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Ontario Connecting Patients to Life-Saving Cancer Drugs Faster

TORONTO – The Ontario government is leading the world in cancer care by launching the Funding Accelerated for Specific Treatments (FAST) program, making Ontario the first jurisdiction in Canada to fast-track access to breakthrough cancer drugs. This bold initiative will connect patients to life-saving cancer treatments almost a full year sooner, reducing delays and improving access to cutting-edge cancer care for years to come.

"For thousands of Ontarians facing a cancer diagnosis, fast access to treatment is critical, which is why our government is transforming cancer care and speeding up access to new and life-changing treatment options," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "The launch of this historic program is another way we are continuing to lead not only the country, but the world, by putting Ontario patients first, opening the door for faster public access to innovative medicines."

On average, Canadian patients wait nearly two years to access new publicly funded medicines – a full year longer than patients in other developed countries. This three-year pilot program will expedite access to seven to ten high-priority cancer drugs every year that are approved by Health Canada through the Project Orbis pathway, an international initiative that fast-tracks regulatory approval for promising cancer therapies.

While traditional models wait for lengthy pan-Canadian pricing negotiations and approvals prior to public funding, the FAST program puts patients first by initiating public drug program funding while negotiations proceed. This innovative approach ensures Ontario patients can receive timely access to the life-changing treatments they need. By removing unnecessary delays, Ontario is leading the way in rethinking how cancer care can be delivered, here in Ontario and across the world.

As part of Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care, the Ontario government continues to expand access to critical services and innovative treatments ensuring more people receive the right care, including faster access to life-saving cancer therapies, where and when they need it, closer to home.

"The Funding Accelerated for Specific Treatments program marks an unprecedented milestone in Ontario's commitment to unlocking new opportunities in the life sciences and accelerating the development of life-saving treatments. Ontario is proud to be the first jurisdiction in Canada to address these long-standing barriers to innovation, and we look forward to seeing this program drive further discovery, attract investment, and set a new benchmark for patient-centered care for our nation."

- The Honourable Vic Fedeli

Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade

"This is a welcome and much-needed initiative at a crucial time for people living with cancer. Faster access to new and potentially life-saving treatments can make an enormous difference. We are grateful for the Government's commitment to speeding up the approval process, giving patients and their families the precious gift of time and hope."

- Dr. Keith Stewart - Director, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, Vice-President Cancer and Laboratory Medicine, University Health Network

"With the launch of the FAST program, Ontario becomes the first province to accelerate patient access to select high-priority cancer medicines for those with the greatest unmet medical need. This initiative highlights Ontario's leadership and aligns with best practices seen in other countries around the world. Faster access to life-changing treatments leads to better outcomes and improved quality of life for patients with cancer and their families."

- Gaby Bourbara - President, AstraZeneca Canada

"For people facing a breast cancer diagnosis, every day is crucial. The Ontario government's FAST program marks a significant step forward by reducing wait times for access to breakthrough treatments that can change and save lives. By prioritizing timely access, Ontario is setting a strong example for how cancer care can be delivered across the entire country. Breast Cancer Canada applauds Ontario for their bold steps to fast-track innovative cancer treatments and driving the systemic change we need. We will continue to advocate for a health system that prioritizes patients and ensures everyone can benefit from advancements as quickly as possible."

- Kimberly Carson - CEO, Breast Cancer Canada