



## CLLPAG Board Changes

After many years of excellent leadership, Deborah Baker has stepped down as Chair of the CLLPAG Board. Peter Dorfman of Toronto is the new Chair and the new Vice-Chair is Jim Burke of Calgary. Deborah will continue on the Board as the Past Chair. It should be noted that under Deborah's leadership, CLLPAG made nine submissions of patient evidence to pCODR and INESSS in support of new CLL drugs and organized four CLL Live conferences.

Chris Dwyer has stepped down as an active Board Director but will continue to provide advice to the Board as needed. Chris is a founding member of CLLPAG and served on the Board from 2006 - 2017. CLLPAG has named Chris our first Honourary Board Director. He will maintain his involvement in CLL issues including: CLL Canada, Health Unlocked and in his correspondence with many CLL patients.

There are unfilled positions for Board Directors from Quebec and Western Canada. Contact Peter at: [cllpag.canada@gmail.com](mailto:cllpag.canada@gmail.com) if you are interested.

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## CLL Live 2018 **Save the date!**

Our fifth CLL Live Patient Conference will be held at the Niagara Falls Hilton and will start **Thursday, April 19, 2018**, in the evening with sign-in and a meet and greet for conference attendees. It will continue **Friday, April 20** and **Saturday, April 21** (half day) with the main program. Registration will be limited and CLLPAG members will have priority registration starting in mid December 2017.

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## Patient and Caregiver Survey

If you have chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL) or small lymphocytic leukemia (SLL) or you are the caregiver of a patient with CLL or SLL, you can help by completing our surveys. You do not need to live in Canada and you do not need experience with venetoclax (Venclexta)

CLL Patient Advocacy Group (CLLPAG) and Lymphoma Canada are preparing a submission for the pan-Canadian Oncology Drug Review (pCODR) for:  
*venetoclax (Venclexta) for the treatment of patients with relapsed/refractory chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) or small lymphocytic lymphoma(SLL)*

The deadline is June 15. For survey links visit: [CLLPAG.ca](http://CLLPAG.ca)

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