

**CDEF PROGRAM
21 -22 OCTOBER 2024
Draft Two – July**

Theme	Speaker	Topic
DAY ONE – OCTOBER 21, 08:15 to 17:00		
Introduction	Isaac Gould CEO In-Common Laboratories	Welcome to CDEF 24
Innovation & the future of healthcare Part 1	Zayna Khayat PhD	KEYNOTE An applied health futurist helping people and orgs make sense of forces, trends & shifts propelling healthcare to a very different future from the past decades of status quo.
	Dr. Daniel Holmes Head & Medical Director, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Providence Health	Meet Tarzan & Jane, the robots at work in St Paul’s Hospital laboratory, Vancouver
	Shairoz Kherani (TBC) Director, Diagnostic Imaging and Lab Medicine Halton Healthcare	Use of drones in Halton Healthcare
	Dr Muhammad Mamdani Vice President, Data Science & Advanced Analytics, Unity Health	Applied AI in Healthcare: Implications for Clinicians and Laboratory Medicine
Panel discussion and questions		
Green Healthcare	Dr Zara Khalid Founding Member & Education Consultant PEACH Health Ontario	PEACH and Canadian Coalition for Green Healthcare
	Dr Sheila O’Brien Head Epidemiologist Canadian Blood Services	Impact of climate changes on the epidemiology of microorganisms and how CBS monitors this and adapts testing
	Joanne Isber Corporate Program Director Interior Health BC	Environmental sustainability strategy and plan for wildfire impact
Panel discussion and questions		

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Innovation & the future of healthcare Part 2	Laura Bechtel Siemens Healthineers	Novel Biomarker – Enhanced Liver Fibrosis (ELF)	
	Dr Blaise Clarke Anatomical Pathology UHN, Toronto	Implementation of digital pathology at UHN	
	Dr William Morice Chief Executive Officer Mayo Clinic Laboratories	KEYNOTE	
Panel discussion and questions			
Cross Country Check-Up Part 1	Dr Alan Spatz Chief, Dept of Laboratory Medicine & Medical Director OPTILAB Montreal	Quebec	
	Pending confirmation	Ontario	
	Tammy Hofer Chief Operating Officer Alberta Precision Laboratories	Alberta	
	Brenda Jackson Seniors Executive Director Clinical Laboratory Operations PHSA, BC	British Columbia	
	Panel discussion and questions		
	Timothy Caulfield	KEYNOTE – The impact of misinformation on healthcare	
Founder’s Reception			

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DAY TWO – OCTOBER 22, 08:15 to 16:30		
Leadership & Advocacy	Alain Doucet President and CEO of the Canadian College of Health Leaders.	CCHL’s role in supporting diagnostic leaders
	Three hospital CEO’s A. Smith, K. Smith, M. Kohn (Pending confirmation)	Panel discussion on the current role of clinical diagnostics
	Christine Nielsen CEO CSMLS	Advocacy for laboratory staff across Canada and Choosing Wisely
	Michelle Hoad CEO MLPAO	Government relations on Ontario
	Craig Ivany	LABCANDx, an update
Point of Care Services	Dr Marthe Charles Microbiologist, Vancouver Coastal Health, BC	Equity and access - urban vs rural
	Alison Bodnar CEO Pharmacists Association of Nova Scotia (PANS)	Leveraging pharmacists with expanded scope of practice
	TBA	
	Dr Courjal The Binding Site	Novel Biomarker for Multiple Myeloma
Cross Country Check-Up Part 2	Dr Fergal Magee Provincial Department Head Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Saskatoon Health Region and the University of Saskatchewan	Saskatchewan
	Dr AbdulRazaq (Abdi) Sokoro Chief Operating Officer Diagnostic Services Shared Health Manitoba	Manitoba
	Corey Murray Senior Provincial Director Newfoundland & Labrador Health Services	Newfoundland
	Danielle Drake Quality & Safety/Accreditation/Risk Program Coordinator Diagnostic & Therapeutic Services Network, Nova Scotia Health	Nova Scotia

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Patient Safety	Dr Vincent De Guire Clinical Biochemist Maisonneuve-Rosemont Hospital, Montreal	IFCC Working Group on Laboratory Errors and Patient Safety
	Dr Mary Kathryn Bohn University of Toronto	Reference interval harmonization
	John McGraw Executive Vice President Product & strategic offerings, Health Standards Organization	Improving diagnostics for patient safety (WHO World Patient Safety Day)
	CDEF 2024 Wrap up	