



Clinical Trials Ontario

CTO 2024
Clinical Trials
Conference



November 6 & 7, 2024
Toronto, Ontario

Housekeeping Notes

Welcome to the CTO Conference 2024

Thank you for joining us at CTO 2024, 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.

Free WIFI

Network: **Hilton Honors**

Password: **CTO24**

Engage using #CTOConf2024

Find us on Twitter at @clinicaltrialON and join the conversation with the hashtag #CTOConf2024.

Photography

Photos taken throughout the conference may be used for CTO communications purposes.

Questions?

Event staff and members of the CTO team are available should you have any questions or concerns. Find them at registration or around the conference.

We appreciate your feedback

We are committed to continually improving the CTO conference experience. Be sure to complete the brief survey that all delegates will receive via email shortly after the conference or contact us at any time at info@ctontario.ca.



View the Full Agenda

For a full agenda with session descriptions, speaker biographies and more, visit ctontario.ca.



#CTOConf2025 Save the Date!

CTO's 2025 Clinical Trials Conference will be held November 5th & 6th at the Hilton Toronto. See you next year!

Day 1: November 6, 2024

- 7:30 AM** **Registration, Networking and Innovation Showcase**
- 8:45 AM** **Conference Welcome Remarks**
Raphael Hofstein, Chair of the Board, Clinical Trials Ontario
Susan Marlin, President & CEO, Clinical Trials Ontario
- 8:50 AM** **Opening Address**
The Honourable Nolan Quinn, Ontario's Minister of Colleges and Universities
- 9:00 AM** **KEYNOTE | The Precision Patient: My Experience with Rare Cancer and Clinical Trials**
Allen Chankowsky, Acclaimed Author, International Speaker, and resilient 33-year survivor of a rare form of stage-4 Androgen Receptor positive cancer
- 9:35 AM** **Charting a Path Forward: Strategies to Advance Clinical Trials and Life Sciences in Ontario and Canada**
In this session, hear presentations from leaders in Canada's clinical trials and life sciences community sharing important updates and visionary strategies to improve the environment for trials and research in Canada.
- **Advancing Randomized Controlled Trials (RCTs) in Ontario and Canada**
Dr. PJ 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
 - **The Ambitious Vision of Ontario's Clinical Trials Leadership Table**
Dr. Bradly Wouters, Executive Vice President, Science and Research, University Health Network
 - **Ontario's Hard Pivot to Life Sciences**
Dr. Jason Field, President and CEO, Life Sciences Ontario
- 10:30 AM** **Morning Break, Networking and Innovation Showcase**
- 11:15 AM** **Community Hospitals: Essential Contributors to Ontario's Evolving Clinical Trials Networks**
Carley McPherson, Director of Research, Lakeridge Hospital
- 11:45 AM** **Clinical Trials at the Canadian Institutes of Health Research**
Dr. Megan Bettle, Executive Director, Clinical Trials, Canadian Institutes of Health Research
- 12:00 PM** **Better Prepared, Better Care: Clinical Trials Training Programs**
- 12:15 PM** **Lunch, Networking and Innovation Showcase**
- 1:35 PM** **Fecal Transplants: Groundbreaking Clinical Trials**
Dr. Michael Silverman, Lawson Scientist, Chair of Infectious Diseases, Schulich Medicine; Medical Director, Infectious Disease Care Program, St. Joseph's Health Care London

Day 1: November 6, 2024

2:00 PM

Promoting Equity and Diversity in Clinical Trials

In this session, hear four presentations that highlight current barriers and innovative strategies to advance equity and diversity within Canada's clinical trials ecosystem. Presentations to be followed by a moderated discussion.

- **Reducing Barriers: Equity and Diversity in Clinical Trials**
Michelle Audoin, Patient and Family Advisory Council, Ontario Institute of Cancer Research
- **Trust Matters: Partnering with the New Immigrant Community in Clinical Research**
Munaza Jamil, Chair, N2 Public Engagement Committee
- **Remuneration and Recognition of Patient Partners in Clinical Trials**
Dr. Stuart Nicholls, Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research Program Facilitator, Office for Patient Engagement in Research Activities (OPERA), The Ottawa Hospital Research Institute's Methods Centre
- **Improving Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Pediatric Research by Assessing and Addressing Language Barriers**
Dr. Quynh Doan, Senior Executive Director, Associate Dean, Research, Congdon Family Hospital Chair in Research at BC Children's Hospital, Clinician Scientist, Pediatric Emergency Medicine

3:10 PM

Afternoon Break, Networking and Innovation Showcase

3:45 PM

LIVE SICKBOY PODCAST: Groundbreaking Trials, Life-Changing Medicine

- Jeremie Saunders, Taylor Macgillivray and Brian Stever, hosts of the Sickboy Podcast, North America's Revolutionary Voice in Health and Wellness
- Dr. Nir Lipsman, Neurosurgeon and Senior Scientist, Sunnybrook Research Institute and Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre; Associate Professor, Department of Surgery, University of Toronto
- Rima Youssef, Trial Participant and Mental Health Advocate

5:00 PM

CTO Conference Reception

Join us in the Networking Hall and enjoy the Innovation Showcase and light fare.

Day 2: November 7, 2024

7:30 AM

Registration, Networking and Innovation Showcase

8:55 AM

Welcome Remarks

Susan Marlin, President and CEO, Clinical Trials Ontario

9:00 AM

Health Data, AI and the Changing Landscape of Clinical Trials

Fahad Razak, Internist, St Michael's Hospital; Provincial Clinical Lead, Ontario Health; Co-Lead GEMINI; Canada Research Chair in Data-Informed Healthcare Improvement, University of Toronto

Panel: Leveraging AI and Health Data for Clinical Trials

- Mani Kang, Senior Director, Research Operations and Chief Operating Officer at Unity Health Toronto
- Chris O'Connor, Critical Care Physician; Former Director of Medical Informatics, Trillium Health Partners (THP); Founder and Former President, Think Research
- Alison Mitro, Head of Clinical Trial Solutions, Altis Labs
- Shrikant Bangdiwala, Professor, Dept of Health Research Methods, Evidence and Impact, McMaster University; Director of Statistics, Population Health Research Institute

Day 2: November 7, 2024

- 10:15 AM** **Morning Break, Networking and Innovation Showcase**
- 10:45 AM** **Privacy, Policy and Health Data: Building Trust While Advancing Trials**
- Dr. Khaled El Eman, IPC Scholar in Residence, Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario
 - Andrew Drummond, Director of Health Policy, Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario
- Panel: Solving Sticky Issues with PHIPA Interpretation**
- Dr. Khaled El Eman, IPC Scholar in Residence, Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario (Moderator)
 - Andrew Drummond, Director of Health Policy, Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario
 - Jennifer Cox, Legal Counsel and Manager, Research Contracts, Ottawa Hospital Research Institute
 - Sarah Power, Lead, Health Data Strategy, Takeda
 - John Clarkson, Senior Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, Ontario Brain Institute
- 11:45 AM** **Panel: What Keeps REBs Up At Night?**
- Susan Marlin, President and CEO, Clinical Trials Ontario (Moderator)
 - Sharon Frietag, Senior Director, Research Ethics, Unity Health Toronto
 - Natascha Kozlowski, Executive Director, Ontario Cancer Research Ethics Board (OCREB)
 - Meera Sidhu, Research Ethics Manager, Vice Principal Research, Research Ethics Compliance, Queen's University
 - Liz Lylyk, Director of the Research Improvements Through Harmonization in Manitoba (RITHIM) initiative at Research Manitoba
- 12:20 PM** **Lunch, Networking and Innovation Showcase**
- 1:30 PM** **KEYNOTE: What Does Indigenous Cultural Safety Have to Do With ME?**
Dr. Janet Smylie, Family Physician and Research Scientist, Unity Health Toronto; Professor, University of Toronto (Dalla Lana School of Public Health and Department of Family and Community Medicine); Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Advancing Generative Health Services for Indigenous Populations in Canada
- 2:00 PM** **Canadians Want More Options for Decentralized and Hybridized Clinical Trials**
- Donna Lillie, CTO College of Lived Experience Member
 - Mike Lapenna, CTO College of Lived Experience Member
- 2:25 PM** **One Year Later: Progress Report on Advanced Consent in Stroke Trials**
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
- 2:50 PM** **Closing Remarks**
Susan Marlin, President and CEO, Clinical Trials Ontario
- 3:00 PM** **Conference Concludes**

Networking

Innovation Showcase 2024

Don't miss our Innovation Showcase, located in the Networking Hall throughout the conference.



Gold Sponsor



Sponsors



Media Partner



About Clinical Trials Ontario



Clinical Trials Ontario is a leading non-profit organization in the clinical trials community dedicated to strengthening, promoting and capitalizing on Ontario's competitive advantages for conducting high-quality clinical trials. We work collaboratively with industry, research institutes, patients and the public and other health innovation organizations to improve the clinical trials environment and attract investment to the province, while supporting the highest ethical and quality standards.

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 140 hospitals and research sites and more than 250 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 200 research sites across Ontario. Contact info@ctontario.ca.

Supporting Patients and the Public

At CTO, we're committed to ensuring that patients and the public are actively involved with clinical trials. We've developed clinical trials tools and resources, including our Clinical Trial Finder online search tool and our Patient Experience Toolkit, to inform patients and the public about clinical trials and improve engagement. Contact dawn.richards@ctontario.ca.



At CTO we are working to improve clinical trials, reduce start-up times, and connect people in the clinical trials ecosystem. Learn more about Clinical Trials Ontario, our programs, and how we can help at ctontario.ca.

Contact Us

Clinical Trials Ontario (CTO)
MaRS Centre, West Tower
661 University Avenue, Suite 460
Toronto, Ontario M5G 1M1 Canada

(416) 673-6684
info@ctontario.ca
@clinicaltrialON



*Clinical Trials Ontario is supported by
the Ministry of Colleges and
Universities.*