



## Cancer Action Now Alliance (CANA) releases survey results on diagnostic and treatment wait times in Quebec



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[CANA](#)'s survey of 300 Quebecers living with cancer highlighted the long wait times respondents experienced. The study, supported by [Coalition Priorité au Québec](#) and conducted by Léger, found that more than half of Quebecers living with cancer wait on average 3-5 months for their first treatment. The survey also revealed that despite the wait, the vast majority of respondents were satisfied with the healthcare system when it comes to managing their cancer, from initial consultation before diagnosis through to follow-up and treatment.

Jessy Ranger, Myeloma Canada's Director, Patient Programs, Health Policy & Advocacy, as quoted in [noovo.info](#) and [msn.com](#), goes on to explain how wait times have real impact on the lives of Quebecers with cancer:

"The longer the wait, the more the illness progresses. That's why it's important to intervene as early as possible, to ensure that the disease doesn't progress and that there are more treatment options available. We're talking about an average of three to five months, but there are cases that take much longer. When we're talking about several months up to a year, we can go from one stage to another, and that changes the patient's journey a great deal."

### [Read the full article \(in French\)](#)

Myeloma Canada is a proud member of [CANA](#). Jessy Ranger, Myeloma Canada's Director, Patient Programs, Health Policy & Advocacy played an active role in this important study.

In response to the survey, clinicians, patients, caregivers, and advocates from the Quebec cancer community shared their valuable perspectives in newspapers, on television, and on the radio. Their voices are a critical part of awareness campaigns, giving the survey results a human face. Thank you to everyone who shared their experience living with cancer in Quebec.

See the list of newspaper articles, tv spots, and radio clips featuring their voices. (All media items are in French.)

## PRESS

**Journal de Montréal** / October 21, 2024

« [Québécois atteints d'un cancer: cinq mois d'attente pour un premier traitement, selon un nouveau sondage](#) »

**Journal de Montréal** / October 21, 2024

« [Une mère atteinte d'un cancer du sang a dû attendre près de 8 mois pour être soignée](#) »

**L'Actualité** / October 21, 2024

« [Des mois d'attente, mais des patients cancéreux satisfaits du système de santé](#) »

**MSN.com**

« [Des mois d'attente, mais des patients cancéreux satisfaits du système de santé](#) »

## TELEVISION

**LCN – Le 14h – Marie-Anne Lapierre** / October 21, 2024

« [Des mois d'attente pour le traitement d'un cancer « C'est inadmissible », dénonce Isabelle Maréchal](#) »

## RADIO

**98.5 FM – Lagacé le matin (Montréal, QC)** / October 21, 2024

Spokesperson : Dr Normand Blais, président de l'Association des hématologues et oncologues du Québec

[Extract](#)

**98.5 – Le Québec maintenant (Montréal, QC)** / October 21, 2024

Spokesperson : Marie-Claude Houle-Beausoleil

[Extract](#)

**La Presse – La revue de presse de Paul Arcand** / October 21, 2024

« [Attendre avec un cancer, imaginez ce que ça représente](#) »



