

Bringing Cancer Care Closer to Home:

Dr. Brady Anderson's Westman Homecoming



Accessibility and the quality of medical services play a crucial role in a patient's well-being, and this is especially true for individuals battling illnesses such as cancer. CancerCare Manitoba (CCMB) continues to focus on delivering timely access to quality cancer care closer to patients' homes.

On September 19, 2022, CCMB was pleased to welcome Dr. Brady Anderson in his new role as Medical Oncologist at the Western Manitoba Cancer Centre in Brandon, Manitoba.

Originally from Reston, Manitoba, Dr. Anderson graduated from the University of Manitoba with a BSc (Med) and MD. He completed training in core internal medicine and subspecialty training in Medical Oncology. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in Medical Oncology and completed an Oncology fellowship in Systemic Therapy with a focus on pain and symptom management in advanced cancer under the tutelage of Dr. Paul Daeninck and Dr. Joel Gingerich.

As a physician with a rural background, Dr. Anderson brings a unique perspective on

practicing in the rural Westman area. While there are challenges, such as accessing specialized physician support, the practice environment is very collegial and supportive. What he has found more rewarding than expected is the amount of gratitude expressed by patients and their family members for receiving most, if not all, of their care locally. They share how this has consistently made a difficult part of their lives easier to cope with. His shared rural background with many of his patients creates a sense of familiarity and trust. Common acquaintances, shared experiences, and a mutual understanding of the rural way of life establish a unique bond that transcends the typical doctor-patient relationship.

He thoroughly enjoys the return to a more rural lifestyle as well, being able to enjoy nature on his acreage outside of town while still being able to be at work within 15 minutes.

Dr. Anderson anticipates growth for CancerCare Manitoba in Westman. The expansion of the current medical oncology clinics may be viewed as the beginning of a new chapter in oncology care in Manitoba. His goals go beyond addressing the existing demand; he envisions establishing a precedent for effective rural oncology care that will inspire future generations of medical practitioners to serve in similar settings. Dr. Anderson hopes that academic medicine and high-quality patient care can coexist in rural landscapes.

Dr. Anderson's dedication to making cancer care more accessible and compassionate in rural areas underscores the importance of bringing advanced medical services to communities that need them the most.