

Leaders' Update

A message from Dr. Cathy Bradley, associate director for cancer prevention and control

As many of you may know, I recently transitioned to the role of associate director for cancer prevention and control (CPC) from the role of co-leader of the CPC program at Massey.

In this new role, I am looking forward to the expanded opportunity to be creative and innovative in how Massey forges collaborations to advance CPC research and finds links between CPC, clinical and basic science research.

In January, our scientific External Advisory Board, which consists of scientists and leaders from other major cancer centers who advise Massey's senior leaders on scientific program structure and research and overall cancer center planning and management, visited Massey to conduct a periodic assessment. Their review of CPC research at Massey was positive, noting, for example, our high level of productivity, continued increase in funding, growth in inter-programmatic collaborations, integration of diverse disciplines and strong cancer center support for pilot studies.

As we prepare for the next renewal of our Cancer Center Support Grant with the National Cancer Institute – the grant that provides our NCI designation – I will be working with the cancer center's program leaders and other associate directors to stimulate inter-programmatic collaborations across all five Massey research programs. Specifically, I will focus on the opportunities presented with the infusion of new CPC members from the School of Nursing and Department of Psychology, including tobacco-focused researchers who are developing a larger tobacco research group within the CPC program. I will also focus on opportunities to grow our CPC membership, areas of research interest and funding base – all opportunities that exist with Massey's support of recruitment efforts in the School of Medicine, School of Nursing and Department of Psychology.

The opportunities to strengthen CPC research at Massey are abundant and I look forward to working with all Massey leaders and member colleagues to capitalize on them.

Regards,

Cathy J. Bradley, Ph.D.

Associate director for cancer prevention and control