

**Yuan Lew, MSc, MBA, PMP**

Lived Experience, Lung Cancer, Equity, diversity and Inclusion (EDI), Terry Fox Marathon of Hope

Yuan Lew, MSc, MBA, PMP is a passionate advocate for cancer research and healthcare accessibility. Following a diagnosis of Stage IVB EGFR cancer in 2022, she leverages her educational background in immunology, business, and project management to champion better access to precision medicine and lung cancer screening.

Having navigated various roles in life sciences research, from academia to private equity to biotechnology, Yuan understands the intricate landscape of cancer care and precision medicine. She was a coordinator and current member of the Patient Working Group for the Marathon of Hope Cancer Centre Network, driving the implementation of precision medicine across Canada. She is a Patient Research Advocate Program alumni (STARS PRA) by the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC). Additionally, she volunteers with initiatives such as the Mobile Lung Cancer Screening project by Lung Health Foundation, Healthcare Together Now and UHN, furthering her commitment to improving cancer care and support.

Contact

Dr Alexandra T. Greenhill, MD. CEO/CMO

Data Sharing and AI integration, Digital health

Dr. Alexandra T. Greenhill is 1 of 3 members representing Canada at large on CIHI's Board of Directors. Dr. Greenhill is one of Canada's leading physicians in digital health innovation. She is the co-founder, CEO and Chief Medical Officer of Careteam Technologies, a digital health platform that aims to use artificial intelligence to solve healthcare fragmentation and enable optimal health. She is also an advisor at many of Canada's most innovative technology companies, a Global Ambassador for Blackbox Connect

powered by Google for Entrepreneurs, and Entrepreneur in Residence at Innovation Boulevard.

She is also a member of the Board of the Vancouver Foundation. Dr. Greenhill's recognitions include the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal of Service, Startup Canada's Women Entrepreneur of the Year Award and the YWCA Woman of Distinction in Entrepreneurship. She is also the only Canadian to have received the global Cartier's Women Initiative Award.

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Dr Carol Cheung, MD, PhD, JD, FRCPC, University health Network



Pathology, Precision Medicine, Diagnostics

Dr. Carol Cheung received her MD and completed her residency in Anatomical Pathology at the University of Toronto. She obtained her PhD training in cellular and molecular biology at the Ontario Cancer Institute. At present, she is a staff anatomical pathologist specializing in genitourinary pathology at the University Health Network (UHN) and is an assistant professor in the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto. She was the past-Chair of the UHN

Laboratory Medicine Program's Access to Diagnostic Tissue Committee and is a member of the Ontario Cancer Research Ethics Board. In addition to her clinical duties, Dr. Cheung pursued her law degree at the Faculty of Law, University of Toronto. Dr. Cheung's main academic interests and activities focus on the legal, ethical and political issues that affect the development and positioning of laboratory medicine and pathology as an evolving discipline.

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Dr Shaqil Kassam, MD. MSc. FRCPC, Southlake Regional Health Centre



Medical Oncology, Access, Next Generation Sequencing (NGS)

Shaqil Kassam completed his Honours Bachelors of Science degree with a Minor degree in Medical Physics at McMaster University graduating Summa Cum Laude. He then pursued a Masters in Radiation Biology and DNA repair similarly at McMaster University. After completing his undergraduate medical training at the University of Toronto, he then trained in Radiation Oncology for 2 years after which he completed

his Fellowship in Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology at the University of Toronto. During his Medicine and Oncology training, Dr. Kassam also continued his basic science research under the guidance of Dr. Gurmeet Singh at the Juravinski Cancer Center, and also Dr. Robert Bristow at Princess Margaret Hospital- University of Toronto – for his research work Dr. Kassam received the University of Toronto's Department of Medical Oncology Resident research award.

Dr. Kassam is currently the Medical Director of research at the Southlake Regional Health Centre, where he has consolidated research activities at the Centre and also facilitates further research in the areas of Cardiology, Medicine and Intensive care. He is also the head of Oncology Research at the Stronach Regional Cancer center – where he has brought several international Phase III randomized trials to the centre. Dr.

Kassam is currently the Primary Investigator on several open and in progress trials at the Cancer Centre.

Currently Dr. Kassam is a Staff Medical Oncologist at the Stronach Regional Cancer Centre in Newmarket Ontario, specializing in the treatment of Thoracic, Gastrointestinal, Neuroendocrine and Genitourinary malignancies. He is also the Skin cancer Lead Oncologist for the Centre and is also the Centre's Immunotherapy and NGS expert where he is instrumental in developing the Molecular diagnostics department at Southlake Regional Health Centre.

His research interests have stemmed in basic science and molecularly targeted agents. He has published several peer reviewed articles and text book chapters and has been involved in the development of several practice guidelines. Dr. Kassam is also actively involved in patient advocacy where he serves on the Medical Advisory Committee for Lung Cancer Canada, and has also advocated for patient access in several editorials in national NewsPapers. Shaqil Kassam has also inaugurated and produced the [MedOncNow PODCAST](#) series that has listeners in North America and Europe, and has included several National and International oncology experts.

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Ashley Girgis

Terry Fox Research Institute, Precision Medicine, Genomic Medicine, Data Sharing
Ashley Girgis is the program manager of the Digital Health and Discovery Platform at the Terry Fox Research Institute. She holds a Master of Health Informatics (MHI) from the University of Toronto and a Bachelor of Health Studies (BSc) with a Health Informatics Option from the University of Waterloo.

Ashley has gained significant experience in both the public and private sectors, including roles in academia, hospital settings and corporate environments. Her areas of expertise include user-centred design and product lifecycle, project management, data science, artificial intelligence (AI) and electronic health record systems. A proud woman in tech and AI, Ashley is devoted to eliminating barriers to equitable care and improving population health through effective collaborations that use data and technology to address complex challenges.

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Natalie Szudy

Terry Fox Research Institute, Precision Medicine, Data Sharing

Natalie Szudy is the managing director for the Digital Health and Discovery Platform, an initiative of the Terry Fox Research Institute. She is an experienced analytical and collaborative leader passionate about supporting human-centered health care innovations. Dr. Szudy has extensive experience leading the development, management and evaluation of Pan-Canadian programs that connect patients, clinical research, industry and technology partners. Natalie holds a PhD from Western University and certifications in ethics, design thinking, change management and knowledge translation.

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**Dr. Naveed Aziz, PhD, MPhil, EMBA**

Precision health from a national and international perspective; big data generation, sharing, governance and equity

Dr. Naveed Aziz is Vice-President, Research and Innovation at Genome Canada. He leads the delivery of pan-Canadian genomics research and innovation initiatives targeting major challenges for Canada, including the need for a more predictive, preventative and personalized standard of health care.

[Genome Canada](#) is an independent, federally funded not-for-profit organization and a national leader for Canada's genomics ecosystem. It invests in, and coordinates, genomics research, innovation, data and talent to generate solutions to today's biggest challenges. The organization's [All for One](#) initiative, is advancing precision health across Canada by building regional genomics capacity, promoting the equitable and ethical uptake of precision health tools, and addressing barriers to data sharing. Genome Canada will launch its largest-ever genomics initiative, focused on precision health, at the end of 2024.

Prior to joining Genome Canada, Dr. Aziz was the Chief Executive Officer of CGEn, where he enabled Canadian leadership in fundamental and applied research in the field of genomics.

With more than 20 years of genomics experience, he has represented Canada at several national and international committees, including the United Kingdom Ministry of Science and Innovation and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development.



Dr. Aziz holds a PhD in Gene Targeting from the University of Dundee, United Kingdom, through the Commonwealth Fulbright Scholarship program. He holds a Master of Philosophy in Biotechnology from Quid-i-Azam University in Islamabad and an Executive MBA from the Bradford School of Management, United Kingdom. He completed his Research Fellowship at the Noble Research Institute and is a graduate of the executive training program at Harvard Business School, both in the United States.

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Dr. Catalina Lopez-Correa, MD, PhD, M.Sc

Precision health from a national, international and patient perspective; big data generation, sharing, governance and equity

Dr. Catalina Lopez-Correa is Chief Scientific Officer at Genome Canada. She leads on advancing the use and applications of genomics across key strategic sectors for Canada—including for precision health—and building cross-sectoral collaborations at the national and international levels.

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With more than 20 years of international experience in both the academic and private sectors, Catalina Lopez-Correa's deep understanding of genomics and innovation has inspired leaders in science and industry to collaborate toward solving some of the world's greatest challenges. Before taking on her current role, she served as Executive Director of Genome Canada's Canadian COVID-19 Genomics Network ([CanCOGeN](#)). Dr. Lopez-Correa holds a Medical degree from the UPB in Colombia, a Master's degree in Human Genetics from Paris V University in France, a PhD in Medical Biosciences from the KULeuven in Belgium, a mini MBA from McGill University in Canada and has trained in innovation leadership at Singularity University.

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