

Ancillary Events

Canadian HIV Viral Hepatitis Pharmacists Network (CHAP) AGM

Date: Wednesday, April 26

Time: 07:30 – 17:00

Host: Canadian HIV and Viral Hepatitis Pharmacists Network (CHAP)

Attendance: Open to CHAP members only and other invited guests. Pre-registration is required.

CHAP Annual General Meeting of pharmacists across Canada with a clinical and research focus in HIV and/or viral hepatitis. Educational conferences, research projects and tools are discussed among members. Invited speakers have the opportunity to present the most recent data of interest to pharmacists specialized in HIV and viral hepatitis.

The ART of The Matter....Double Vision

Date: Wednesday, April 26

Time: 10:00 – 16:00

Attendance: Open to all CAHR attendees

Come join us for an exciting workshop where we will be collectively engaging in art based exercise while reflecting on health and wellbeing. For more information and to register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/cahr-ancillary-event-62848701733>

HIV/AIDS and Chronic Pain – Research, Advocacy, and Resiliency

Date: Thursday, April 27

Time: 09:00 – 12:00

Host: The Canadian HIV/AIDS and Chronic Pain Society, BCC3 study team, and The Global Task Force on Chronic pain in HIV

Attendance: Open to all CAHR attendees and to all on zoom. Pre-registration is required, please follow the link: <https://shorturl.at/ckW26>

Currently, there are no Canadian clinical guidelines regarding chronic pain management of people living with HIV/AIDS. This ancillary event will bring together community members, frontline service providers, clinical, biomedical, and social scientists, as well as community-based researchers. Speakers will present novel research and lived experiences, addressing gaps in linkage and retention in clinical care, services, support, research, and policy, as they relate to people living with HIV/AIDS and chronic pain in Canada. Research priorities, promising interventions, healing, and resiliency will be discussed. The outcome of the “Chronic Pain and HIV–Research and Resiliency symposium will be recommendations for research, service, program, and policy regarding chronic pain management and wellness of people living with HIV/AIDS. These recommendations will be shared widely with partners and stakeholders to improve our quality of life and the services we receive.

Light breakfast/coffee will be provided.

Please contact Colleen Price coinfection@sympatico.ca or Dr. Hélène Côté hcote@pathology.ubc.ca if you have any questions.

Research session:

Moderated by Shayda Swann

Keynote:

- Jessica Robinson-Papp (neurologist at Mount Sinai, NY)
- Loulou Chayama, PhD candidate, University of British Columbia; research coordinator BC Centre on Substance Use
- Alice Zhabokritsky, MD, CTN Post-Doctoral Fellow, University of Toronto
- Helene Cote (PhD, Professor, UBC); Tetiana Povshedna (PhD student, UBC), Shelly Tognazzini (Community Research Associate with BCC3; Founding Board member of the Canadian HIV/AIDS and Chronic Pain Society (2022)

Community Session:

Moderated by Adrian Betts, Director of AIDS Durham, Founding Board member of the Canadian HIV/AIDS and Chronic Pain Society (2022)

Keynote:

- Michael Parson, CTN Co-Chair HIV and Aging, PI of 9Genders research projects, Founding Board member of the Canadian HIV/AIDS and Chronic Pain Society (2022)
- Donald Turner, Traditionalist, Indigenous Black CAAN member, Founding Board member of the Canadian HIV/AIDS and Chronic Pain Society (2022), Dude Club
- Colleen Price, Member, Global Pain and HIV Task Force, Founding member and Board member of the Canadian HIV/AIDS and Chronic Pain Society (2022), member, CTN committee on HIV and Aging

Canadian HIV Pregnancy Planning Guidelines: Training Modules for Standards of Care Launch

Date: Thursday, April 27

Time: 09:00 – 12:00

Hosts: Women's College Hospital

Attendance: Pre-register through this link: <https://forms.gle/p9hQ7BDrvvKkvrXVA>

In an effort to provide clinical information to healthcare providers and to assist people living with and affected by HIV with their fertility and pregnancy planning decisions, the Canadian HIV Pregnancy Planning Guidelines (CHPPG) were created in 2012, consisting of 36 recommendations. These evidence- and community-based, flexible guidelines were updated in 2018 to reflect new scientific evidence. Several practical, audience-specific resources have been developed to compliment the 2018 Guidelines, including a clinical pocket guide, counselling algorithm and the repackaging of the 36 recommendations into five standards of care. Most recently, the CHPPG team has translated the five standards of care and their associated recommendations into five interactive, CME approved e-learning modules.

This hybrid event will launch the novel modules and allow those in attendance to complete the e-learning modules for CME credit in real time. The second half of the event will be used to discuss how best to optimize national reach of this new CME course with HIV care providers. Finally we aim to identify next steps in the HIV reproductive rights movement in Canada. Activities will include opening and closing by an Elder, presentation of the five modules, group discussions and next step planning. The event will be followed by a networking lunch shared with the National Action Plan ancillary event.

Moderators: Jill Koebel and Breklyn Bertozzi.

Session Leads: Dr. Mona Loutfy and V. Logan Kennedy.

Sharing Space, Community of Practice: Doing research in good way with Indigenous people living with HIV

Date: Thursday, April 27

Time: 10:00 – 12:00

Attendance: This event is open to all conference attendees and is specifically for attendees who work with Indigenous people living with HIV.

Sharing Space, Community of Practice event is an opportunity for anyone conducting research with Indigenous people who are affected by or living with HIV, both Indigenous and allies alike, to discuss how to do “research in a good way”.

In this ancillary event we will bring CAHR registered guests an opportunity to share, learn from, and collaborate on doing research with Indigenous people “in a good way”. We will begin this session with two presentations, one by the AHA Centre, the other by PAN/REACH in which we will respond to two questions we have posed to other presenters: 1) What worked well? 2) What’s been tricky? Followed by an opportunity for attendees to ask questions and an opportunity to share and learn to learn from one another.

This ‘gathering of minds’ is open to anyone engaged in Indigenous research. You may be a peer researcher, a student, community member, Knowledge Keeper or even a researcher with an academic appointment! We won’t have all the answers, but together, we may be able to arrive at solutions. So, if you have an interest in how research is done in a good way, and you’re looking for a place to talk about research, this might be the place for you!

Presenters:

Sherri Poooyak

Courtney Tizya

Jennifer Demchuk

Molecular surveillance of HIV in Canada – what are the benefits and what are the risks to Canadians?

Date: Thursday, April 27

Time: 15:00 – 16:30

Hosts: CTN Clinical Care & Management Core + Canadian Coalition To Reform HIV Criminalization

Attendance: Open to all CAHR 2023 participants. Pre-registration is not required.

Molecular surveillance of HIV is a contentious topic, with potential benefits of understanding transmission dynamics allowing public health interventions to interrupt spread of HIV in communities, but also risks to the privacy and possible criminalization of

HIV for individuals surveilled. We will have a debate on the benefits & risks of surveillance, followed by an audience discussion of what would be necessary to reduce the risks and the way forward with this important research.

The session will begin with a brief presentation by each speaker on the benefits, risks and challenges of molecular surveillance of HIV for Canadians followed by a few minutes for questions. The remaining time will be an interactive discussion with attendees, on what would be necessary to implement to reduce the risks, share ideas and reflect on this very challenging topic. This session is co-sponsored by the CTN Clinical Care & Management Core and the Canadian Coalition to Reform HIV Criminalization.

Speakers:

Christian Hui
Alexander McClland
Jason Brophy

The Stat's Talk Back

Dates: Thursday, April 27

Time: 13:30 - 16:00

Attendance: Open to all CAHR delegates. <https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/cahr-ancillary-event-62848701733>

Have you ever heard statistics talking back? At this presentation, we will have a panel of individuals who are part of the statistics we gather for the research we do. They will give voice to their narratives and share experiences with antiretroviral therapy and side effects. On the panel will be people living with HIV from all sorts of backgrounds, as well as a clinician on hand. There will be a panel spot open to the audience to join the conversation, as well as a brief discussion of drug monographs and side effect reporting to take matters into communities' hands.

Moderator/Speaker: Claudette Cardinal

Panelists/Moderator/Speaker: Valerie, Muluba, Tim, Sean

Implementing the Key Recommendations to Advance the Sexual and Reproductive Health

and Rights of Women Living with HIV across Policy, Practice, and Research

Date: Thursday, April 27

Time: 13:00 – 16:00

Hosts: Simon Fraser University

Attendance: Open to all CAHR 2023 attendees. Participants will pre-register through this link: <https://forms.gle/AroyN6qoiQtQUf8a9>

In April 2022, a national community-academic partnership team including women living with HIV, researchers, service providers, policy-makers, and clinicians published a paper entitled Key Recommendations for developing a national action plan to advance the sexual and reproductive health and rights of women living with HIV in Canada. The manuscript was a result of four years of national consultation with the HIV community in Canada, including an ancillary event at CAHR 2018. Since publication, the authorship team developed a knowledge mobilization strategy to move the recommendations into implementation, including a campaign for stakeholders across Canada to sign a commitment to implement and integrate these recommendations across policy, practice, and research.

This hybrid ancillary event will convene WHO representatives and national stakeholders in the sexual and reproductive health and rights of women living with HIV to (1) Identify and pursue strategies to implement the five key recommendations in policy, practice, and research; and (2) Co-design an accountability plan, including how we collectively ensure ongoing commitment to the sexual and reproductive health and rights of the diversity of women living with HIV across Canada. Activities will include a land acknowledgement, networking lunch, presentations, World Café-style small working group discussions, and large group discussions.

Speakers:

Elder Valerie Nicholson, Dr. Angela Kaida (Simon Fraser University), Brittany Cameron (Ontario AIDS Network, YWCA Peterborough Haliburton), Dr. Manjulaa Narasimhan (World Health Organization), Muluba Habanyama (Ontario HIV Treatment Network), Renee Masching (CAAN), Margarite Sanchez (ViVa Women), Dr. Neora Pick (Oak Tree Clinic, BC Women's Hospital and Health Centre), Dr. Mona Loutfy (Women's College Hospital, University of Toronto), Wangari Tharao (WHIWH)

No research on us without us – the importance of bringing fundamental researchers and community together

Date: Thursday, April 27

Time: 08:00 – 13:00

Host: University Of Manitoba

Attendance: Open to all CAHR delegates. Basic and clinical science researchers, trainees, community members engaged or who want to be engaged in basic science research.

Canadian and international communities representing vulnerable populations as well as basic science researchers and trainees will come together to discuss best practices in community-based engagement. During this ancillary session, we will hear from different communities/groups, about their view on research participants engagement, ownership of the data, and responsibility of the research team. We also will hear from a scientist with strong community-based research project what community engagement represents for basic science and what it means in terms of training the next generation of HIV scientists. Topics around community-based integration and knowledge mobilization will also be discussed. Following each topic of discussion, the audience will be asked to come together to discuss about the topic with one individual reporting back to the whole group about their discussion. The audience will be composed of Canadian scientists, graduate students and community members attending the CAHR conference who are interested in learning about how to build a strong relationship with communities and conduct better community-based research.

Speakers:

Emily Kimenia

Julia Njeri

Julie Lajoie

Maureen Owino

Megan Prawdzik

Moderator:

Francisco Ibanez-Carrasco

HIV and STI testing innovations during the pandemic: What we learned and why it still matters.

Date: Thursday, April 27

Time: 14:00 – 16:00

Hosts: University Of Ottawa

Attendance: Open to all CAHR Delegates.

The arrival of COVID-19 resulted in massive public health restrictions at a scale which many of us have never experienced, shuttering mainstream clinical access points for STI and HIV testing and care. We found ourselves facing the ongoing impact of this new pandemic, with an awareness that STI and HIV transmission was still occurring, in an environment of widespread service interruption. While early years of the pandemic are defined by stress and uncertainty, it also created the context that facilitated a rapid transformation in the delivery of HIV and STBBI testing. The aftermath of these public health restrictions means we must now address a significant deficit in STBBI diagnoses – can what we learned help us close this gap? In this ancillary, we will set the stage by reviewing national testing rates before and after COVID-19, and discuss GetaKit: Canada's first mail-out HIV self-test project, pharmacist-delivered STBBI testing, GetCheckedOnline: BC's online STBBI testing service, and AideSmart! Canada's multiplexed platform. The session will conclude with a panel discussion about the future and sustainability of these initiatives. Have we identified implementation best practices? Have the political and funding environments changed enough to enable modernization of service delivery?

Speakers:

Abigail Kroch, John Kim, Patrick O'Byrne, Deborah Kelly, Mark Gilbert, Nitika Pant Pai, Alexandra Musten (moderator)

19e Symposium de Québec sur les aspects cliniques de l'infection par le VIH – Événement hybride

Date: Thursday, April 27

Time: 07:30 – 17:00

Hosts: PNMVH (Programme national de mentorat sur le VIH et les hépatites)

Attendance: Open to participants from Quebec province (Doctors, pharmacists, nurses, health professionals and community based workers). Pre-registration is required. Registration will be done via website. Preferential rate for CAHR 2023 participants.

An effective and comprehensive management of HIV infection requires for health professionals to constantly adapt their clinical knowledge and methods. This event's objective is to deal specifically with the realities and challenges proper to the region of Quebec. Local speakers are invited to present the most recent clinical data on HIV. This symposium will explore how to optimize and improve HIV treatment and prevention for primary care physicians, specialized physicians, nurses and pharmacists.

Created in 1997, the Programme national de mentorat sur le VIH et hépatites (PNMVH) is a continuous medical training organization for clinicians interested in improving their knowledge in HIV and hepatitis care and prevention.

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Une prise en charge efficace et globale de l'infection par le VIH demande aux professionnels de la santé une adaptation constante de leurs méthodes d'intervention. Dans un tel contexte, ce symposium réunit principalement des conférenciers de la région de Québec afin d'y traiter des réalités et enjeux régionaux appuyés par les données cliniques en VIH les plus récentes. L'optimisation et l'amélioration de la pratique des professionnels de la santé, médecins de famille, médecins spécialistes, infirmières et pharmaciens quant au traitement et à la prévention du VIH seront au cœur de cette formation.

Engage Cohort Study Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 27

Time: 08:00 - 14:30

Hosts: Toronto Metropolitan University

Attendance: Invitation only - for the Engage Team investigators, knowledge users, collaborators, and research staff.

This ancillary event will be the 8th annual Engage Team meeting. This event is intended for Engage collaborators, co-investigators, and knowledge users. At this meeting, we will discuss:

1. Progress made to date on data collection
2. Updates on qualitative and quantitative data analyses.
3. Planning and discussing future analyses and manuscripts
4. Planning and discussing future KT/CE activities

Speakers:

Dr. Trevor A. Hart, Dr. Daniel Grace, Dr. David Moore, Dr. Nathan Lachowsky, Dr. Joseph Cox, Dr. Gilles Lambert, Mr. Jody Jollimore, Dr. Shayna Skakoon-Sparling

Expanding our Oral Histories of HIV in Canada

Date: Sunday, April 30

Time: 13:00 – 18:00

Hosts: Community-Based Research Centre

Attendance: Invitation only. If interested attending, please contact Ben Klassen by email (ben.klassen@cbrc.net).

This national Planning Summit will develop new collaborations and ideas to inform future research directions in community-based HIV/AIDS oral histories across Canada. We will bring together community-based leaders and researchers from across Canada attending to diversity of region and communities affected by HIV/AIDS. Attendees will share experiences with past related research projects, develop new partnerships between people from a variety of backgrounds, and co-develop research questions, approaches, and priorities for future community-based research. Together, we will identify key gaps in knowledge, appropriate methods, opportunities for knowledge mobilization, and strategies for new future research funding applications.