



# Strategic Clinical Network

## Research Project

The Cancer Strategic Clinical Network has been successful in their application for funding through [The Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Health System \(PRIHS\)](#) from Alberta Innovates Health Solutions.

The **Alberta Rectal Cancer School** is a three year research project worth \$750,000 aimed at lowering the rate for rectal cancer recurrence.

## Project Description

### Alberta Rectal Cancer School

Managing the care of rectal cancer patients is complex. Coordinating surgery and possible chemotherapy and radiation treatment before and after surgery, all while balancing the needs of patients and families, is a challenge for health care providers.

To help create standardized care and processes, a provincial clinical care pathway for rectal cancer is being developed. This pathway is based on the best evidence and creates consistency across Alberta.

To support the uptake of the made-in-Alberta clinical care pathway for rectal cancer, surgeons, academics, doctors and Alberta Health Services' administrators have joined together to create an Alberta Rectal Cancer School.

With the support of the PRIHS funding, this team will work together to provide a high level of training to health care professionals on how to provide the best possible treatments for Stage II and Stage III rectal cancer patients.

The Alberta Rectal Cancer School will train health professionals across Alberta to ensure regular and effective use of the provincial rectal cancer clinical care pathway. This high level of expertise and consistency across Alberta we will give rectal cancer patients the greatest opportunity to survive and thrive.