



## February 2018 Newsletter

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### Oncologist in the Hot Seat



*Have a burning question related to work-life balance, leadership, mentorship, or career development?*

*We have been featuring esteemed oncologists across Canada since 2013. From Nova Scotia, we are very pleased to introduce **Dr. Daniel Rayson**.*

*Send your questions to [winc@womenincancer.org](mailto:winc@womenincancer.org) to have them answered by our Oncologist in the Hot Seat!*

### Nominate a Mentor!

WinC/AlinC provides a platform to increase visibility of great mentors on an international level. If you have someone in mind that has been an important mentor to you please email our Project Manager at

[winc@womenincancer.org](mailto:winc@womenincancer.org)

### Mentor of the Month

#### Dr. Alannah Smrke Nomination Statement:

“I have known Dr Giesbrecht since I was a medical student. Very early on in my training, I watched her have difficult conversations with her patients regarding their diagnoses, but also discuss hope and what an oncologist can do to ameliorate. All these things are now part of my daily practice, and she planted early seeds and supported my interest in oncology.”

“Over the years, she has provided advice on leadership, career development and being a woman in medicine. In her role as the Head of Oncology at the Niagara Health System, I know she has had numerous similar conversations with learners and colleagues. She is a tireless advocate for her community, colleagues and patients. One phrase that I recall her saying is ‘All good things’. Her outlook is positive, and she tries to find the silver lining in any situation. This enthusiasm and positivity is how many of us hope to practice.”

“In my perspective, her tireless work in her community and field has only brought good things to those lucky enough to be part of her large circle. She has navigated the Niagara Region through the building of a new cancer centre, and been instrumental in bringing radiation oncology to the region.”

“She provided me with an excellent example of someone with a life full of all of the good things – rewarding job, advocacy, being a mother and partner, and continually being there for her community, patients, learners and colleagues. She is well deserving of recognition for Mentor of the Month.”



#### Dr. Janice Giesbrecht

Dr. Janice Giesbrecht is the Medical Director of the Walker Family Cancer Centre and the Chief of Oncology at the Niagara Health System. She has been providing cancer care in Niagara for over 20 years.

Dr. Giesbrecht completed her medical degree in 1983. She did her residency in internal medicine at McMaster and additional residency training in medical oncology at the Hamilton Regional Cancer Centre. She also completed graduate degree in cancer research at Princess Margaret Hospital.

She is actively involved in raising funds for the Walker Family Cancer Centre with the Rankin Walk/Run and The Big Move Cancer Ride.

## 21 Medical Pioneers to Celebrate this Black History Month

<https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/hospital-management-administration/21-medical-pioneers-to-celebrate-this-black-history-month.html>



“Jane Wright was a pioneering cancer researcher and accomplished surgeon. Her work is largely responsible for elevating chemotherapy from a last-ditch effort at treating cancer patients to a viable treatment option.”

## Social Media and Oncology: The past, present, and future of electronic communication between physician and patient

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4699327/>

“A retrospective, current, and forward-looking examination of the technologies by which information is exchanged within the healthcare community. The evolution from email and listservs to blogs and the modern social networks is described, with emphasis on the advantages and pitfalls of each medium”

### Upcoming Events

#### **Burnout to Brilliance: A Symposium for Physician Well Being**

April 6-9, 2018

Tuscon, Arizona

<http://www.burnouttobrilliancecme.com/>

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Annual WinC/AlinC General Meeting**

April 27, 2018

Toronto, Ontario

## The “Gender Gap” in Authorship of Academic Medical Literature — A 35-Year Perspective

N Engl J Med 2006; 355:281-287

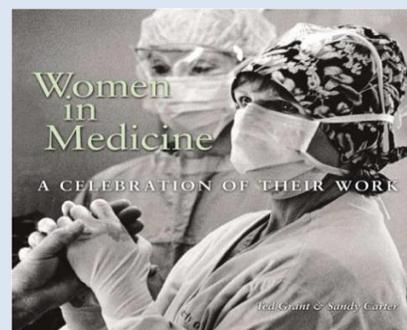
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“Over the past four decades, the proportion of women among both first and senior physician-authors of original research in the United States has significantly increased. Nevertheless, women still compose a minority of the authors of original research and guest editorials in the journals studied.”

### Book Recommendation

#### **Women in Medicine: A Celebration of Their Work**

A photographic look on the history of women in medical professions, photographed by Ted Grant and Sandy Carter with introductions by Judith Finlayson. The striking photographs trace progress of medical careers from ancient Egypt, to present





As networking and mentorship are invaluable to medicine and advancements in the field of oncology, All in Cancer (AlinC) and Women in Cancer (WinC) were developed to improve mentorship connections, provide leadership skills resources, and improve collaboration amongst oncologists through a secure online networking platform.

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