

**EVIDENCE BUILDING PROGRAM**  
**GENERAL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**1. What is the Evidence Building Program?**

The Evidence Building Program (EBP) covers the costs of cancer drugs in situations where data is collected to answer an evidence gap, to evaluate clinical benefit, and to confirm overall value. The EBP complements and strengthens Ontario's New Drug Funding Program (NDFP) and the process by which drug-funding decisions are made in the province.

**2. What is the purpose of the EBP?**

The objective of the EBP is to develop and collect real-world data on cancer drugs where there is emerging or evolving evidence and a strong suggestion of clinical benefit, but the evidence is insufficient to support a permanent public funding decision.

The EBP data will be given to the Executive Officer of Ontario Public Drug Program, who will use it to make a final funding decision.

**3. Do I have to pay anything to participate in the program?**

No, however, you must be eligible for the NDFP. Under the EBP, the cost of the drug would be covered as long as you meet the eligibility criteria.

**4. Is there a limited time for the drug to be funded under the EBP?**

The duration of funding through EBP will depend on many factors, including how many patients are treated with the drug for this diagnosis and the time required to collect and analyze the real-world data.

**5. Which drugs are currently covered by the EBP?**

- **Herceptin:** when used in conjunction with chemotherapy, this drug is to treat breast tumours of less than or equal to one centimetre in women who are node negative and HER2 positive.
- **Eloxatin:** when used in combination with surgery for the treatment of metastatic colorectal cancer for specific conditions.

CCO continues to collaborate with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, and provincial disease site groups to introduce other drugs into the EBP.

**More Information**

For more information about the Evidence Building Program and how it may help you or someone you know specifically, please contact your physician.

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