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Hi, I'm Dr. Sandy Sehdev, a medical oncologist from the Ottawa area.

I'm speaking up on behalf of my patients with metastatic breast cancer, about problems we have accessing the optimal therapy for patients at an optimal time. There's several major issues that face our patients; one is disparities of access by provinces. We don't really have a national cancer strategy in Canada. There's no reason why people in PEI shouldn't have access to therapies we have in Ontario. The other has to do with speed of access. It takes by far too long to have drugs that are proven to be effective in the hands of our clinics and patients before the regulatory processes can approve them. Please consider advocating for a faster process, perhaps even a case-by-case review with an expert clinician to allow therapies as needed, until the processes run their course.

And lastly, I don't think the access to therapy should be more difficult for therapies that are taken at home in pill form, than therapies taken intravenously, and currently that's a big area of disparity we have across the country.

Please consider joining me in making your voice heard on [mbcaccessmatters.ca](http://mbcaccessmatters.ca). Thank you.