cancer Interventions. Collaborators: Zheng G, Irish J, Yasufuku K, Weersink R, Lheureux S, Oza A, Ghai S, Kirsch D, McGaha T. (Co-Investigator: **Philp L**, Wilson B)



# Active Studies and Recruitment



### Bariatric Surgery for Fertility-Sparing Treatment of Atypical Hyperplasia and Grade 1 Cancer of the Endometrium (B-FiERCE)

PI: Dr. Sarah Ferguson

- Recruitment began in April 2021

B-FiERCE is a feasibility randomized controlled trial to assess the feasibility of addition of bariatric surgery to progestin therapy in women with obesity who have endometrial cancer (Grade 1) or atypical hyperplasia who desire fertility preservation. Recruitment in the academic year 2024-2025 added 7 patients to the trial. We hope to achieve full recruitment by end of 2025.

### LANDscape MAppling of Epitopes and T cell Receptors for Selected Cancers (LANDMARC)

PI: Dr. Sarah Ferguson

- Recruitment began in December 2020

LANDMARC is a correlative research study aimed at characterizing the T cell mediated immune responses to HPV-related and EBV-related cancers, and hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC). No patients were recruited in 2024-2025.



## A Randomized Controlled Trial of Robotic versus Open Surgery for Early Stage Cervical Cancer (ROCC)

PI: Dr. Kristin Bixel

Co-I: Dr. Sarah Ferguson

- Recruitment began in October 2024

ROCC is a randomized controlled trial comparing the 3-year disease-free survival (DFS) for patients who undergo robotic assisted laparoscopy versus open hysterectomy and lymph node assessment for the treatment of early stage uterine cervical cancer. Recruitment from our site in the academic year 2024-2025 added 6 patients to this multi-centered study.

## A phase II study of tailored adjuvant therapy in POLE-mutated and p53-wildtype/NSMP early stage endometrial cancer - RAINBO BLUE & TAPER (EN.10)

PI: Dr. Kathy Han

Co-I: Dr. Sarah Ferguson

- Recruitment began in 2023

EN.10 is a phase II trial to investigate the efficacy of a de-escalated adjuvant treatment approach based on tumour molecular status (molecular classification-tailored adjuvant therapy) in patients with endometrial cancer. Recruitment from our site in the academic year 2024-2025 added 5 patients to this multi-centered study.

## RAINBO: Refining Adjuvant treatment IN endometrial cancer Based On molecular features, TransPORTEC platform trials - MMRD-GREEN trial (EN.11)

PI: Dr. Kathy Han

Co-I: Dr. Ferguson, Dr. Bernardini, Dr. Bouchard-Fortier, Dr. Hogen, Dr. Kim and Dr. Laframboise

- Recruitment began in May 2024

EN.11 is a phase III RCT with the goal of improving recurrence-free survival in patients with high-risk MMRd EC by using adjuvant durvalumab in combination with and following radiotherapy. Recruitment from our site in the academic year 2024-2025 added 4 patients to this multi-centered study.

## Using a multimodal and digital intervention to optimize waist circumference, body composition, and cardiometabolic health in endometrial cancer survivors (RESILIENCE)

PI: Dr. Amy A. Kirkham

Co-I: Dr. Sarah Ferguson

- Recruitment began in June 2025

RESILIENCE is a 24-week RCT to evaluate the efficacy of a web-based health platform and line professional support intervention on improving waist circumference and other health outcomes



in endometrial cancer survivors. Recruitment at our site started in Jun 2025. No patients were enrolled in Jun 2025.

### Exploring the perspectives of stakeholders for homologous recombination deficient (HRD) biomarker testing to guide precision medicine for advanced ovarian cancer treatment (HRD Testing Study)

PI: Dr. Helen McTaggard-Cowan

Co-I: **Dr. Sarah Ferguson**

- Recruitment began in May 2025

HRD Testing Study is a qualitative study to investigate the knowledge, attitudes and experiences of advanced ovarian cancer patients regarding HRD testing. One-to-one semi-structured interviews via telephone or video will be conducted for all participants to explore patients' belief about HRD testing, perceived benefits and barriers, perceived adherence to treatment and overall understanding and acceptability of HRD testing. No patients were enrolled in the study in May and June 2025.

### Acceptance of Weight Loss Medication in Women with Atypical Hyperplasia or Carcinoma of the Endometrium as Part of the Fertility Preservation Treatment: A Qualitative Study (WE-FiERCEQ)

PI: **Dr. Sarah Ferguson, Dr. Rachel Soyoun Kim**

- Recruitment began in May 2025

WE-FiERCEQ is a qualitative study exploring patient perception and attitude towards weight loss medication as an adjunct to fertility-sparing treatment for atypical hyperplasia/ endometrial cancer. Semi-structured interviews will be conducted to understand the motivations behind patients' decision and help incorporate their perspectives into future WE-FiERCE clinical trial design. 5 patients were enrolled in the study in May and June 2025.

### Laparoscopic Cyto reduction After Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy (LANCE)

PI: **Dr. Liat Hogen**

- Recruitment began in December 2021

LANCE is a randomized, non-inferior phase III trial examines whether minimally invasive surgery is non-inferior to laparotomy in terms of disease-free survival (DFS) in women with advanced-stage epithelial ovarian cancer who received 3 to 4 cycles of neoadjuvant chemotherapy. Recruitment from our site in the academic year 2024-2025 added 8 patients to this multi-centered study.



## The impact of malnutrition on chemotherapy-induced Toxicity in Patients with Ovarian Cancer (Nutrition in OC)

**PI: Dr. Marcus Bernardini**

- Recruitment began in March 2023

Nutrition in OC is a prospective cohort study to determine whether malnutrition at presentation (defined as PG-SFA SF  $\geq 5$ ) is an independent risk factor for grade 3-4 hematologic toxicity as defined by the CTCAE v.5 in patients with ovarian cancer. We successfully enrolled 43 patients for this study in academic year 2024-2025. The study is closed for enrollment on Jan 2025.

## Molecular Profiling of Tumour Heterogeneity in High-Grade Serous Ovarian Cancer (OCHP)

**PI: Dr. Laurie Ailles**

**Co-I: Dr. Liat Hogen**

- Recruitment began in September 2020

OCHP is a prospective research study which obtains fresh serous ovarian cancer tissue and selected clinical data to explore the differences in cellular subpopulations of serous ovarian cancer by DNA/RNA sequencing, flow cytometry and cell culture assays. 17 patients were enrolled between Jul 2024 and Jun 2025. Study is closed for enrollment in November 2024.

## Biomarker Discovery Project in High-Grade Serous Ovarian Cancer (Bio DIVA)

**PI: Dr. Amit Oza**

**Co-I: Dr. Marcus Bernardini**

- Recruitment began in January 2023

Bio DIVA is prospective multi-centre non-randomized study with the aim of defining differences in the genomic and immune signature of patients with HGSO at different time points, and analyze its correlation with outcome in terms of progression free survival and overall survival, particularly comparing patient with short term (1-2 years) versus long term (5-10 years) survival, and correlation to response or resistance to a specific treatment. We successfully enrolled 44 patients in 2024-2025.

## 68Ga-FAPI PET/CT in the Staging of High-Grade Epithelial Ovarian Cancers: A Pilot Study (FAST HOC)

**PI: Dr. Ur Metser**

**Co-I: Dr. Liat Hogen**

- Recruitment began in July 2023

FAST HOC is a prospective study that aims to use a technology called PET-CT that combines a Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scan with a computed tomography (CT) scan. This combined imaging test, where PET and CT data are gathered at one time, will be performed on an integrated



PET-CT scanner located at Princess Margaret Cancer Centre. The purpose of this study is to determine if the use of 68Ga-PNT6555 (FAPI) PET-CT will improve the assessment of disease extent as compared to routine CT scans. Recruitment in 2024-2025 added 18 patients to this study.

### **Frailty Assessment for Risk Prediction in Gynecologic Oncology patients undergoing surgery and Chemotherapy (FARGO)**

**PI: Dr. Liat Hogen**

- Recruitment began in December 2023

FARGO is a prospective, multi-centre study that aims to investigate whether assessing frailty before treatment can predict post-surgery health complications in patients. With gynecologic cancers (cancers of the uterus, cervix and ovaries) patients experiencing more medical issues as they age, the risks associated with surgical or chemotherapeutic treatments increase. This study will determine if this new approach is more effective than current risk assessment methods by assessing its ability to accurately predict changes in health after surgery. 41 patients were enrolled in the study between July 2024 and June 2025.

### **Alleviating Traumatic Stress Symptoms in Advanced Ovarian Cancer: A Feasibility Study of a Trauma-Focused Psychotherapeutic Intervention (CALM)**

**PI: Dr. Gary Rodin**

**Co-I: Dr. Lauren Philip**

- Recruitment began in June 2024

This study is a single-arm phase II trial evaluating CALM-TF, a psychotherapeutic intervention addressing symptom management, changes in self and relationships with others, meaning-making, and future fears, for patients with advanced ovarian cancer. The design is expected to enroll 60 patients (30 newly diagnosed, 30 with recurrence) with assessments at baseline, 3 and 6 months, plus qualitative interviews. The goal is to assess feasibility and acceptability of CALM for this population, exploring its impact early in the illness trajectory. 46 patients were enrolled between July 2024 and June 2025.

### **Canadian multi-arm multi-stage randomized controlled trial assessing front line and maintenance treatment in serous or p53 mutant endometrial cancer (CANSTAMP)**

**PI: Dr. Amit Oza**

**Co-I: Dr. Marcus Bernardini**

- Recruitment began in 2023

This is a phase II RCT to compare the disease-free survival (DFS) of patients with early stage EC randomized to pelvic external beam radiotherapy (EBRT) versus vaginal brachytherapy after completing adjuvant platinum-based chemotherapy. Also, this study aims to compare the



progression free survival (PFS) of advanced stage patients randomized to standard of care surveillance versus therapy maintenance. 6 patients were enrolled between Jul 2024 and Jun 2025.

**Predicting outcome of cytoresection in advanced ovarian cancer, using a machine learning algorithm and patterns of disease distribution at laparoscopy (PREDAtOOR)**

**PI: Dr. Liat Hogen**

- Recruitment began in July 2024

PREDAtOOR aims to collect laparoscopic surgery images and employ the latest technology in artificial intelligence and machine learning to develop highly accurate prediction models using these laparoscopy video images. These models will be a valuable tool in determining the success rate of tumor removal during initial surgery and identifying the need for pre-surgery chemotherapy. 49 patients were enrolled in the study between July 2024 and June 2025.



# PRESENTATIONS

## International

### *International Gynecologic Cancer Society 2024 Annual Global Meeting.*

*October 16-18, 2024*

#### **Oral Plenary Presentations**

Cusimano M, Poxon A, Lilian Gien L, Rinku Sutradhar R, Lena Nguyen L, Emily Van De Laar E, Ning Liu N, Ballin V, Watts M, Plante M, **Ferguson SE**. Association of surgical approach with oncologic outcomes in low-risk cervical cancer: population-based cohort study. International Gynecologic Cancer Society 2024 Annual Global Meeting. Dublin, Ireland.

#### **Posters**

Braik D, Kasherman L, Gonzalez-Ochoa E, Shukla A, Odujoko O, Lajkosz K, Wang C, Liang T, Grant R, Dhani N, Croke J, **Philp L**, Oza A, Lheureux S. Impact of cultural and linguistic backgrounds on patient care and experience of women with gynecologic malignancies (iCALD-2). The International Gynecologic Cancer Society (IGCS) Annual Global Meeting.

Dzybak O, **Kim SR**, Glass K, Watts M, Tarafdar O, Simpson A, Maganti M, Deljoomanesh S, **Laframboise S**, **Ferguson SE**. Oncological outcomes in patients undergoing fertility-sparing treatment of atypical hyperplasia and grade 1 cancer of the endometrium using progestin therapy: results of a novel, specialized oncofertility program. International Gynecologic Cancer Society 2024 Annual Global Meeting. Dublin.

**Mitric C**, Salman L, Swift B, Kupets R, Covens A, Gien L T, Vicus D. Post-operative complications in elderly patients undergoing minimally invasive, same day discharge surgery for gynecologic malignancies. International Gynecologic Cancer Society, Dublin, Ireland.

**Mitric C**, Salman L, Swift B, Kupets R, Covens A, Gien L T, Vicus D. The impact of operative time in minimally invasive surgery for endometrial cancer. International Gynecologic Cancer Society, Dublin, Ireland.

### *World Congress on Gestational Trophoblastic Diseases. October 22-25, 2024*

#### **Oral Plenary Presentations**

**Mitric C**, Yang K, Bhat G, Lheureux S, **Laframboise S**, Li X, **Bouchard-Fortier G**. Gestational Trophoblastic Neoplasia: Does Centralization of Care Impact Clinical Management? World Congress on Gestational Trophoblastic Diseases, Lyon, France.

**Mitric C**, Sayyid R, Fleshner N, Look Hong N, **Bouchard-Fortier G**. Hysterectomy versus Chemotherapy for Low-Risk Non-Metastatic Gestational Trophoblastic Neoplasia (GTN): A Cost-Effectiveness Analysis. World Congress on Gestational Trophoblastic Diseases, Lyon, France.



## ***SGO Annual Meeting on Women's Cancer. March 14-17, 2025***

### **Oral Plenary Presentations**

**L Philp.** Ensuring relevance and equity in Patient Reported Outcomes (PROs) in endometrial cancer: The PROMOTE study. The Society of Gynecologic Oncology Annual General Meeting.

### **Posters**

Ahmed A, Saini G, Fazelzad R, Han K, Pugh T, Wong D, Hodgson A, **Ferguson SE, Kim SR.** Prognostic value of circulating tumor DNA in endometrial cancer: a systematic review and meta-analysis. 2025 Society of Gynecology Oncology Annual Meeting on Women's Cancer, Seattle, USA.

Dzyubak O, Moshkovich M, Watts M, Tarafdar O, Lim J, Maganti M, Han K, Hodgson A, **Ferguson SE, Kim SR.** Should lymph node staging be tailored according to molecular profile in endometrial cancer? 2025 Society of Gynecology Oncology Annual Meeting on Women's Cancer, Seattle, USA.

Dzyubak O, Tram T, McCluskey S, **Kim SR, Laframboise S, Philp L, Hogen L, Bernardini M, Ferguson SE, Bouchard-Fortier G.** Tranexamic Acid Use in Advanced Ovarian Cancer Patients Undergoing Cytoreductive Surgery: Quality Improvement Study. SGO, Seattle, WA, USA.

## **Invited Speaker Presentations**

### ***XXII World Congress on Gestational Trophoblastic Diseases. October 22-25, 2024***

**Bouchard-Fortier G.** Predictors of treatment response in gestational trophoblastic disease. XXII World Congress. Lyon, France.

### ***Society of Gynecologic Oncology Winter Meeting 2025. Jan 30 – Feb 1, 2025***

**Kim SR.** Updates on fertility-sparing management of endometrial cancer. Society of Gynecologic Oncology Winter Meeting, Vancouver, Canada.

### ***Veterinary Society of Surgical Oncology 2025 Conference. April 20-23, 2025***

**Ferguson SE.** Near Infrared Fluorescence Using Indocyanine Green to Guide Surgery in Gynecologic Oncology. Veterinary Society of Surgical Oncology, international Annual Meeting, Banff, Canada.

### ***2025 Canadian International Sarcoma Symposium. May 8-9, 2025***

**Kim SR.** Local management of uterine leiomyosarcoma. Canadian International Sarcoma Symposium, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.



## National

### *The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Canadian Association of Psychosocial Oncology Conference. April 23-25, 2025*

#### **Oral Plenary Presentations**

Lau S, Manoj M, **Ferguson SE**, Li M, Gesink D, Deljoomanesh S, **Laframboise S**, Glass K, Panjwani A, **Kim SR**. A multidisciplinary healthcare provider perspective: a qualitative study of the supportive care needs of young patients with endometrial cancer. The Canadian Association of Psychosocial Oncology 2025 Conference, Toronto, Canada.

George M, Lheureux S, Gibbings P, **Philp L**, Rodin G. Feasibility and Timing of Managing Cancer and Living Meaningfully (CALM) in Newly Diagnosed and Recurrent Ovarian Cancer. The Canadian Association of Psychosocial Oncology 40th Annual Conference. Toronto, ON, Canada.

### *The Society of Gynecologic Oncology of Canada 46<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting. June 19-21, 2025*

#### **Oral Plenary Presentations**

**Bernardini M**. A video presentation of Hyperthermic Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy administered after minimally invasive cytoreduction for ovarian cancer. Society of Gynecologic Oncology of Canada. Vancouver, British Columbia.

Hsieh A, Volfson E, **Bernardini M**, **Bouchard-Fortier G**, **Philp L**, **Hogen L**. BRCA and Homologous Recombination (HR) Status as Predictors of Surgical Outcomes in Advanced High-Grade Serous Ovarian Cancer. The Society of Gynaecologic Oncology of Canada 46th Annual Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Hsieh A, **Bernardini M**, **Bouchard-Fortier G**, **Philp L**, **Hogen L**. Minimally invasive HIPEC. The Society of Gynaecologic Oncology of Canada 46th Annual Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Ahmed A, Saini G, Fazelzad R, Han K, Pugh T, Wong D, Hodgson A, **Ferguson SE**, **Kim SR**. Prognostic value of circulating tumor DNA in endometrial cancer: a systematic review and meta-analysis. The Society of Gynecologic Oncology of Canada 2025 46th Annual General Meeting, Vancouver, Canada.

Lim J, Drost L, Fazelzad R, Li Q, Huszti E, Han K, Hodgson A, Pugh T, **Ferguson SE**, **Kim SR**. Survival of MLH1 promoter hypermethylated endometrial cancer: a systematic review and meta-analyses The Society of Gynecology Oncology of Canada 46th Annual General Meeting, Vancouver, Canada.

#### **Posters**

**Mitric C**, Boulos M, Cornel K., Kupets R. Conservative management of early-stage cervical cancer: a single centre experience. Society of Gynecologic Oncology of Canada annual meeting, Vancouver, BC.

Hsieh A, **Bernardini M**, **Bouchard-Fortier G**. Feasability and outcomes of the HUGO RAS system robotic technology in gynecologic oncology.



## Invited Speaker Presentations

### *MyGOALS Multidisciplinary Gynecologic Oncology Annual Lecture Series. November 22, 2024*

**Ferguson SE.** Cancer Drug Approval and Implementation in Ontario. My Goals Annual Gynecologic Cancer Update.

**Kim SR.** Moderator for Key Updates in Gynecological Cancer. Multidisciplinary Gynecologic Oncology Annual Lecture Series, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

### *50<sup>th</sup> Annual D.A. Boyes Society Meeting and Obstetrics and Gynaecology Clinical Review. November 29, 2024*

**Kim SR.** Same day discharge after minimally invasive gynecologic oncology surgery: lessons learned. 50th Annual D.A. Boyes Society Meeting & Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinical Review, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

### *McMaster University Grand Rounds. January 29, 2025*

**Ferguson SE.** Clinical Importance of Standardized Reporting for Ovarian/Adnexal Masses: An Ontario Health – Cancer Care Ontario Quality Initiative. McMaster University Grand Rounds.

### *Gynecologic Oncology of Canada 25<sup>th</sup> Continuing Professional Development Meeting. April 24-25, 2025*

**Kim SR.** Real world challenges in making adjuvant treatment decisions for patients with early stage endometrial cancer: Discussion/review of 5 cases. Gynecologic Oncology of Canada 25th Annual Continuing Professional Development Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.



## Local

### *2024 Centre for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Symposium, University of Toronto. November 19, 2024*

#### **Posters**

Dunphy C, Macedo A, **Philp L**, Thayaparan S, Ashfaq A, Li M, Devonish S, Lovas M, Papadakos J, Hannon B, Patel K, Croke J. Leveraging the electronic medical record to drive improvements in symptom screening. Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Symposium, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada.

### *Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Research Day, University of Toronto. May 2, 2025*

#### **Oral Plenary Presentations**

Volfson E, **Bernardini M**, **Bouchard-Fortier G**, **Philp L**, **Hogen L**. BRCA and Homologous Recombination (HR) Status as Predictors of Surgical Outcomes in Advanced High-Grade Serous Ovarian Cancer. Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology 41th Annual Research Day, University of Toronto. Toronto, ON.

Ahmed A, Saini G, Fazelzad R, Han K, Pugh T, Wong D, Hodgson A, **Ferguson SE**, **Kim SR**. Prognostic value of circulating tumor DNA in endometrial cancer: a systematic review and meta-analysis. University of Toronto Obstetrics and Gynecology Research Day 2025.

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## Invited Speaker Presentations

### *City Wide Grand Rounds, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Toronto. November 8, 2024*

**Philp L.** Advances in Ovarian Cancer Diagnosis, City Wide Grand Rounds, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Toronto, Toronto ON, CAN.

### *16<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Health Symposium, Unity Health. January 10, 2025*

**Bouchard-Fortier G.** O-RADS Unveiled – Navigating the New Frontier in Adnexal Mass Assessment. 16th Annual Women's Health Symposium. Unity Health. Totonro, Ontario, Canada.

### *Surgical Pathology Education Day, University of Toronto. February 1-2, 2025*

**Philp L.** Surgical Management of Gynecologic Malignancies, Surgical Pathology Education Day, University of Toronto, Toronto ON, CAN.

### *Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, University of Toronto. March 24, 2025*

**Philp L.** Robotic Assisted Surgery, MIE1080: Introduction to Healthcare Robotics, Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, University of Toronto, Toronto ON, CAN.

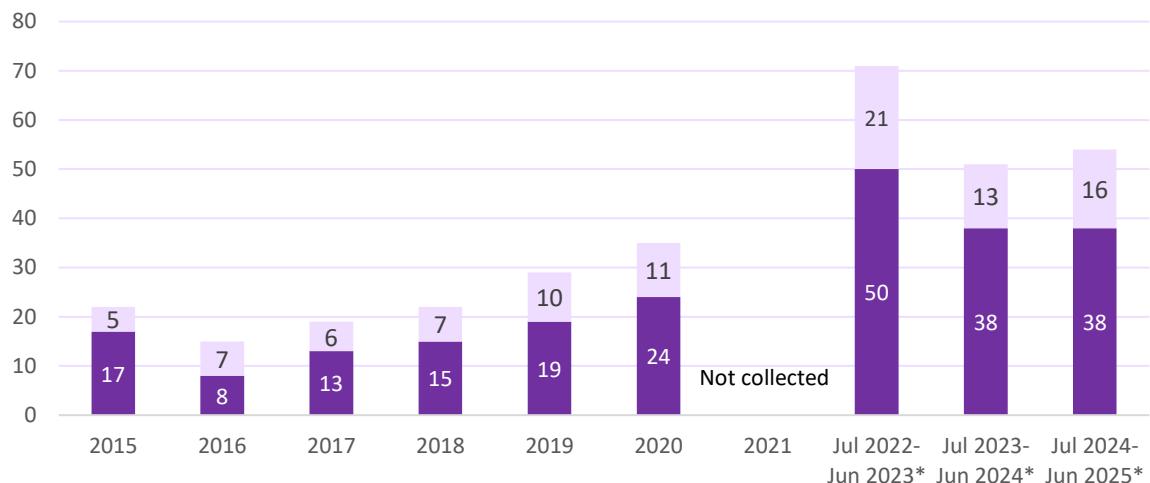
### *Clinician Investigator Program Seminar Series, University of Toronto. June 17, 2025*

**Philp L.**, Dason S. Family Planning in a Medical Career, Clinician Investigator Program Seminar Series, University of Toronto, Toronto ON, CAN.



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## Publication by Year



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