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Dear Colleagues:

**Re: Referral of Patients to Cancer Centres**

The Saskatchewan Cancer Agency is guided by the mandate set out by *The Cancer Foundation Act* to provide quality care and cancer control to residents of the province of Saskatchewan. As you may be aware, the number of new patients diagnosed with cancer has increased annually and new treatment options have led to an increased number of referrals to the Cancer Centres. To cope with this increased demand for timely access to multidisciplinary care, it has been necessary to formalize the referral process.

When you have established the diagnosis of cancer in one of your patients, you may wish to refer that individual to either the Allan Blair Cancer Centre in Regina or the Saskatoon Cancer Centre. To make the referral, you must complete the attached form and send it by facsimile to the Referral Centre of the appropriate Cancer Centre in Regina or Saskatoon. **Access to the Cancer Centres is by referral only for all tumor sites.** Please speak directly to the oncologist on call for emergent cases only.

Regina:	Tel: 306-766-2213	Fax: 306-766-2939
Saskatoon:	Tel: 306-655-2662	Fax: 306-655-6610

A copy of the referral form is also available on the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency website at [www.saskcancer.ca](http://www.saskcancer.ca). Please feel free to make copies of additional forms as an office supply.

Also enclosed with this letter are guidelines for providing useful information to the oncologists to assist in the management of new patients. A pathology report is essential in virtually all cases of solid tumors. Upon referral, it will be most helpful if you have provided the information requested pertaining to investigations that have helped to establish the diagnosis and the extent of the disease.

Upon receipt of a referral, the Referral Centre will mail an appointment notification to your patient, with a copy to you for your information only. In the case of an emergency, the patient will be informed of an appointment by telephone, followed by the appointment notification by mail.

Our Referral Centre staff are available Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., which are the hours of operation of the Cancer Centres.

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Thank you for partnering with us in the care of patients diagnosed with cancer.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Dr. Suan Goh in black ink.

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Handwritten signature of Dr. David Popkin in black ink.

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Enclosures