

CHNC2026: Growing Together in Action:
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Important Conference Information!

07:30 - 08:30 Wednesday, 20th May, 2026

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

Pre-Conference Events

09:00 - 16:00 Wednesday, 20th May, 2026

Advertisements

Presentation type Pre-Conference Event

Applying the Revised Canadian Community Health Nursing Standards to Practice. Moderator: Michelle Pothier

09:00 - 12:00 Wednesday, 20th May, 2026

Performance Theatre

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.

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Introduction to Place-Based Planetary Health Nursing.

Moderator: Jacqueline Avanthay Strus

09:00 - 16:00 Wednesday, 20th May, 2026

Room 2306

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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Advocacy with Intention: Leadership Skills to Advance Health Equity. Moderator: Pauline Therrien

13:00 - 16:00 Wednesday, 20th May, 2026

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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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Meet & Greet Reception and Official Opening of the CHNC2026 Exhibit Hall

16:00 - 17:00 Wednesday, 20th May, 2026

Exhibit Hall (The Great Hall North)

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? [Learn more here!](#))

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

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This event is approved for a maximum of 19.5 hours of accredited continuing nursing education by the Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) Office, Ingram School of Nursing, McGill University. **Certificates may be purchased from the registration form.**

Cet événement est approuvé pour un maximum de 19.5 heures de formation continue accréditées par le Bureau de la formation continue en sciences infirmières (FCSI) de l'École des sciences infirmières Ingram de l'Université McGill. **Les certificats peuvent être achetés via le formulaire d'inscription.**

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Breakfast

07:30 - 08:30 Thursday, 21st May, 2026

The Great Hall (South)

Presentation type Networking

This session is sponsored by CHNC2026 Platinum Sponsor, Government of Nunavut



Opening Remarks & Keynote Address

08:30 - 10:30 Thursday, 21st May, 2026

The Great Hall (South)

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>

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Break & Exhibit Hall

10:30 - 11:00 Thursday, 21st May, 2026

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Presentation type Networking

Workforce Capacity. Moderator: Andrea Burrow

11:00 - 12:00 Thursday, 21st May, 2026

Performance Theatre

Presentation type Oral Presentation

O1 Collaboration to Support Recruitment and Integration of Internationally Educated Nurses (IENs) into Northern and Remote Health Centres

[Maria Fey Villacampa](#)¹, [Ruth Lee](#)², [Meghan Wankel](#)², [Loy Asheri](#)³

¹Gamètì Health Centre, Gamètì, Canada. ²CARE Centre for Internationally Educated Nurses, Toronto, Canada.

³CARE Centre for Internationally Educated Nurses, Vancouver, Canada

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O2 Strengthening Rural Workforce Capacity: Training Health Providers for Canada's Underserved Northern Communities

[Karen Beeby](#)¹, [Barbara Elliott](#)², [Samantha Soo](#)³

¹TriLumen Learning Collaborative, Truro, Canada. ²TriLumen Learning Collaborative, St John's, Canada. ³TriLumen Learning Collaborative, Whitehorse, Canada

Health Equity. Moderator: Noah Doucette

11:00 - 12:00 Thursday, 21st May, 2026

Room 2306

Presentation type Oral Presentation

O3 Evaluating the Newcomer Clinic Integration Program: Supporting Equitable Care with Government Assisted Refugees

[Shokoufeh Modanloo](#)

Western University, London, Canada

O4 Care Coordination work of Rural Community Nurses: Vital but Invisible

[Emily Van Vliet Hagman](#), Christina West, Olga Petrovskaya

University of Victoria, Victoria, Canada

O5 Roots in nature: Advancing community-based wellbeing for newcomers through outdoor programs in Halifax

[David Busolo](#)

University of New Brunswick, Moncton, Canada

Education. Moderator: Barb Chyzzzy

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O6 Curriculum Revision of Community Health Nursing in a 4 year BScN Program

Tanya Sanders, Samantha Hampton

Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, Canada

O7 Strengthening Nursing Education with Entry-Level Competencies for Community Practice

Cheryl Cusack

Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Canada. CASN, Ottawa, Canada. Community Health Nurse Educators Interest Group, Winnipeg, Canada

O8 Building community health nursing education capacity: National education framework companion document

Tanya Sanders¹, Ruth Schofield², Cheryl Cusack³, Suzanne Braithwaite⁴, Jamie Dicasmirro⁵, Cheryl van Daalen-Smith⁶, Barb Chyzy⁷, Deanne Curnew⁸, Amber Archibald¹

¹Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, Canada. ²Mohawk College, Hamilton, Canada. ³University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada. ⁴Trent University, Peterborough, Canada. ⁵NorQuest College, Edmonton, Canada. ⁶York University, Toronto, Canada. ⁷Toronto Metropolitan, Toronto, Canada. ⁸Memorial University, St John's, Canada

Primary Care. Moderator: Leinic Chung-Lee

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Room 2311

Presentation type Oral Presentation

O9 Navigating Inequities in Accessing Mental Healthcare: Stories of Displaced Ukrainians and the Role of Community-Based Supports

Kristina Tsvygun, Kateryna Metersky, Cristina Catallo, Areej Al-Hamad

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Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto, Canada

O10 Advancing Full-Scope Nursing Practice in an Interdisciplinary Team-Based Care Model: Building Capacity at CUPS Calgary

Amy Leung

CUPS Calgary, Calgary, Canada

O11 Bridging the Communication Gap: World Café Insights on Mobile Translation Technology in Improving Care of Older Immigrants in Community and Long-Term Care

Andrew Marciniak¹, Vess Stamenova², Leinic Chung-Lee¹, Josephine P. Wong¹, Anoushka Anoushka¹, Abdolreza Akbarian¹, Mabel Ho¹, Rui Hou³, Rosanra Yoon⁴

¹Daphne Cockwell School of Nursing, Faculty of Community Services, Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto, Canada. ²Information Technology Management, Ted Rogers School of Management, Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto, Canada. ³Department of Sociology, St. Mary's University, Halifax, Canada. ⁴Lawrence Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada

Home Health. Moderator: Emily King

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Room 2504

Presentation type Oral Presentation

O12 Retaining Excellence: How Integrating Home Health Nursing Competencies Drives Workforce Stability

Corey MacKenzie, Carly McPhee, Chelsea Coumoundouros, Kim Utley, Natalia Stovichek, Jennifer Little

SE Health, Toronto, Canada

O13 Advancing Person and Family Centered Care within Home and Community Care Setting

Olesya Kochetkova

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VON Canada, Toronto, Canada

O14 Cultivating Leadership Capacity in Home Health Care: Building Strong Foundations from Day One

Pauline Therrien¹, Michelle Pothier²

¹ParaMed, Ottawa, Canada. ²ParaMed, Picton, Canada

Open Session: Moderator: Sarah Neil-Sztramko

11:00 - 12:00 Thursday, 21st May, 2026

The Great Hall (South)

Presentation type Open Session Presentation

OS1 Equity informed emergency preparedness: Exploring a framework for public health

Claire Betker¹, Margaret Haworth-Brockman², Marianne Jacques³, Val Morrison³

¹National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health, Antigonish, Canada. ²National Collaborating Centre for Infectious Diseases, Winnipeg, Canada. ³National Collaborating Centre for Healthy Public Policy, Montreal, Canada

Lunch

12:00 - 13:00 Thursday, 21st May, 2026

The Great Hall (South)

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Indigenous Health. Moderator: Renee Boi-Doku

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TC1 Lessons learned from the RICHER social pediatric program: Co-creating Relational, Antioppressive, and Decolonizing (RAD) intersectoral care processes

[Alysha McFadden](#)^{1,2}, [Lorelei Hawkins](#)³

¹Trinity Western University, Langley, Canada. ²University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada. ³Elder, Vancouver, Canada

TC2 Culture is healing: Supporting Indigenous ways of knowing and being in community health nursing

[Wendy Gifford](#)¹, [Mohamad Hamze Al-Chami](#)¹, [Peggy Dick](#)², Ellen Gandy¹, Reyna Uriarte Beauregard³

¹University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada. ²Algonquins of Pikwakanagan Health Services, Pikwakanagan, Canada. ³Ottawa Cancer Foundation, Ottawa, Canada

Women's Health. Moderator: Émilie Tremblay

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O15 Provincial Online Prenatal Education: Promoting equitable access to high-quality, culturally inclusive, and trauma- and evidence-informed prenatal education for people across British Columbia through an online learning platform (the PSBC Pregnancy & Parent Learning Centre)

[Perinatal Services BC](#)

Provincial Health Services Authority, Vancouver, Canada

O16 Perinatal Mental Health: Moving From Evidence to Action

[Philippa Bodolaj](#)¹, Dawn Machado¹, Susan Jack², Sonya Strohm², Kathryn Marsilio¹

¹Peel Public Health, Region of Peel, Mississauga, Canada. ²School of Nursing, McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada

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**O17 "I don't think health care is generally set up to be mom-positive":
Exploring risk and protective factors influencing maternal mental
health**

Shams M.F. Al-Anzi, Crystal Chu, Aisha Maida, Saima Hirani

School of Nursing, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

Policy & Practice. Moderator: Anna Tazian

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**O18 Project INFAUX: Strengthening the Role of Licensed Practical
Nurses in Community Care: From Orientation to Continuous
Professional Development**

Anna Tazian, Chedly Augustin, Julie Verville, Camille Labrie, Pauline Chan, Luz Arroyave, Mika Joseph

CIUSSS Centre-Ouest, Montreal, Canada

**O19 Enhancing Clinical Competence in Community Health : A Project
on Structured Self and Peer Evaluation**

Chedly Augustin, Anna Tazian, Mika Joseph

CIUSSS Centre-Ouest-de-l'île-de-Montréal, Montréal, Canada

Home Health. Moderator: Daria Garnier

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O20 Home Care Nurses' Perceived Competence and Self-Efficacy in Palliative Care Delivery: A Cross-Sectional Study

Joanne Ta, Joanne Tay, Kathryn Pfaff

University of Windsor, Windsor, Canada

O21 Evolving Roles of Licensed/Registered Practical Nurses in Home and Community Care: A 30-Year Journey

michelle pothier¹, pauline therrien²

¹ParaMed, Picton, Canada. ²ParaMed, Ottawa, Canada

O22 Small Steps, Big Impact: Training Home Health Care Nurses to Prevent Wounds Before They Start

Pauline Therrien¹, Michelle Pothier²

¹ParaMed, Ottawa, Canada. ²ParaMed, Picton, Canada

Schools. Moderator: Yamini Bhatt

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O23 Co-Designing School-Based Community Gardens as Health Infrastructure for Immigrant and Racialized Families in Rexdale

Asli Nur

Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto, Canada

O24 Do school-based interventions effectively address violence against 2SLGBTQI+ individuals? Insights from a rapid review

Sarah Neil-Sztramko¹, Emily Clark¹, Robyn Traynor¹, Krishian Camargo¹, Tiff Leung¹, Vishnu Renjith², Maureen Dobbins¹

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¹National Collaborating Centre for Methods and Tools, Hamilton, Canada. ²Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Dublin, Ireland

O25 Standardizing School Health Nursing Practice Through Evidence Informed Care Pathways: A Quality Improvement Initiative

Austin White

Niagara Region Public Health, St. Catharines, Canada

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

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The Great Hall (South)

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OS2 Public Health Nursing Discipline-Specific Competencies Engagement Session

Ruth Schofield, Renee Boi-Doku, Genevieve Currie, Cheryl Cusack, Tamara Robb

CHN Standards of Practice. Moderator: David Busolo

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TC3 Mapping the Evolving Landscape of Community Health Nursing: A Scoping Review to Inform Updates to the Canadian Community Health Nursing Standards of Practice

Shannan MacNevin¹, Ruth Schofield^{2,3}, Manal Fseifes⁴, Josephine Etowa⁴

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¹University of Doha for Science and Technology, Doha, Qatar. ²McMaster University (retired), Hamilton, Canada.

³Mohawk College, Hamilton, Canada. ⁴University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada

TC4 Immersing in the Liminal Space: Co-Creating a Shared Understanding of Standards and Competencies for Community Health Nursing Practice

Leinic Chung-Lee¹, Poonam Sharma², May Tao³, Karen Curry⁴, Dawn Mallard⁵, Patricia King⁶, Renee Boi-Doku³, Cheryl van Daalen-Smith⁷

¹Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto, Canada. ². ³Toronto Public Health, Toronto, Canada. ⁴Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada. ⁵Health PEI (IHIS), Charlottetown, Canada. ⁶University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada. ⁷York University, Toronto, Canada

Indigenous Health. Moderator: Lauren Evanson

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O26 Bridging Worlds: Fostering Cultural Safety through Partnerships to support Internationally Educated Nurses Understanding of the Experiences of Indigenous Peoples in Canada.

Ruth Wojtiuk¹, Kim English²

¹CARE Centre for Internationally Educated Nurses, Toronto, Canada. ²Trent University, Peterborough, Canada

O27 Building Futures Through Words - The Importance of Early Literacy in Nunavut

Cecile Henderson¹, Chloe Norris², Kristen Hebert²

¹Canadian Children's Literacy Foundation, Nunavut, Canada. ²Government of Nunavut, Nunavut, Canada

O28 Coming to the Fire

Sheila Blackstock, Amber Archibald

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Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, Canada

Women's Health. Moderator: Ola Abanta Thomas Obewu

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O29 Social Media and Breastfeeding Self-Efficacy Among First-Time Mothers in Quebec, Canada

[Catherine Ricci](#)¹, [Karina Daigle](#)²

¹McGill University, Montreal, Canada. ²Université du Québec en Outaouais, Saint-Jerôme, Canada

O30 Development of a nurse-led community-based sleep health promotion program for Canadian families with infants.

[Elizabeth Keys](#)¹, [Tai-Lin Michon](#)¹, [Niki Soroush-Asghari](#)¹, [Jelena Komanchuk](#)¹, [Mahtab Matin](#)¹, [Avaline Konkin](#)², [Kyle Dewsnap](#)³, [Kayleigh Boogaart](#)¹, [Samira Kheirdariyar](#)¹, [Marie-Helene Pennestri](#)⁴, [Gerry Giesbrecht](#)⁵, [Catherine Lebel](#)⁵, [Lianne Tomfohr-Madsen](#)³

¹UBC Okanagan, Kelowna, Canada. ²Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada. ³UBC, Vancouver, Canada. ⁴McGill University, Montreal, Canada. ⁵University of Calgary, Calgary, Canada

O31 Sleep Health: What Community Health Nurses Need to Know

[Niki Soroush-Asghari](#), [Elizabeth Keys](#)

University of British Columbia (Okanagan), Kelowna, Canada

Home Health. Moderator: Michelle Pothier

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O32 Transition Experiences for Internationally Educated Nurses in Home Health Care Practice Settings

Shabneez Xin, Melissa Northwood, Olive Wahoush, Emily Belita

McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada

O33 Point-of-Care Nurse-led Framework for Safely Supporting Children in Schools Using Do-it-Yourself (DIY) Automated Insulin Delivery (AID) Systems

Sydney Olsen, Yana Siganevich

VHA Home HealthCare, Toronto, Canada

O34 Translating an interprofessional collaboration framework into practice: Insights from a home healthcare pilot

Titus Chan, Kathy Sidhu, Trevor Heer, Glenda Providence, Sandra Li-James

VHA Home Healthcare, Toronto, Canada

2SLGBTQ+ Health. Moderator: Noah Doucette

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O35 Exploring sexual and gender-diverse women experience with community-based health promotion services in Canada

Yemisi Onilude¹, Erin Ziegler¹, Yamini Bhatt¹, Anna R Gagliardi²

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O36 Participatory Action Research With 2SLGBTQ* Youth in Linguistic Minority Contexts: Reducing Barriers to Participation and Advancing Health Equity

Nicolas Strus^{1,2}, Isabelle (Belle) Strus², Mia Bestvater³, Sébastien Papineau², Abrielle Turenne-Bisson⁴, Mireille Lemoine⁵, Groupe de jeunes chercheurs², Freddy Franco Morales², Danielle de Moissac², Collectif LGBTQ* du Manitoba⁶, N'deye Rokhaya gueye², Jacqueline Avanthay Strus²

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Open Session. Moderator: Joan Reiter

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OS3 What's in the soil that's feeding the roots? Using a tree image to understand interrelated determinants of health

Caralyn Vossen, Claire Betker

National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health, Antigonish, Canada

OS4 Integrating the updated Core Competencies for Public Health in Canada: Release 2.0 in practice

Claire Betker¹, Margaret Haworth-Brockman², Sarah Neil-Sztramko³, Allyn Whyte⁴

¹National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health, Antigonish, Canada. ²National Collaborating Centre for Infectious Diseases, Winnipeg, Canada. ³National Collaborating Centre for Methods and Tools, Hamilton, Canada. ⁴Fraser Health Authority, Vancouver, Canada

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Social Support. Moderator: Amanda Hicks

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TC5 Let's Talk Connections and Conversations: Two New Practical Tools to Address Social Isolation and Loneliness in Older Adults.

[Meghan O'Neill](#)

CCSMH, Limehouse, Canada

TC6 Helping Parents Find Their Village: Strengthening Family Support Through Nursing Practice

[Christine Ou](#)¹, [Clare Zeschky](#)², Emily Crosbie^{3,2}

¹University of Victoria, Victoria, Canada. ²Pacific Post Partum Support Society, Burnaby, Canada. ³Island Health, Victoria, Canada

Environment. Moderator: Catherine Baxter

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O37 Implementing a Radon Awareness Program During the Transition to Parenthood: Preliminary Findings from Two Sites

[Jacqueline Avanthay Strus](#)^{1,2}, Blandine Kapita Kama^{2,1}, Kasey Knowles³, Fiona Hanley⁴, Hagar Outbih^{1,2}, Christelle Kay¹, N'deye Rokhaya Gueye¹

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O38 Bridging Perspectives: Young Activists' Stories and Intergenerational Dialogue on Mental Health and Climate Change in Canada

Émilie Tremblay

University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada

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

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O39 Fraser Health Enhanced Family Visiting Program Evaluation

Michelle Urbina-Beggs¹, Rosemary Lever², Nicole Catherine², Clara Tam¹, Martin Meghan¹

¹Fraser Health, Surrey, Canada. ²Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, Canada

O40 Mom2New Co-Care: Addressing Structural Inequities in Maternal-Newborn Health Among Middle Eastern Newcomer Women in Canada

Shokoufeh Modanloo

Western University, London, Canada

O41 "Trust with any worker is hard to come by but these ladies were different": Re-imagining trust in care encounters from the perspectives of women living at the nexus of gender-based violence, street-involvement, and poverty

Vicky Bungay¹, Shahin Kasaam², Michelle Gagnon¹, Sunny Jiao¹, Patricia Tait¹

¹University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada. ²University of British Columbia Okanagan, Kelowna, Canada

Home Health. Moderator: Karen Curry

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O42 Adapting the DIVA Tool for Community Nursing: A Contextual Approach to Vascular Access

Bene Franquien

VON, Halifax, Canada

O43 Redefining RPN Leadership Pathways in Home and Community Care: The Personal Support Manager review and launch of the Personal Support Educator role

Blanche Durocher, Elise Stevenson

SE Health, Markham, Canada

O44 Competency in Care: Integrating CHNC and Palliative competencies to Strengthen Home Care Nursing in PEI

Dawn Mallard, Susan Doucette

Health PEI, Charlottetown, Canada

Health Equity. Moderator: Noah Doucette

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O45 Geo-Spatial Factors Contributing to Social Isolation Among Arabic-Speaking Immigrant Older Adults in Ontario

Sepali Guruge¹, Ifrac Qidwai¹, Zhixi Zhuang¹, Kaveenaa Chandrasekaran¹, Kateryna Metersky¹, Bharati Sethi², Melissa Northwood³, Lu Wang¹, Vathsala Illesinghe¹

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O46 Cultural safety in higher education: The experiences of nursing and social work faculty

Olabisi Oyelana, [Elizabeth Burgess-Pinto](#), Hellen Gateri, Mehakpreet Singh, Nasrine Sajay

MacEwan University, Edmonton, Canada

O47 Building Anti-Racist Nurses: Practicing Core Competencies for Addressing Anti-Black Racism and Black Health in Nursing

[Raha Mahmoudi](#)^{1,2}, [Sume Ndumbe-Eyoh](#)^{3,2}

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Open Session. Moderator: Austin White

15:30 - 16:30 Thursday, 21st May, 2026

The Great Hall (South)

Presentation type Open Session Presentation

OS5 Public Health Nursing in Canada: A Comprehensive Resource for Equity and Evidence-Informed Practice

[Erin Courtney](#)¹, [Ruth Schofield](#)²

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OS6 Reflecting on a national environmental scan on the structural determinants of health: Opportunities to lead for a different kind of health equity

[Claire Betker](#)

National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health, Antigonish, Canada

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Delegates Reception

16:30 - 17:45 Thursday, 21st May, 2026

Exhibit Hall (The Great Hall North)

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.

Social Event: Rethinking Good Intentions (off-site)

18:00 - 19:00 Thursday, 21st May, 2026

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)

Important Conference Information!

07:00 - 07:30 Friday, 22nd May, 2026

Presentation type Conference Information

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

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This event is approved for a maximum of 19.5 hours of accredited continuing nursing education by the Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) Office, Ingram School of Nursing, McGill University. **Certificates may be purchased from the registration form.**

Cet événement est approuvé pour un maximum de 19.5 heures de formation continue accréditées par le Bureau de la formation continue en sciences infirmières (FCSI) de l'École des sciences infirmières Ingram de l'Université McGill. **Les certificats peuvent être achetés via le formulaire d'inscription.**

Breakfast & Educational Session

07:30 - 08:30 Friday, 22nd May, 2026

The Great Hall (South)

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



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Opening Remarks & Keynote Address

08:30 - 09:40 Friday, 22nd May, 2026

The Great Hall (South)

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.

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08:30 - 15:30 Friday, 22nd May, 2026

Exhibit Hall (The Great Hall North)

Presentation type Networking

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Exhibit Hall (Room 2314)

Presentation type Networking

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Public Health. Moderator: Sarah Neil-Sztramko

09:50 - 10:50 Friday, 22nd May, 2026

Performance Theatre

Presentation type Talking Circle Presentation

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TC7 From Invisible to Indispensable: Reclaiming PHN Leadership for Equity and System Transformation

Cheryl Cusack

University of Manitoba, WINNIPEG, Canada

TC8 Building an Ontario Social Determinants of Health Community of Practice to enable upstream action on the structural and social determinants of health

Miranda Costie¹, Melinda Freer², Catherine Gallaway³, Samiya Abdi⁴, Nandini Saxena⁵, Claire Betker⁶, Lyanne Rochon⁷, Karen Roundpoint⁷

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AI/Technology. Moderator: Émilie Tremblay

09:50 - 10:50 Friday, 22nd May, 2026

Room 2306

Presentation type Oral Presentation

O48 Canadian community health nurses' perceptions of artificial intelligence and its impact on nursing practice: A mixed methods study

Mary Henderson Betkus¹, Shannon Freeman¹, Davina Banner-Lukaris¹, Leanne Currie², Piper Jackson³

¹University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George, Canada. ²University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada. ³Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, Canada

O49 Challenging the Robotic while Embracing Virtualization and Digitization: Re-Centering on Preferences for Modalities of Care

Leinic Chung-Lee, Cristina Catallo, Maher El-Masri, Vess Stamenova

Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto, Canada

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O50 ChartCoachAI: The potential of AI-driven chart audits for supporting documentation quality improvement

[Emily King](#)^{1,2}, [Jamie Tremaine](#)³, [Sandra Li-James](#)¹, [Sandra McKay](#)^{1,2,4}

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Open Session. Moderator: Barb Chyzzzy

09:50 - 10:50 Friday, 22nd May, 2026

Room 2309

OS7 Leverage nursing leadership and evidence to promote the health and well-being of women and nurses in the face of violence: A call to Action

[Marilyn Ford-Gilboe](#)¹, [Colleen Varcoe](#)²

¹Western University, London, Canada. ²University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

Health Equity, Moderator: Noah Doucette

09:50 - 10:50 Friday, 22nd May, 2026

Room 2311

Presentation type Oral Presentation

O51 Through Their Eyes: Understanding Black Parents Pediatric Experiences in Ontario's Healthcare Systems

[Damilola Ola-Adigun](#)

York University, Toronto, Canada

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O52 How Black mothers experience and navigate cultural safety within home visiting programs

Mavoy Bertram, Carly Whitmore, Fatimah Jackson-Best, Andrea Gonzalez, Susan Jack

McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada

O53 A Call Towards Health Equity: Exploring Black Canadian Men's Experiences and Perspectives of Engaging with the Healthcare System.

Ola Abanta Thomas Obewu, Priscilla Boakye, Nadia Prendergast, Josephine Wong

Toronto Metropolitan University, TORONTO, Canada

Home Health. Moderator: Pauline Therrien

09:50 - 10:50 Friday, 22nd May, 2026

Room 2504

Presentation type Oral Presentation

O54 Enhancing SMART Pump Use in Nova Scotia Community Infusion Therapy: A Collaborative Approach to System Transformation

Bene Franquien

VON, Halifax, Canada

O55 Co-Designing People-Centred Care in Home and Community Nursing

Brydne Edwards^{1,2,3}, Ethelyn Pilapil¹

¹VHA Home Healthcare, Toronto, Canada. ²McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada. ³University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada

O56 From Data to Action: Enhancing Nursing Documentation Through a Multilevel Quality Improvement Strategy

Daria Garnier, Sandra Li-James, Kathy Sidhu

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VHA Home HealthCare, Toronto, Canada

Open Session

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Room 2506

Presentation type Open Session Presentation

OS8 Planning and Implementing Environmental Scans in Research Related to Community Health Nursing Practice Using the RADAR-ES Methodological Framework

Dan Nagel, Rima Azar

Open Session. Moderator: May Tao

09:50 - 10:50 Friday, 22nd May, 2026

The Great Hall (South)

Presentation type Open Session Presentation

OS9 A comprehensive teaching and learning resource for nursing on climate-sensitive infectious disease in Canada

Ruth Schofield¹, Alysha Jones², Rubee Dev³, Kristine Crosby⁴

¹Mohawk College, Hamilton, Canada. ²Camosun College, Victoria, Canada. ³University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada. ⁴Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing, Ottawa, Canada

OS10 Youth-Led Peer Navigation: Building Equity and Capacity in Community Nursing

Katie MacEntee¹, Celestina Bogle², Jenna Pogue³, Meryam Ahmed⁴, Alex Abramovich⁵, Dorothy Apedaile¹, Amy VanBerkum⁶, Elizabeth Saewyc⁷

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Public Health (Rapid Orals). Moderator: Austin White

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Presentation type Rapid Oral Presentation

RO1 Why Culturally Tailoring? Lifestyle Interventions for Cardiovascular Health Prevention with South Asian Immigrant Women in Canada.

Yamini Bhatt, Suzanne Fredericks

Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto, Canada

RO2 Advancing equity-oriented education for healthcare professionals caring for individuals affected by severe maternal morbidity: An exploratory sequential mixed methods study.

Rosie Deol, Michelle Butt, Andrea Gonzalez, Renate Kahlke, Susan Jack

McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada

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Health Equity. Moderator: Karen Curry

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TC9 Strengthening Perinatal Resilience in a Changing Climate: Introducing the Perinatal Planetary Health Assessment Tool (PeriPHAT)

Jacqueline Avanthay Strus^{1,2}, Julie Savard¹, Adrienne Barckett³, Émilie Tremblay², Alysha Jones⁴, Fiona Hanley³, Kasey Knowles², Maya Kalogirou^{3,5}, N'deye Rokhaya Gueye¹, Tanya Sanders⁶, Amber Archibald⁶

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TC10 Mental health resources awareness in Southern health

Kadence Caruk¹, Sarah Nadeau², Connor Borgfjord¹

¹Université De Saint-Boniface, Winnipeg, Canada. ²Université de Saint-Boniface, Winnipeg, Canada

Systems Transformation. Moderator: Dan Nagel

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Room 2306

Presentation type Oral Presentation

O57 Using a Feminist Community-based Research Approach to Update Core Competencies for Public Health

Margaret Haworth-Brockman¹, Claire Betker², Sarah Neil-Sztramko³

¹National Collaborating Centre for Infectious Diseases, Winnipeg, Canada. ²National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health, Antigonish, Canada. ³National Collaborating Centre for Methods and Tools, Hamilton, Canada

O58 Walking Together: From Piloting a Memorandum of Understanding to Provincial Implementation

Hernandee Deo, Kara Bennett, Marion Guenther, Michelle Cratchley

First Nations Health Authority, Vancouver, Canada

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O59 RADAR-ES: A Methodological Framework for Environmental Scans for Health Services Delivery Research

Daniel Nagel¹, Kara Burns², Lilly Koenig³, Rima Azar⁴

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Education. Moderator: Anna Tazian

11:20 - 12:20 Friday, 22nd May, 2026

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Presentation type Oral Presentation

O60 Education for community health nurses on trauma-and violence-informed care: An e-learning curriculum

Rosie Deol¹, Susan Jack¹, Sonya Strohm¹, Nadine Wathen²

¹School of Nursing, McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada. ²Arthur Labatt Family School of Nursing, Western University, London, Canada

O61 Caring Rallye Project: Exploring Social Determinants of Health Through Immersive Community Engagement in NP Education

Myriam Gauthier^{1,2}, Sophie Dupéré³

¹Laval University, Quebec, Canada. ²VITAM Research Center, Quebec, Canada. ³Laval University, Québec, Canada

O62 Developing Leadership in Assistant Nurse Managers : Design and Outcomes of the CORE Program Across Hospital and Community Settings

Christina Clausen, Susan Cameron, Christiane Honeine, Anna Tazian

CIUSSS Centre Ouest, Montreal, Canada

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Public Health. Moderator: Noah Doucette

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O63 Enhancing public health nurses' responsibilities and accountability in ethical principles through an innovative strategy

May Tao, Renee Boi-Doku

Toronto Public Health, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

O64 Innovative Ways to Engage Public Health Nurses to Strengthen Foundational Public Health Practice Through Staff Education

Allyn Whyte¹, Michelle Urbina-Beggs², Rebecca Haber³, Connie Banting³, Cheryl Prescott³, Courtney Bell³

¹Fraser Health, White Rock, Canada. ²Fraser Health, Maple Ridge, Canada. ³Fraser Health, Surrey, Canada

O65 Developing National Indicators to Profile and Monitor Canada's Public Health Nursing Workforce: Insights from Public Health Decision-Maker Focus Groups

Emily Belita¹, Thilina Bandara², Claire Betker³, Jason Cabaj⁴, Maureen Dobbins^{1,5}, Kathryn Fisher¹, Sarah Neil-Sztramko^{1,5}, Cory Neudorf², Charles Plante², Brendan Smith⁶, Gaynor Watson-Creed⁷

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⁷Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada

2SLGBTQ+ Health. Moderator: Leinic Chung-Lee

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O66 Navigating Affirming Care for Sexual and Gender Diverse Populations in Rural Community Health: Insights from Primary Care Nurses

Tyler Glass

Queen's University, Kingston, Canada

O67 Community Agency Perspectives on Supporting Sexual and Gender-Diverse Women in Canada

Yamini Bhatt¹, Erin Ziegler¹, Yemisi Onilude¹, Anna R Gagliardi²

¹Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto, Canada. ²Toronto General Hospital, Toronto, Canada

O68 Exploring the experiences of 2SLGBTQIA+ neurodivergent people in Ontario: Implications for community health nurses

Elizabeth Straus^{1,2}, Carla Rice², Kate Ellis³, Gowlene Selvavijayan⁴, Jet Coghlan⁵, Patty Douglas⁶

¹Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto, Canada. ²University of Guelph, Guelph, Canada. ³Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada. ⁴Community Researcher, Ottawa, Canada. ⁵Community Researcher, Toronto, Canada. ⁶Queen's University, Kingston, Canada

Public Health (Rapid Orals). Moderator: Austin White

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RO3 Point of Care Testing for Sexually Transmitted Infections in a Northeastern Ontario First Nation community

Hali Pitawanakwat

Wikwemikong Health Centre, Wikwemikong, Canada. Queen's University, Kingston, Canada

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RO4 Advancing public health practice: Tools and insights to implement the Core Competencies for Public Health in Canada Release 2.0

Sarah Neil-Sztramko^{1,2}, Emily Clark¹, Robyn Traynor¹, Tyson Pelletier¹, Claire Betker³, Maureen Dobbins^{1,4}

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RO5 Health care experiences and expectations of individuals with severe maternal morbidity: A qualitative systematic review

Amanda Hicks¹, Daniel Atkinson¹, Mavoy Bertram^{1,2}, Rohan D'Souza¹, Rosie Deol¹, Dania Ihsan¹, Giulia Muraca¹, Danielle Rice^{1,3}, Tessa Robinson¹, Jennifer Tseng¹, Michelle Butt¹, Meredith Vanstone¹, Susan Jack¹

¹McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada. ²York University, Toronto, Canada. ³St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton, Hamilton, Canada

Lunch

12:20 - 13:20 Friday, 22nd May, 2026

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Presentation type Networking

Environment. Moderator: Émilie Tremblay

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O69 Climate Change: Managing Extreme Heat, A Nursing Simulation

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York University, toronto, Canada

O70 Meandering through Nature: One Path to Promote Planetary Health and Mental Wellbeing

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CATHERINE BAXTER, Laura Van Mulligen

Brandon University, Brandon, Canada

AI/Technology. Moderator: May Tao

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O71 Bridging Rural Gaps: A Hybrid Digital Model to Enhance Social and Health Equity for Older Adults in Saskatchewan

Sarah Kostiuik

Saskatchewan Polytechnic, Regina, Canada

O72 Digital Technology Use in Perinatal Family Visiting Programs: An Integrative Review

Andrea Burrows, Dr. Charlene Ronquillo

University of British Columbia, Kelowna, Canada

O73 Innovating Nursing Teleconsultation in Harm Reduction: Bringing Care Closer to People Who Use Substances

Lise Poisblaud¹, Edilberto C Quintero¹, Isabelle Têtu², Anne Guichard¹

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Harm Reduction. Moderator: Samira Walji

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O74 After the doors closed: the fallout of shutting down North America's busiest supervised consumption site

Morgan Magnuson, Shannon Vandenberg, Tracy Oosterbroek

University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge, Canada

O75 Nursing Practice with People Who Use Drugs: An Analysis of the Clinical and Ethical Realities of Harm Reduction in Supervised Consumption Sites

Etienne Paradis-Gagné¹, Natalie Stake-Doucet², Emily Jenkins³, Émilie Hudon⁴, Trevor Goodyear³, Angela Russolillo³, Crystal Beaudin¹

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O76 Harm Reduction Interventions to Support Women and Gender Diverse Individuals in Canada: A Scoping Review

Ginger Sullivan¹, Georgia Dewart², Vera Caine³, Caroline Foster-Boucher¹, Gabriel Barrington-Moss¹, Margaux Papadopoulou¹, Alisha Puri⁴

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Public Health. Moderator: Ola Abanta Thomas Obewu

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Room 2311

Presentation type Oral Presentation

O77 Using the Core Competencies for Public Health in Canada, Release 2.0: A qualitative descriptive study exploring barriers to adoption and implementation supports needed.

Sarah Neil-Sztramko^{1,2}, Margaret Haworth-Brockman³, Claire Betker⁴

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O78 Integrating values and attitudinal competencies into the Core Competencies for Public Health in Canada: Release 2.0

Claire Betker¹, Margaret Haworth-Brockman², Sarah Neil-Sztramko³

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Policy & Practice. Moderator: Lauren Evanson

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O79 From Assumptions to Evidence: Improving Health System Demand Projections Through Community Care Impact Analysis

Natasha Sischka

Cornerstone Planning Group, Vancouver, Canada

O80 The Construction of British Columbia's Palliative Care Benefits Policy and Implications for Nursing Practice

Carly Elliott¹, Helen Brown², Lydia Wytenbroek², Farinaz (Naz) Havaei²

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O81 Harmonizing health and social care for people experiencing homelessness or housing precarity

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

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Room 2506

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RO6 Building Capacity to Support Frail Seniors after Hospitalization: Focus on Health Care and Social Prescribing for Successful Transitions

Sabrina Gaon¹, [Adeela Kausar](#)², Sarah McCutchen¹, Amanda Marcovitch¹, Shannon Needham¹, [Muna Sheerin](#)², Sandra Tedesco²

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RO7 Nursing-Sensitive Indicators in Home Care - Advancing the Quintuple Aim: A Scoping Review

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RO8 Nursing Interventions Addressing Climate Change: An Integrative Review through a Planetary Health Lens

[Crystal Beaudin](#)

Université de Montréal, Montreal, Canada

RO9 Availability of sleep resources for the foster and kinship care community: An environmental scan

[Kalli Matthew](#)¹, Jelena Komanchuck¹, Nadine Lehr¹, Delphine Collin-Vézina², Kayleigh Boogaart¹, Adrienne Vandenberg², Charlene Thauvin², Elizabeth Keys¹

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Open Session. Moderator: Barb Chyzzy

13:20 - 14:20 Friday, 22nd May, 2026

The Great Hall (South)

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OS11 Creating a Path to Embed the Home Health Competencies into Practice

[Karen Curry](#)¹, [Barb Chyzzy](#)², [Leinic Chung-Lee](#)², [Corey MacKenzie](#)³, [Dawn Mallard](#)⁴

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Break & Exhibit Hall

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Health Equity. Moderator: Joan Reiter

14:30 - 15:30 Friday, 22nd May, 2026

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O82 Moving Beyond Being Lost in Translation - Leveraging Mobile Cultural-Language Translation Tools to Enable Equitable Older Adult Care

[Abdul-Fatawu Abdulai](#)¹, [Leinic Chung-Lee](#)², [Mabel Ho](#)², [Rui Hou](#)³, [Vess Stamenova](#)², [Rosanra Yoon](#)⁴, [Anoushka Anoushka](#)², [Abdolreza Akbarian](#)², [Andrew Marciniak](#)², [Josephine P. Wong](#)²

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O83 An introduction to migrant health and justice in Canada

Caralyn Vossen, Claire Betker

National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health, Antigonish, Canada

O84 Designing and testing a peer-led, community social connection program to support women's mental health: Findings from a pilot study.

Vicky Bungay¹, Shahin Kassam²

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Environment. Moderator: Catherine Baxter

14:30 - 15:30 Friday, 22nd May, 2026

Room 2306

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O85 From Calls to Action to Communities of Practice: Lessons from Planetary Health Advocates

Josalyn Radcliffe^{1,2}, Rob Samulack³, May Tao³

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O86 Good Stories Resonate: Using fiction-based research as a pedagogical tool to create meaningful, situated narratives that explore the complex interconnections between the climate crisis, health inequities and health.

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Brandon University, Brandon, Canada

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Women's Health. Moderator: Amanda Hicks

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Room 2309

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O87 Hidden Homelessness Among Pregnant Women and Gender Diverse People in Ontario, Canada

Barbara Chyzy

Toronto, Toronto, Canada

O88 Public Health Postpartum follow up what are we doing? An environmental scan from all 10 provinces.

Michelle Urbina-Beggs, Rebecca Haber, Meghan Martin

Fraser Health, Surrey, Canada

O89 The Lotus Project: A Model of Social Innovation in Perinatal Care to Reduce Health Inequities

Myriam Gauthier^{1,2}, Sophie Dupéré¹

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Public Health. Moderator: Renee Boi-Doku

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Room 2311

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O90 Putting Practice Back in Public Health Nursing Education

Valini Geer

toronto, toronto, Canada

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O91 Tethered Flight: Weathering Agency and Constraint in Mpox Vaccine Access among Underrepresented Gay, Bisexual, Trans, and other Men who have Sex with Men

[Jefferson Pacis](#), [Elizabeth Saewyc](#), [Vicky Bungay](#), [Gerry Goh](#), [Devon Greyson](#)

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

O92 Towards Equity and Inclusivity: A Mixed-Methods Exploration of the Determinants of Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine Uptake in Nova Scotia

[Noah Doucette](#)¹, [Audrey Steenbeek](#)¹, [Jennifer Lane](#)¹, [Stephana Julia Moss](#)¹, [Andrea Chircop](#)¹, [Phillip Joy](#)²

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Primary Care. Moderator: Jacqueline Avanthay Strus

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Room 2504

Presentation type Oral Presentation

O93 Community Assessment of Barriers to Primary Healthcare among Bilingual Rural Populations in Southern Manitoba

[Alexandre Dacquay](#), [Hanna Bédard](#), [Kiera Legault](#), [Jack Avanthay-Strus](#), [Elise Johnson](#)

Université de Saint-Boniface, Winnipeg, Canada

O94 Implementing Registered Nurse Prescribing in Nova Scotia's Home and Community Care

[Cindy MacQuarrie](#)¹, [Thien Trang](#)²

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O95 Women's voices, system gaps: Refugee perspectives on barriers to mammography in New Brunswick

David Busolo¹, Khawla Aldandan², Maria Zaiachuk¹, Cecilia Moreira², Asia Alabbas³

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Research (Rapid Orals), Moderator: Austin White

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Room 2506

Presentation type Rapid Oral Presentation

RO10 Strengthening Clinical Leadership: A Strengths Based Community of Practice Model for Assistant Head Nurses in community health care settings at the CIUSSS Centre-Ouest-de-l'île-de-Montréal in Québec

Anna Tazian

CIUSSS Centre-Ouest-de-l'île-de-Montréal, Montreal, Canada

RO11 Implementing evidence-informed practice at the organizational level: findings from an updated rapid review

Sarah Neil-Sztramko, Emily Clark, Robyn Traynor, Maureen Dobbins

National Collaborating Centre for Methods and Tools, Hamilton, Canada

RO12 Developing Competence in Suicide Risk Assessment and Intervention Through a Interprofessional Community-Based Simulation Learning Experience

Jamie DiCasirro, Caroline Sabotig, Aislin Mushquash, Angela Maclsaac, Grishma Dabas

Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, Canada

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RO13 Activating diversity champions to foster inclusion and safety in community rugby clubs.

Shams M.F. Al-Anzi, Monica Rana, Yeshvi Mehta, Elizabeth Saewyc

Stigma and Resilience Among Vulnerable Youth Centre, School of Nursing, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

RO14 Finding Our Path: Planetary Health in Community Nursing

Shona Lalonde¹, Agnes Black^{2,3}

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RO15 Understanding Suicide Risk and Prevention Among Sri Lankan Tamil Men in the Greater Toronto Area

Sepali Guruge¹, Kaveenaa Chandrasekaran¹, Parvathy Kanthasamy², Vathsala Illesinghe¹

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Closing Remarks

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