

Ancillary Events

Canadian HIV and Viral Hepatitis Pharmacists Network (CHAP) Annual General Meeting

Date: Wednesday, April 24

Time: 09:30 – 17:00

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

Attendance: Open to CHAP members only and other invited guests. Preregistration is required.

The Canadian HIV and Viral Hepatitis Pharmacists Network (CHAP) annual general meeting (AGM) is a full-day meeting that provides an opportunity for 25 to 30 specialized pharmacists in HIV and Viral Hepatitis from across the country to collaborate and to discuss clinical issues, research initiatives, regional activities, conference updates, and to plan and conduct ongoing CHAP business. Guest speakers for breakfast and lunch plenary sessions are also invited to bring an external educational aspect targeted to the learning needs of all CHAP members.

WOMEN Leading The Way: Where The HeART Is

Date: Wednesday, April 24

Time: 10:00 – 16:00

Host: British Columbia Centre For Excellence In HIV/AIDS, Feast Centre for Indigenous STBBI Research

Attendance: Open to all CAHR attendees. Pre-registration is required.

Part 1: HIV + Women, registration required (13 spots) + 7 – Elder, M. Loutfy, Speakers.

There is a pressing need for Women-Centered and Women-Led safe spaces for People Living With HIV. As an Indigenous Community Researcher, Claudette Cardinal has led art-based projects: The ART OF The Matter...Double Vision and The Stat's Talk Back 2.0.

She proposes a third ancillary event to bring more voices to the fold to discuss side effects of ARV drugs and promote strength-based messages to uplift our spirits, specifically from the perspective of Women affected by HIV.

This event will include two parts: the first one in the morning, Women Living With HIV will be invited to share their experiences and stories of how HIV has affected their lives, using the Heart Body Mind Spirit – Medicine Wheel approach (emotional, physical, mental, spiritual). The conversation will be guided by Elder Sheila Nyman and Claudette Cardinal.

Part 2: CAHR – registration required (18 spots) + 7 – Elder, M. Fleury and Speakers.

In the second part of the event, we will open to a broader audience by inviting Allies, Researchers, Community Members and Trainees. The ART OF The Matter...Double Vision Video will be shown again, accompanied by a summary of the comments and reactions obtained from the morning session with the permission to present a summary.

Speakers/Moderators: Elder Sheila Nyman, Moderator: Mona Loutfy, Mathew Fleury,
Speakers: Claudette Cardinal, Dawn Cameron, Dessie Jo Sutherland, Shari Margolese, Trudy Parsons

Community Science Champions: CTN consultation meeting with stakeholders

Date: Thursday, April 25

Time: 08:00 – 13:00

Host: CIHR Canadian HIV Trials Network (CTN)

Attendance: Pre-registration is required.

Meaningful and impactful engagement of the HIV community in clinical science is becoming increasingly important; however, there is a lack of opportunity and platform for interested and motivated HIV community members to get familiar with and learn more about the basics of clinical science. CTN, in collaboration with Gilead, plans to develop a clinical science research training program for the HIV community; in order to better understand the learning gaps and opportunities, CTN is hosting a consultation meeting with stakeholders from the clinical science and the HIV community.

Engage Cohort Study Team Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 25

Time: 08:30 – 15:30

Host: The Engage Study Team

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

This ancillary event will be the 9th annual Engage Team meeting. This event is intended for Engage collaborators, co-investigators, and knowledge users. At this meeting, we will discuss:

1. The wrap up of data collection for the Engage Cohort Study and updates on the launch of Engage 2 and SASSY
2. Updates on our ongoing qualitative and quantitative data analyses
3. Planning and discussing future analyses, manuscripts, and collaborations
4. Planning and discussing KTE activities

Harmonizing and optimizing the use of HIV cohort studies in Canada

Date: Thursday, April 25

Time: 09:30 – 15:30

Host: Ontario HIV Treatment Network / B.C. Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS

Attendance: Open to all CAHR 2024 attendees. Pre-registration required.

Cohort studies, using both administrative and consent-based data, are critical to monitor HIV outcomes over time and understand the impact of HIV on the lives of those living with it. There are multiple cohort studies across Canada with different research priorities, access to data, and target populations. We aim to bring key personnel from these studies together at CAHR to better understand the landscape of cohort studies in Canada, leverage each other's knowledge, build off technical infrastructure, and discuss methodologies to design and analyze data and future collaborations. This meeting will promote the collaboration of researchers across Canada and provide a platform for the exchange of knowledge among new and experienced researchers in this field.

The workshop is open to anyone involved with cohort studies, including trainees and community members. This will be an interactive, practical, and relevant one-day workshop. We will invite different experts across Canada to speak at this workshop.

Health Care Where Humanity Prevails: Canada's 2 Largest HIV Frontline Organizations Talk about their Approach to HIV Health Care & Research in 2024

Date: Thursday, April 25

Time: 14:00 – 15:30

Host: Dr. Peter Centre & Casey House

Attendance: Open to all CAHR 2024 attendees.

At this ancillary event hosted by the Dr. Peter Centre and Casey House, attendees will be able to tour 6 stations where they can learn about the different programs and services at Canada's 2 largest wraparound HIV frontline organizations. The stations will highlight services such as food & nutrition; counselling and therapies; nursing and medication support; 24-hour support; a spectrum of harm reduction services; and tips and tricks for researchers and service providers seeking to work together in research.

Canadian AIDS Society (CAS) 2024, Past, Present and Possibilities

Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024

Time: 14:00 – 16:00

Host: Canadian AIDS Society

Attendance / Registration: Open to all CAHR 2024 attendees. Pre-registration is required.

Canadian AIDS Society is seeking to present information on our history, what we are currently developing, and the directions we have identified as potential focus areas and programs. We will be facilitating a conversation on the future of CAS and the development of the HIVconnect project for service providers.

Offsite Tours to Carepoint – Consumption and Treatment Services

Dates and Times:

- Thursday April 25, 8am – 9am
- Friday April 26, 8am – 9am
- Saturday April 27, 8am – 9am

Host: Regional HIV/AIDS Connection

Attendance: Open to all CAHR 2024 attendees. Preregistration is required.

Thanks to the support and generosity of the [Regional HIV/AIDS Connection](#), CAHR is offering small group tours to [Carepoint – Consumption and Treatment Services](#).

Founded in partnership with Middlesex London Health Unit and London Inter-Community Health Centre, and operated by the Regional HIV/AIDS Connection, **Carepoint** is one

Ontario's first Consumption and Treatment Services (CTS) sites. Five years after opening as a temporary overdose prevention site, **Carepoint** moved into its new, purpose-built permanent location in February 2023. This harm reduction program provides a welcoming space for people who use drugs to access new equipment, use their drugs and access resources connected to harm reduction including HIV/HCV testing, over-dose prevention supports and wrap-around community resources without judgment.

Tours of **Carepoint** will be available on a first come first served basis, up to a maximum of 25 people per tour. Departing from the Delta Armouries hotel, the tour will include a short 10–12-minute walk to the site. Tours will begin promptly at 8am to have the least impact on services beginning at 9am.

A news article on the opening of the site can be found [here](#).