May 1, 2008

## VIA COURIER

Terrence Sullivan, PhD, President and CEO Cancer Care Ontario 620 University Avenue Toronto, Ontario M5G 2L7

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

## **Re: PHIPA-Prescribed Registry – Review and Approval**

Pursuant to section 13(2) of Ontario Regulation 329/04, an organization that has been designated a "prescribed person" under section 39(1)(c) of *Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004 (PHIPA)*, must have its practices and procedures with respect to privacy and the protection of personal health information, approved by my office.

Section 13(2) provides:

(2) A person that is a prescribed person for the purposes of clause 39 (1) (c) of the Act shall put in place practices and procedures,

- a) that are for the purpose of protecting the privacy of the individuals whose personal health information it receives and for maintaining the confidentiality of the information; and
- b) that are approved by the Commissioner every three years.

My office has completed its detailed review of the practices and procedures of the prescribed person, Cancer Care Ontario in respect of its Colon Cancer Screening Registry, and effective May 1, 2008, these practices and procedures have been approved. Congratulations to you and your staff!

In order to synchronize the timing of the IPC's review of CCO in respect of the Colorectal Cancer Screening Registry with the reviews of other prescribed persons, this approval will remain in effect until October 30, 2008. Before September 1, 2008, please submit any new or revised practices and procedures so that the IPC may review and approve these practices and procedures effective October 31, 2008 for a further period of three years.

Thank you for your full cooperation throughout the review process.

Sincerely yours,

Ann Cavoukian, Ph.D. Commissioner

cc: Pamela Spencer, VP Corporate Affairs, General Counsel and Chief Privacy Officer