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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

2023 marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Canadian PBC Society and saw a record breaking National PBC Patient Conference held in Toronto in June, including attendance of patients and families, world-renowned PBC clinicians and researchers as well as 8 industry partners.

Once again, with an amazing group of volunteers we have been able to accomplish so much. The highlights of 2023 included: the PBC Speakers Series; September's PBC awareness month campaign; partnering on PBC research projects with PBC medical experts; and working closely with industry partners to ensure that PBC patient safety, efficacy and quality of life interests are put first when developing new treatments. This year our PBC patient voice was well represented by the Canadian PBC Society as participant in podium presentations at international liver conferences and coauthoring PBC research publications in esteemed medical journals.

As a result, our PBC community continues to grow with new members and an expanded support network of Canadian PBC Society regional and local volunteers. Our PBC newsletter, comprehensive website and Facebook Live platform have helped to ensure that we are reaching thousands of PBC patients and their families.

Whether supporting those who are newly diagnosed or those who are PBC veterans, we continue to be a trusted source of information and a much-appreciated source of personal support and connection.

I'm looking forward to continuing our work together in the year ahead.

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