

About Centre for Integrative Medicine

In 2014, the University of Toronto announced the opening of a dedicated centre specifically focused on integration of complementary therapies in health care provision of Canadians – the Centre for Integrative Medicine (CIM). It is established as a collaboration of the Faculty of Medicine and the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Toronto, as well as The Scarborough Hospital.

Under the leadership of Dr. Lynda Balneaves, the Centre for Integrative Medicine (CIM) applies an interprofessional approach in its activities, which are focused in three areas: evidence-based practice, education and research. As this new Centre continues to develop, strategic partnerships are being established that will maximize its impact and reach.

About CIM Director, Dr. Balneaves

Dr. Balneaves is a leader in supporting people living with cancer in making evidence-based decisions about complementary therapies. She is developing and evaluating a variety of education and decision support tools for patients, families and health professionals faced with decisions related to complementary therapies in conventional care settings and within the community. She is also involved in studies evaluating complementary therapies.



In addition to her role as Director of CIM, Dr. Balneaves is also appointed as an Associate Professor to the Department of Psychiatry and an Affiliate Scientist at the Department of Psychosocial Oncology and Palliative Care at Princess Margaret Hospital.

Commencing in 2016, Dr. Balneaves is now responsible for the Massage Therapy Research Fund and managing the annual funding competition.