

## SUMMARY OF JULY 20<sup>TH</sup> 2018 THINK TANK OUTCOMES

On Friday July 20<sup>th</sup>, WCRG hosted the tenth Cancer Research Think Tank. **The objective of the Think Tank is to present and discuss 3 cancer research topics of interest and identify collaborative teams that can work together to bring these projects forward for funding.**

**Number of participants:** 24

**Institutions Represented:** University of Windsor, Windsor Regional Hospital, Windsor Clinical Research Inc, University of Michigan, Mitacs Inc, Western University

**Disciplinary Backgrounds:** Biological Sciences, Nursing, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Medical Oncology, Physics, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Administration, Dermatology, Economics, Industry, Clinical Trials, Research Ethics

### Think Tank Outcomes

Lisa Porter, WCRG Translational Research Director opened the Think Tank by welcoming all attendees. She provided an overview of the Agenda and shared some updates on WCRG's latest initiatives. Natasha Wiebe, Research Funding Officer, Research and Innovation Services, highlighted some upcoming funding opportunities and Suzanne McMurphy, Chair, Research Ethics Board, University of Windsor, provided a "5 Minute Overview" of REB.

Project leaders presented 3 potential project ideas for future submission, which included:

- BioMEMS – Opportunities and Challenges  
Presenter: **Arezoo Emadi**, PhD, Engineering, University of Windsor
- Types & Sources of Information: A Needs Assessment of Cancer Patients and Health Care Providers  
Presenter: **Bonnie McIntosh**, MPH, University of Michigan
- A Skin-ny Idea: Can we develop a topical application to detect skin cancer?  
Presenter: **Chitra Rangan**, PhD, Physics, University of Windsor)

Project leads were identified for each proposed project and participants expressed their interest to be included on specific project teams.

Moving forward, each Think Tank will provide an opportunity for project leads in selected areas to present a brief overview of their general research topic. Projects will be selected based on the results of previous Think Tanks and people's willingness to present their ideas.

Participants were asked to provide feedback on the Think Tank. The feedback summary indicates that all participants thought the goals of the Think Tank were achieved and they found the great group discussions, collaborative spirit and the mixing of diverse disciplines very useful.

Thank you to Think Tank participants for their on-going commitment to building collaborative research in our region. Sincere appreciation to **Adam Pillon**, **Jenna Jones** and **Bre-Anne Fifield** for their brilliant note taking - knowledge capture is a key component of the Think Tank success. And thank you to our WCRG CURES Team Volunteer, **Vanessa Montemurri** for ensuring the afternoon went smoothly. We couldn't have done it without you!

If you are interested in learning more about our Think Tank series, please contact Karen Metcalfe at [karenmet@uwindsor.ca](mailto:karenmet@uwindsor.ca)