

# CHNC2026: Strengthening the Roots of Community Health Nursing

Schedule

Wednesday, 20 May, 2026

07:30-08:30

## [Important Conference Information!](#)

Presentation type: Conference Information

*Please note all conference events are subject to change!*

For more information about the conference, and to register, please visit the [conference website!](#)

09:00-16:00 Advertisements

## [Pre-Conference Events](#)

Presentation type: Pre-Conference Event

09:00-12:00 Performance Theatre

## [Applying the Revised Canadian Community Health Nursing Standards to Practice. Moderator: Michelle Pothier](#)

Presentation type: Pre-Conference Event

This is an interactive pre-conference workshop to support community health nurses from public health, home care, primary care, education, research, and other community settings to apply the revised Canadian Community Health Nursing Standards of Practice to their everyday work. Participants will explore practical strategies and share real-world examples to integrate the Standards into individual practice, team processes, and organizational policies, strengthening consistent, high-quality community health nursing practice across settings. Please note, lunch is not included.

Pre-conference workshops are not included in conference fees. You may attend a pre-conference workshop without attending the full conference.

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09:00-16:00 Room 2306

## [Introduction to Place-Based Planetary Health Nursing. Moderator: Jacqueline Avanthay Strus](#)

Presentation type: Pre-Conference Event

This is a one day, in-person, experiential workshop for nurses and nursing students responding to climate and ecological health challenges. Grounded in the Planetary Health Educational Framework, the workshop explores interconnection with nature, the Anthropocene and health, equity and social justice, systems thinking, and movement building. Participants engage in land-based, reflective, and participatory learning, including positionality mapping, environmental justice case studies, and systems mapping. The workshop strengthens professional self-efficacy, leadership, and practical skills for planetary health action across individual, community, organizational, and policy levels. Participants leave grounded, inspired, and equipped to act where they live, work, and care. Please note, lunch is not included.

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13:00-16:00 Performance Theatre

## [Advocacy with Intention: Leadership Skills to Advance Health Equity. Moderator: Pauline Therrien](#)

Presentation type: Pre-Conference Event

This is an interactive pre-conference workshop designed for community health nurses at all levels of practice. Participants will strengthen their leadership capacity and learn practical advocacy strategies to intentionally influence policies addressing the social determinants of health, promote fairer systems, and advance health equity for marginalized or equity-deserving populations. Please note, lunch is not included.

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16:00-17:00 Exhibit Hall (The Great Hall North)

## [Meet & Greet Reception and Official Opening of the CHNC2026 Exhibit Hall](#)

Presentation type: Networking

Join us as we open the CHNC2026 Exhibit Hall, and spend some time visiting with our [esteemed exhibitors!](#) (Want to showcase your own organization?

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Visit our exhibitors in the Great Hall North and Room 2314!

Thursday, 21 May, 2026

07:00-07:30

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07:30-08:30 The Great Hall (South)

### Breakfast

Presentation type: Networking

08:30-10:30 The Great Hall (South)

### Opening Remarks & Keynote Address

Presentation type: Keynote Presentation

*Title: Reclaiming Community Care: Relationships as the Root of Community Health Nursing*

Panel presenters:

Leanne Kelly, RN, PhD: Associate Teaching Professor, University of Victoria, School of Nursing

Inez Louis, BSN, RN: Director, Provincial & Clinical Quality, First Nations Health Authority

Liza Sam, RN, BScN: TB Clinical Nurse Educator, BC First Nations Health Authority

Description: During this panel presentation, our keynote speakers will discuss relationships as a core foundation in community health nursing practice and describe key elements of relational work with Indigenous communities including trust, reliability, getting to know the community, and recognizing community uniqueness. The session will explore perspectives on community health nursing drawn from experiences with community health representatives, mentorship, and community based knowledge, and identify ways to engage in culturally safe practice.

To learn more about our keynote speakers, bios please see: <https://chnc2026.ca/keynotes>

08:30-16:30 Exhibit Hall (The Great Hall North)

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08:30-16:30 Exhibit Hall (Room 2314)

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### Break & Exhibit Hall

Presentation type: Networking

11:00-12:00 Performance Theatre

### Workforce Capacity. Moderator: Andrea Burrow

Presentation type: Oral Presentation

11:00-12:00 Room 2306

### Health Equity. Moderator: Noah Doucette

Presentation type: Oral Presentation

11:00-12:00 Room 2309

### Education. Moderator: Barb Chyzzy.

Presentation type: Oral Presentation

11:00-12:00 Room 2311

Primary Care. Moderator: Leinic Chung-Lee

Presentation type: Oral Presentation

11:00-12:00 Room 2504

Home Health. Moderator: Emily King

Presentation type: Oral Presentation

11:00-12:00 The Great Hall (South)

Open Session: Moderator: Sarah Neil-Sztramko

Presentation type: Open Session Presentation

12:00-13:00 The Great Hall (South)

Lunch

Presentation type: Networking

13:00-14:00 Performance Theatre

Indigenous Health. Moderator: Renee Boi-Doku

Presentation type: Talking Circle Presentation

13:00-14:00 Room 2306

Women's Health. Moderator: Émilie Tremblay

Presentation type: Oral Presentation

13:00-14:00 Room 2309

Policy & Practice. Moderator: Anna Tazian

Presentation type: Oral Presentation

13:00-14:00 Room 2311

Home Health. Moderator: Daria Garnier

Presentation type: Oral Presentation

13:00-14:00 Room 2504

Schools. Moderator: Yamini Bhatt

Presentation type: Oral Presentation

13:00-14:00 The Great Hall (South)

Open Session: Public Health Nursing Discipline-Specific Competencies Engagement Session. Moderator: Ruth Schofield

Presentation type: Open Session Presentation

14:10-15:10 Performance Theatre

CHN Standards of Practice. Moderator: David Busolo

Presentation type: Talking Circle Presentation

14:10-15:10 Room 2306

Indigenous Health. Moderator: Lauren Evanson

Presentation type: Oral Presentation

14:10-15:10 Room 2309

Women's Health. Moderator: Ola Abanta Thomas Obewu

Presentation type: Oral Presentation

14:10-15:10 Room 2311

Home Health. Moderator: Michelle Pothier

Presentation type: Oral Presentation

14:10-15:10 Room 2504

2SLGBTQ+ Health. Moderator: Noah Doucette

Presentation type: Oral Presentation

14:10-15:10 The Great Hall (South)

Open Session. Moderator: Joan Reiter

Presentation type: Open Session Presentation

15:10-15:30 Advertisements

Break & Exhibit Hall

Presentation type: Networking

15:30-16:30 Performance Theatre

Social Support. Moderator: Amanda Hicks

Presentation type: Talking Circle Presentation

15:30-16:30 Room 2306

Environment. Moderator: Catherine Baxter

Presentation type: Oral Presentation

15:30-16:30 Room 2309

Women's Health. Moderator: Al-Anzi, Shams

Presentation type: Oral Presentation

15:30-16:30 Room 2311

Home Health. Moderator: Karen Curry

Presentation type: Oral Presentation

15:30-16:30 Room 2504

Health Equity. Moderator: Noah Doucette

Presentation type: Oral Presentation

15:30-16:30 The Great Hall (South)

Open Session. Moderator: Austin White

Presentation type: Open Session Presentation

16:30-17:45 Exhibit Hall (The Great Hall North)

Delegates Reception

Presentation type: Networking

A great time to share reflections on the conference sessions so far, connect with old friends and colleagues, and meet some new people from across Canada. Exhibitors will welcome you to learn about their information and products. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar before heading off to see the play at the School of Nursing facility.

18:00-19:00

Social Event: Rethinking Good Intentions (off-site)

Presentation type: Networking

One woman story-telling play by Dr Nancy Edwards, Professor Emeritus University of Ottawa and past Scientific Director CIHR Institute of Population and Public Health

*About the Play:*

"Rethinking Good Intentions" is a compelling account of a Canadian community health nurse who volunteered with CUSO. In this solo performance, Nancy transports us to the rural villages of Sierra Leone, West Africa in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Village experiences rattled her cultural preconceptions, provoked her notions of social privilege, and forever deepened her global connections. Nancy's heart-felt stories about public health work in the villages will make you laugh and cry. This new play is full of humanity.

*This event is free of charge, but pre-registration is required.*

Room 1003 Gateway Building. School of Nursing. (5955 University Boulevard)

Friday, 22 May, 2026

07:00-07:30

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07:30-08:30 The Great Hall (South)

Breakfast & Educational Session

Presentation type: Networking

*Title of Presentation: We Can Prevent These Cancers, So Why Aren't We? Closing Canada's HPV Prevention Gap*

Presenter: Ajit Johal, BSP RPh BCPP CTH (Community-based Pharmacist)

Clinical Director, Immunize.io Health Association

Vancouver, BC

Description: Canada has the tools to eliminate HPV cancers, yet cervical cancer is rising again and HPV-related head and neck cancers in men are accelerating. The barrier is no longer science, but missed opportunities across the lifespan. This advocacy-focused session equips community health nurses to move beyond program delivery toward prevention leadership: seizing catch-up vaccination moments, normalizing conversations, and integrating screening pathways. Learn how nursing action can directly change cancer outcomes and why elimination depends on it.

*By the end of this session, participants will be able to:*

1. Explain current Canadian HPV cancer trends and articulate the public-health implications to patients, families, and communities using clear advocacy messaging.
2. Implement at least three actionable interventions that convert missed encounters (immunization visits, sexual health visits, adult care, partner visits) into HPV vaccination opportunities.
3. Apply national HPV vaccination and screening guidance to counsel patients across the lifespan, including males and under-screened populations.
4. Design one equity-focused practice change that increases HPV prevention uptake in their community within 12 months (e.g., catch-up clinic, reminder system, or outreach pathway).

This session is sponsored by CHNC2026 Platinum Sponsor, Merck

08:30-09:40 The Great Hall (South)

Opening Remarks & Keynote Address

Presentation type: Keynote Presentation

*How AI is Changing Communities, Health and Nursing*

Presenter:

Tracie Risling PhD, RN: Associate Dean Innovation & Research, Faculty of Nursing at the University of Calgary, President-Elect of the Canadian Nurses Association

Dr. Risling has a practice background in pediatric and public health nursing. She currently leads a program of health informatics research including study on artificial intelligence, social media and misinformation, co-design, and the use of text-messaging for wellness support.

08:30-15:30 Exhibit Hall (The Great Hall North)

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09:50-10:50 Performance Theatre

Public Health. Moderator: Sarah Neil-Sztramko

Presentation type: Talking Circle Presentation

09:50-10:50 Room 2306

AI/Technology. Moderator: Émilie Tremblay

Presentation type: Oral Presentation

09:50-10:50 Room 2309

Open Session. Moderator: Barb Chyzyy

09:50-10:50 Room 2311

Health Equity. Moderator: Noah Doucette

Presentation type: Oral Presentation

09:50-10:50 Room 2504

Home Health. Moderator: Pauline Therrien

Presentation type: Oral Presentation

09:50-10:30 Room 2506

Open Session

Presentation type: Open Session Presentation

09:50-10:50 The Great Hall (South)

Open Session. Moderator: May Tao

Presentation type: Open Session Presentation

10:30-10:50 Room 2506

Public Health (Rapid Orals). Moderator: Austin White

Presentation type: Rapid Oral Presentation

10:50-11:20 Advertisements

Break & Exhibit Hall

Presentation type: Networking

11:20-12:20 Performance Theatre

Health Equity. Moderator: Karen Curry.

Presentation type: Talking Circle Presentation

11:20-12:20 Room 2306

Systems Transformation. Moderator: Dan Nagel

Presentation type: Oral Presentation

11:20-12:20 Room 2309

Education. Moderator: Anna Tazian

Presentation type: Oral Presentation

11:20-12:20 Room 2311

Public Health. Moderator: Noah Doucette

Presentation type: Oral Presentation

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2SLGBTQ+ Health. Moderator: Leinic Chung-Lee

Presentation type: Oral Presentation

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Public Health (Rapid Orals). Moderator: Austin White

Presentation type: Rapid Oral Presentation

12:20-13:20 The Great Hall (South)

Lunch

Presentation type: Networking

13:20-14:20 Performance Theatre

Environment. Moderator: Émilie Tremblay.

Presentation type: Oral Presentation

13:20-14:20 Room 2306

AI/Technology. Moderator: May Tao

Presentation type: Oral Presentation

13:20-14:20 Room 2309

Harm Reduction. Moderator: Samira Walji

Presentation type: Oral Presentation

13:20-14:20 Room 2311

Public Health. Moderator: Ola Abanta Thomas Obewu

Presentation type: Oral Presentation

13:20-14:20 Room 2504

Policy & Practice. Moderator: Lauren Evanson

Presentation type: Oral Presentation

13:20-14:20 Room 2506

Home Health & Research (Rapid Orals). Moderator: Josalyn Radcliffe

Presentation type: Rapid Oral Presentation

13:20-14:20 The Great Hall (South)

Open Session. Moderator: Barb Chyzzy.

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Presentation type: Oral Presentation

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Research (Rapid Orals), Moderator: Austin White

Presentation type: Rapid Oral Presentation

15:30-16:00 The Great Hall (South)

Closing Remarks

Presentation type: Networking