



Clinical Trials Ontario

CTO 2023
Clinical Trials
Conference



November 8 & 9, 2023
Toronto, Ontario

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Welcome to the CTO 2023 Conference

Thank you for joining us at CTO 2023, Canada's leading forum for driving innovation in clinical trials. Network with a diverse group of peers from across the clinical trials community and share best practices and emerging trends in clinical trials.

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CTO's 2024 Clinical Trials Conference will be held November 6th & 7th at the Hilton Toronto. See you next year!

Day 1: November 8, 2023

- 7:30 AM** **Registration, Networking and Innovation Showcase**
- 8:50 AM** **Conference Welcome**
Raphael Hofstein, Chair, CTO Board of Directors
Susan Marlin, President & CEO, Clinical Trials Ontario
- 9:00 AM** **KEYNOTE | Accelerating Clinical Trials Across Canada**
Dr. Philip J. Devereaux, Director, Division of Perioperative Care, and Professor, Departments of Health Research Methods, Evidence, and Impact and Medicine, McMaster University; Associate Deputy Director and Senior Scientist, Population Health Research Institute
- 9:40 AM** **Clinical Trials at the Canadian Institutes of Health Research**
Dr. Megan Bettle, Executive Director, Clinical Trials, Canadian Institutes of Health Research
- 10:00 AM** **Transformational Change in the Clinical Trials Environment: Challenges and Opportunities**
Dr. Bradley Wouters, Executive Vice President, Science and Research, University Health Network
- 10:20 AM** **Morning Break, Networking and Innovation Showcase**
- 10:45 AM** **Bringing Strategy Home: Idea to Action**
Brigitte Nolet, President & CEO of Roche Canada Pharma
- 11:10 AM** **Capturing Ontario's Life Sciences Opportunity**
Jason Field, President and CEO, Life Sciences Ontario
- 11:30 AM** **Canada's World Class Environment for Clinical Trials: Where we are now, and where we need to go**
Moderator: Nicole Dekort, President & CEO, Medtech Canada
Panelists:
 - Brigitte Nolet, President & CEO of Roche Canada Pharma
 - Jason Field, President and CEO, Life Sciences Ontario
 - Dr. Shurjeel Choudhri, Senior Vice President and Head of Medical and Scientific Affairs, Bayer
 - Dr. Philip J. Devereaux, Director, Division of Perioperative Care, and Professor, Departments of Health Research Methods, Evidence, and Impact and Medicine, McMaster University; Associate Deputy Director and Senior Scientist, Population Health Research Institute
- 12:00 PM** **Lunch, Networking and Innovation Showcase**
- 1:20 PM** **Advancing Rare Disease Research in Canada's Rare Disease Drug Strategy**
Durhane Wong-Rieger, President, Canadian Organization for Rare Disorders
- Uniquely Rare - Navigating the Complexity of Rare Disease R&D**
Christina Archer, Vice President & Site Head Canada, Alexion

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- 2:00 PM** **Building Capacity for Research in Community Hospitals in Canada – RICH-Canada Program**
Dr. Jennifer Tsang, Physician Research Lead, Intensivist, Niagara Health; Physician Co-Lead, Critical Care Research Program, Niagara Health; Regional Deputy Research Director, Internal Medicine Residency Program, McMaster University; Associate Professor of Medicine, McMaster University
- 2:15 PM** **The MyTEMP Trial**
Dr. Amit Garg, MD, FRCPC, FACP, MEd, PhD, Associate Dean for Clinical Research, at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology & Biostatistics at Western University
- 2:35 PM** **Designing trials for vulnerable populations: An adaptive solution to studying cannabinoids and pediatric cancer**
Dr. Lauren Kelly, Associate Professor, Depts. of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, and Community Health Sciences, University of Manitoba; Clinical Trials Director and Scientist, Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba
- 2:55 PM** **Ethical considerations in adaptive platform trial design and analysis**
Dr. Ross Upshur, Dalla Lana Chair in Clinical Public Health; Head of the Division of Clinical Public Health at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health; Senior Scientist at the Lunenfeld Tanenbaum Research Institute, Sinai Health
- 3:20 PM** **Afternoon Break, Networking and Innovation Showcase**
- 3:45 PM** **Research ethics and the Silent Genomes Project: Do current guidelines inadvertently reduce access to research for Indigenous patients?**
Dr. Laura Arbour, Professor in the Department of Medical Genetics at the University of British Columbia
- 4:10 PM** **KEYNOTE | Leading Bold Conversations: The Path to Improved Diversity in Canadian Clinical Trials**
Dr. Chika Stacy Oriuwa, Physician, Changemaker, Transformative Leadership, Advocate for Diversity and Inclusion
- 4:55 PM** **Special Remarks**
Natalie Pierre, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Colleges and Universities; Member, Standing Committee on Social Policy
- 5:05 PM** **CTO Conference Reception**
Join us in the Networking Hall and enjoy the Innovation Showcase and light fare.

Day 2: November 9, 2023

- 7:30 AM** **Registration, Networking and Innovation Showcase**
- 8:55 AM** **Welcome Remarks**
Susan Marlin, President and CEO, Clinical Trials Ontario

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9:00 AM

KEYNOTE | A psychiatrist's perspective on clinical trials: from therapeutic misconception to implementation science and points in between

Dr. David Goldbloom, former Senior Medical Advisor, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, former Chair, Mental Health Commission of Canada, Professor of Psychiatry, University of Toronto, author

9:50 AM

What's Needed and What's Next? Mental Health, Psychedelics, and Clinical Trials

Moderator: Dr. Clive Ward-Able, Pharmaceutical Executive and Consultant

Panelists:

- Dr. Claudio Soares, MD, PhD, FRCPC, MBA; Professor and Head, Department of Psychiatry, Queen's University School of Medicine
- Dr. Amy Reichelt, Chief Innovation Officer at Purminds Neuropharma
- David Clements, Executive Director of the Dimensions Health Research Collaborative, Queen's University in the Faculty of Health Sciences

10:40 AM

Morning Break, Networking and Innovation Showcase

11:10 AM

Harnessing Health Data for Better Care

Moderator: Dr. Ibukun Abejirinde, Applied Research Scientist, Women's College Hospital Institute for Health System Solutions and Virtual Care; Assistant Professor, Dalla Lana School of Public Health; AMS Fellow in Compassion and Artificial Intelligence

Panelists:

- Dr. Jane Philpott, Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, Director of the School of Medicine at Queen's University; CEO of the Southeastern Ontario Academic Medical Organization
- Dr. Jay Shaw, Canada Research Chair in Responsible Health Innovation (Tier 2); Assistant Professor, Department of Physical Therapy; Research Director, Artificial Intelligence, Ethics & Health, Joint Centre for Bioethics, University of Toronto; Scientist, Women's College Hospital Institute for Health System Solutions and Virtual Care

11:50 AM

Advancing Consent: Innovations from Acute Stroke Clinical Trials

Dr. Michel Shamy, MD MA FRCPC, Attending Neurologist, The Ottawa Hospital; Scientist, Ottawa Hospital Research Institute; Associate Professor, Departments of Medicine & Epidemiology, University of Ottawa; Lead, Ethics & Humanities in Medicine, University of Ottawa

12:10 PM

Lunch, Networking and Innovation Showcase

1:30 PM

Navigating Developments in the Clinical Research Landscape

- Rebecca Barnes, Executive Director, N2 Canada
- Erin Cherban, Chief Clinical Research Officer for the CIHR Canadian HIV Trials Network and the Centre for Advancing Health Outcomes

1:55 PM

Public Health Emergency Research: SOLIDARITY Trial

Dr. Srinivas Murthy, Investigator, BC Children's Hospital; Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Faculty of Medicine, University of British Columbia

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COVID-19: Research Lessons from the Pandemic

Dr. John Marshall, Professor of Surgery at the University of Toronto; Intensivist at St. Michael's Hospital

2:40 PM

The Next Generation of Lived Perspectives in Clinical Trials

Moderator: Dawn Richards, Director of Patient and Public Engagement, Clinical Trials Ontario

Panelists:

- Trinity Lowthian, Youth Mentor in Patient Engagement; Student, Honours Bachelor of Food and Nutrition Sciences, University of Ottawa; Team Canada Para-Fencer
- Emily Chan, Social Worker, Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital; Advocate for Disability Rights

3:30 PM

Closing Remarks

Susan Marlin, President and CEO, Clinical Trials Ontario

Networking

Innovation Showcase 2023

Don't miss our Innovation Showcase, located in the Networking Hall throughout the conference. Connect with emerging organizations in the clinical trials community.



Cardiac Data Evolved



About Clinical Trials Ontario



At Clinical Trials Ontario (CTO), we work closely with the clinical trials community to capitalize on Ontario's health sciences assets and deliver on our mandate to build a stronger and more efficient clinical trials environment while maintaining the highest ethical standards for patient safety. Together, we have made a tremendous impact.

Streamlined Research Ethics Review

CTO Stream, our Ontario-built online system, enables all research sites participating in a clinical trial to undergo a single ethics review rather than separately applying to their local research ethics boards, reducing the time and labour required to obtain research ethics approval. There are more than 100 hospitals and research sites and close to 200 industry sponsors using CTO Stream. Contact streamline@ctontario.ca.

Industry Concierge and Trial Site Network

CTO's Industry Concierge service and Trial Site Network make it easier for companies to conduct trials in Ontario by connecting them with researchers, trial sites and resources in Ontario's clinical trials ecosystem. With the Trial Site Network, CTO can provide companies with a warm introduction to clinical trial representatives at more than 150 research sites across Ontario. Contact info@ctontario.ca.

Research Ready

This program facilitates training and mentorships for research coordinators, personnel and new investigators, and shares best practices across Ontario institutions with the aim of enriching Ontario's clinical research enterprise. Contact ranuka.srinivasan@ctontario.ca.

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