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Join us in person for the 2025 ICES Research Forum

⌚ **OCTOBER 23, 2025**

📍 **CHESTNUT CONFERENCE CENTRE, TORONTO**

● **9:45 – 10:00 AM**

REGISTRATION

● **10:00 – 10:15 AM**

OPENING & PRAYER



Michael Schull, ICES CEO

Michael Schull is CEO and senior scientist at ICES, Professor in the Department of Medicine at the University of Toronto, and a senior scientist at the Sunnybrook Research Institute.

His research focuses on health service utilization, quality of care, health system integration and patient outcomes, and the evaluation of health policy. Much of his work is focused on strengthening Ontario and Canada's health research infrastructure for the analysis of large, routinely collected datasets, and ensuring these data can be used for research and to support health system evaluation and decision-making. Dr Schull is a co-PI in Health Data Research Network Canada (HDRN), a pan-Canadian network of health data and research centers seeking to facilitate and enable pan-Canadian research. He is also past co-director of the International Population Data Linkage Network.

Under his leadership, ICES has expanded the types of data available for researchers, created a virtual data platform where researchers can access and analyze linked datasets, launched a health artificial intelligence data and analysis platform, and engaged the public in the work of ICES to ensure it remains aligned with public values. He practices as an Emergency Medicine specialist at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre.



**Elder Moshayshokday Mark Phillips, Turtle Clan**

Elder Mark is Anishinaabe and a member of the Turtle Clan. He has been happily married to Wendy Phillips for 25 years. He is grateful to have welcomed 7 Children, 18 Grandchildren & 4 Great Grandchildren into the world.

Mark has over 50 years of experience as a Ceremonial Conductor.

Mark also has been a Red Hawk Singer for over 40 years. The Red Hawk Singers are a drum group that performs traditional music for pow-wows and events. They have been singing together since 1980.

10:15 – 10:30 AM**VIDEO MESSAGE FROM THE HON. SYLVIA JONES, DEPUTY PREMIER & MINISTER OF HEALTH (ONTARIO)****Introduction from Helen Angus, ICES Board Chair**

Helen is currently the CEO of AMS Healthcare. Helen is also the chair of the board of Public Health Ontario and is a distinguished fellow at the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy and fellow at the C.D. Howe Institute. Helen had a 30-year progressive career in the public sector including 20 years working in the Government of Ontario, ten years working in government agencies as well as four years in management consulting. From June 2018 to September 2021 Helen served as Ontario's deputy minister of Health and led the health response to the Covid-19 pandemic as well as an ambitious health sector modernization agenda. During her time with the Ontario Government, Helen also served as the Deputy Minister of the Treasury Board; Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade, Seniors Affairs and Women's Issues.

**Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier & Minister of Health (Ontario)****10:30 – 11:00 AM****KEYNOTE SPEAKER****Description:**

From AlphaGo's victory over Lee Sedol to recent breakthroughs in mathematics, science, and creative domains, we will explore how AI is increasingly matching or exceeding human-level performance across diverse cognitive tasks. We may be facing a future of "commoditized intelligence." As AI systems demonstrate unprecedented capabilities in discovering new antibiotics, solving advanced mathematical problems, and generating creative works indistinguishable from human output, we examine what this paradigm shift means for individual and collective human adaptation in a world where genius-level cognitive assistance becomes universally available.





Mark Daley, Chief AI Officer, Western University

Mark is the chief AI officer at Western University and a professor in the Department of Computer Science with cross-appointments in five other departments, The Rotman Institute of Philosophy, and The Western Institute for Neuroscience. He is also a faculty affiliate of Toronto's Vector Institute for Artificial Intelligence. Mark was named in the Maclean's magazine "Power List 2024" of the top 100 Canadians shaping the country and in Constellation Research's AI150, a list of the top 150 global executives leading AI transformation efforts.

In October 2024, Mark was appointed the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) scholar in residence in Artificial Intelligence. Mark has previously served as the Vice-President (Research) at the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR), and chief digital information officer, special advisor to the president, and associate vice-president (Research) at Western. Mark is the past chair of Compute Ontario and serves on a number of other boards.

11:00 – 12:00 PM MORNING PANEL

TITLE:

How will AI shape the future of ICES? Perspectives on the promise of AI for ICES

Description:

Artificial intelligence is rapidly transforming healthcare, research, and policy. With opportunities for discovery and health system improvement come significant risks to privacy, equity, and public trust. This panel brings together leading experts to discuss how healthcare organizations, policymakers, and data stewards like ICES can harness AI responsibly, by balancing innovation with oversight, and ensuring advances benefit all communities.

MODERATOR:



Michael Schull, ICES CEO

PANEL MEMBERS:



1. Mark Daley, Chief AI Officer, Western University





2. Vu Ngo, C3LABS.AI Founder

Vu Ngo is an AI and Digital Transformation strategist and the founder of C3LABS.AI. He collaborates with Fortune 500 companies and public institutions to enable digital transformation and AI that are equitable and put community needs first. For over 20 years, Vu has championed ethical AI, data equity, and systems that empower, not exclude.

As an ICES board director, he focuses on community engagement, community-led public health research, and public advisory, centring marginalized voices in policy and design. Vu advises community organizations, including the Canadian Red Cross and the Schalem Mental Health Network, on data strategy and innovatively leveraging AI to strengthen their mandates and community engagement.

Beyond tech, Vu activates art as a tool for change. Through AMPLi5.ART, he transforms public spaces into collaborative canvases, fostering belonging in underserved communities and supporting emerging racialized and LGBTQIA+ artists. He acts as a catalyst, bridging the needs of the community (whether through data, AI, or art) to ensure every voice shapes the systems that govern it.



3. Amol Verma, ICES Adjunct Scientist Populations & Public Health Research Program & Co-lead of GEMINI

Dr. Amol Verma is a physician-scientist in general Internal Medicine at St. Michael's Hospital and the Temerty Professor of AI Research and Education in Medicine at the University of Toronto. He is a health services researcher studying and improving hospital care using electronic clinical data. Dr. Verma co-leads GEMINI, Canada's largest hospital clinical data research network, with data from >30 Ontario hospitals. He completed medical training at the University of Toronto, a Masters at the University of Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar, and research fellowships through the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, the Canadian Frailty Network, and AMS Healthcare. He served on the Council of Canadian Academies Expert Panel on Health Data Sharing, is provincial clinical lead for Quality Improvement in general Internal Medicine with Ontario Health, and serves as chair of the Researcher Council and board member of the Digital Research Alliance of Canada and AMS.



4. Ferhana Khan, ICES Director, Data Quality & Information Management



5. Sean Twyford, ADM, Strategic Policy, Planning & French Language Services, Ontario Ministry of Health & Ontario Ministry of Long-Term Care

Sean Twyford (he/him) is the assistant deputy minister of the Strategic Policy,

Planning and French Language Services Division. In this role, his responsibilities include sector-driven research, the generation and activation of policy evidence, health innovation, strategy and policy development, intergovernmental relations, cross-government coordination, French language health services, Indigenous health policy and programs, and efforts to reduce health disparities for all Ontarians with a focus on underserved populations.

Sean has been a proud employee of the Ontario Public Service (OPS) for over 20 years. He has had a diverse career spanning roles in social policy, strategic planning, data analytics, citizen engagement, public sector innovation, human resources, and organizational development. Prior to his current role, he was the assistant deputy minister, People and Culture Division at Treasury Board Secretariat where he led OPS-wide initiatives including the Code of Conduct, People Plan, Leadership Pledge and renewal of the OPS's mission and values.

Sean is committed to growing as an inclusive leader and believes that recognition and kindness are the fuel of a high-performing organization. He lives in Toronto with his wife and three children.

12:00 – 1:00 PM

NETWORKING LUNCH & EXHIBITOR SHOWCASE

1:00 – 1:15 PM

DEPUTY MINISTER'S REMARKS



Introduction from Helen Angus, ICES Board Chair



Deborah Richardson, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health



1:15 – 2:00 PM

RAPID FIRE SESSION

MODERATOR:



Michael Paterson, ICES Core Scientist & Program Lead Chronic Disease & Pharmacotherapy Research Program

Michael Paterson joined ICES as a research coordinator in 1992 and became a scientist in 2008. He currently leads the ICES Chronic Disease and Pharmacotherapy Research Program. Mr. Paterson is an assistant professor in the Department of Family Medicine at McMaster University and an assistant professor in the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation at the University of Toronto. He holds a bachelor's degree in human biology from the University of Guelph and a master's degree in physiology from the University of Toronto.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Health & wellbeing of the Somali population in the Greater Toronto Area



Lesley Plumptre, ICES Staff Scientist Life Stage Research Program

Lesley Plumptre is a staff scientist with Data & Analytic Services (DAS) at ICES Central. She facilitates projects requested by external knowledge users as part of the Applied Health Research Question (AHRQ) Program. Lesley's previous work focused on the social determinants of health, particularly during the periconceptional period through early adolescence. She completed her PhD in Nutritional Sciences at the University of Toronto, MSc in Nutrition at King's College London, and BSc in Pharmacological Chemistry at the University of California, San Diego.

2. Outpatient follow-up during survivorship: a population-based study of prostate cancer survivors after first-line radiation



Joshua Cerasuolo, ICES Staff Scientist Cancer Research Program

Josh is a Staff Scientist at ICES North and affiliated with ICES' Cancer Research Program. He is currently a PhD candidate in Health Research Methodology in the Department of Health Research Methods, Evidence, and Impact at McMaster University. His doctoral thesis leverages population-based cancer data at ICES to examine patterns of care among prostate cancer survivors following their treatment, with the goal of informing care pathways throughout survivorship.



3. Bridging the gap: regional and rural–urban disparities in atrial fibrillation care & outcomes



Mohammed Shurrab, ICES Adjunct Scientist Cardiovascular Research Program

Dr. Shurrab is an early career investigator and a clinical cardiologist and electrophysiologist who focuses on optimizing care and outcomes for patients with cardiovascular disease, particularly patients with cardiac arrhythmias. He is currently a scientist and the Cardiovascular Research Chair at Health Sciences North Research Institute, the Medical Director of the cardiology department at Health Sciences North, and an associate professor at Northern Ontario School of Medicine University. He is also an assistant clinical professor (adjunct) at McMaster University. He is an adjunct scientist at ICES. He completed his PhD in clinical epidemiology and health care research at the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation, University of Toronto in October 2024. His research production is nationally recognized as he has led the publication of more than 60 peer-reviewed papers and 70 abstracts in reputable journals and conferences. He has been awarded multiple grants to support his research. Also, He was awarded the prestigious Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Fellowship Award in 2018, and he has ranked third in the health research group across the whole competition.

4. Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on type 2 diabetes screening and incidence



Ghazal Fazli, ICES Adjunct Scientist Chronic Disease & Pharmacotherapy Research Program

Ghazal Fazli is an Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto Mississauga and her research explores the impact of social, community, and environmental determinants of prediabetes and diabetes. As an epidemiologist, Ghazal has deep interests for research and policy initiatives that promote action on the social and environmental determinants of health to improve wellbeing and quality of life across the lifespan.

5. Defining pre-emptive living kidney donor transplantation as a quality indicator



Kyla Naylor, ICES Adjunct Scientist Kidney, Dialysis & Transplantation Research Program

Dr. Kyla Naylor is an assistant professor in the Departments of Medicine and Epidemiology & Biostatistics at Western University, an adjunct scientist in the ICES Kidney, Dialysis and Transplantation Program, and a research scientist at London Health Sciences Centre Research Institute. She completed her PhD in Epidemiology and Biostatistics at Western University in 2015 and completed her post-doctoral training at ICES in 2018. Kyla's research is primarily focused on using administrative healthcare databases to understand and improve access to kidney transplant. She is a recipient of a Canadian Institute of Health Research Health System Impact Embedded Early Career Researcher Award where she will spend four years working with two provincial organizations, the Trillium Gift of Life Network and Ontario Renal Network (Ontario Health), as an Embedded Scientist to improve equitable access to kidney transplant.

6. Effect of infertility on congenital anomalies: a population-based cohort study



Bailey Milne, ICES PhD Student
Life Stage Research Program

Bailey is a PhD candidate in epidemiology whose research focuses on the risk of congenital anomalies among infants born to patients with infertility and endometriosis. Their work leverages population-based health data and advanced epidemiological methods to better understand how reproductive conditions shape perinatal outcomes, with the goal of improving reproductive care and informing strategies to support healthier pregnancies.

7. Mental health service use among Canadian Veterans in Ontario: a retrospective cohort study



Katherine St. Cyr, ICES PhD Student
Mental Health & Addictions Research Program

8. Advancing population health research methods for Hepatitis C among people who inject drugs in Ontario



Zoë Greenwald, ICES PhD Student
Populations & Public Health Research Program

Zoë Greenwald is an epidemiologist with interests in sexually transmitted and blood-borne infections and harm reduction. She is an ICES trainee in the Populations & Public Health Research Program, supervised by Dr. Jeff Kwong, and currently works as a Scientific Advisor in HIV surveillance at the Institut national de santé publique du Québec (INSPQ). She is completing her PhD in Epidemiology at the University of Toronto, where her thesis work focuses on hepatitis C among people who inject drugs in Ontario.

9. Trends colliding: Aging comprehensive family physicians and the growing complexity of their patients



Kamila Premji, Assistant Professor, Department of Family Medicine,
University of Ottawa
Primary Care & Health Systems Research Program

Dr. Kamila Premji is a family physician practicing community-based, comprehensive family medicine in Ottawa. She is an assistant professor with the University of Ottawa, where she holds the Faculty of Medicine Clinical Research Chair in Universal Access to Comprehensive Primary Care. She is also a PSI Early Career Knowledge Translation Fellow. She recently successfully defended her PhD Family Medicine thesis at Western University, two chapters of which used ICES data. Inspired by her practice, she is passionate about research examining primary care access, care continuity, and health system integration.

2:00 – 2:20 PM
COFFEE & ICE CREAM BREAK

2:20 – 3:15 PM
BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. From evidence to action: Using health data to drive legislative change

 **GIOVANNI ROOM**

Description:

This breakout session will explore how research using health administrative data can reveal emerging or underrecognized public health threats, generate evidence for intervention, and ultimately influence legislative change. The session will specifically focus on the challenges and strategies involved in translating data into legislative outcomes, particularly when strong industry opposition complicates the path from evidence to action. Drawing on her work studying pediatric firearm injuries Dr. Natasha Saunders will reflect on how research findings can catalyze legislative efforts. Her experience offer a compelling look at how administrative data can uncover serious public health issues and how this evidence can be mobilized to inform regulations and legislation, despite political, economic, or industry resistance.

The session will begin with brief overviews of the research project, highlighting the methods used to analyze health administrative data and the major findings. It will then shift to a discussion of the complex process of legislative engagement, including how Dr. Saunders collaborated with government agencies, advocacy groups, media, and professional organizations to translate findings into legislative conversations and action. She will share insights into how research findings gained traction and ultimately contributed to changes in public awareness and health policy dialogue. A central theme of the session will be the tension between evidence-based research and powerful countervailing interests, such as industry lobbying and political inertia. Dr. Saunders will address the real-world obstacles researchers face in influencing legislation and share insights into how partnerships, strategic communications, and advocacy can help bridge the gap between science and lawmaking. Participants will leave with a deeper understanding of how health data scientists can contribute not only to public discourse but also to the legislative process, transforming robust research into tangible legal and societal outcomes.



**Natasha Saunders, ICES Senior Adjunct Scientist
Life Stage Research Program**

Dr. Natasha Saunders is a general paediatrician at the Hospital for Sick Children, a senior associate scientist at the SickKids Research Institute, and a senior adjunct scientist at ICES in Toronto. She is also an associate professor in the Department of Paediatrics and Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto. Dr. Saunders leads an applied health system and policy research program, producing evidence needed to guide and advocate for policies for children and youth. Her scholarly contributions largely use linked health administrative and demographic datasets and focus on firearm injury epidemiology, mental health system performance, and health system access and outcomes for children.



2. Bringing data to life: Using innovative knowledge translation (KT) approaches to humanize data and communicate the 'story' of your research



ARMORY SUITE

Description:

This session will use a combination of best practices and innovative case study examples to demonstrate strategies to strengthen KT when communicating research findings to broad audiences. Learn when to use these strategies, including public/patient/partner engagement, to bring administrative data to life.



Andi Camden, ICES Fellow Mental Health & Addictions Research Program

Dr. Andi Camden is an epidemiologist and senior research associate at the Edwin S.H. Leong Centre for Healthy Children at the Hospital for Sick Children, as well as an ICES fellow. She holds both a PhD and MPH in Epidemiology from the Dalla Lana School of Public Health at the University of Toronto, where she also completed a postdoctoral fellowship in the Department of Health and Society. Dr. Camden's research uses administrative data to explore the impact of opioids during pregnancy on maternal and child health across the life course. She is currently leading the Canadian Perinatal Opioid Project alongside Dr. Astrid Guttmann and Dr. Hilary Brown. This initiative, funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada, aims to establish a pan-Canadian health data system to monitor perinatal opioid use and associated health outcomes across Canada.



Laura Ferreira-Legere, ICES Senior Manager, Public & Community Engagement, Knowledge Translation

Laura Ferreira-Legere is the senior manager, Public & Community Engagement, Knowledge Translation at ICES. As a registered nurse, she has held professional roles in clinical nursing practice in Atlantic Canada and nursing guideline development in Ontario, including as a panel member contributing to best practice recommendations on equitable health care for 2SLGBTQI+ communities. Her Master's thesis on reproductive cancer care in lesbian and bisexual communities received the York University Nursing Thesis Award. In her current role, Laura supports scientists and project teams to incorporate meaningful and equity-centered public and community engagement in research and analysis. Her team also supports facilitation for the ICES' Public Advisory Council and provides guidance on appropriate use of social and race-related data at ICES.

3. Seeing data differently: Regression for image prediction and a path toward neural networks



BALLROOM

Description:

This session bridges classical and modern approaches to prediction. We'll begin with healthcare outcome prediction using familiar classical regression tools, extend those ideas to image classification, then transition to neural networks for more flexible image prediction. Finally, we'll return to healthcare outcomes, applying neural networks to structured clinical data – highlighting how these predictive tools are interconnected and can generalize across domains.





Rinku Sutradhar, ICES Senior Core Scientist & Program Lead Cancer Research Program

Dr. Rinku Sutradhar is a senior scientist and biostatistician at ICES, where she leads the Cancer Research Program. She is also a professor of Biostatistics at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto. Her research is centered on developing innovative statistical methodologies for analyzing longitudinal data, with a particular focus on evaluating health services use among cancer patients and survivors in Ontario. More recently, her work has explored the integration of machine learning techniques to enhance the development of prediction models in healthcare.

4. Accessing data and analytics from ICES for a provincial or pan-Canadian perspective



TERRACE ROOM

Description:

Looking for evidence to inform planning, policy, and program development? How about data to support scientific research discoveries? In this session we will shed light on the ways to access data and analytics from ICES, debunk some myths, and spotlight a new and exciting player in this space: Health Data Research Network (HDRN) Canada!



Anne Hayes, ICES Director, HDRN Canada Partnerships

Anne Hayes is a health strategy and partnerships executive with over 20 years of experience in both government and university settings. She has an international track record of developing strategic policy proposals through to approval, managing large public programs including research programs, and fostering novel partnership initiatives. She is currently director, Partnerships for Health Data Research Network Canada, focused on bringing together people and organizations across Canada for transformative and world-leading health data use. Previously, she was the director of the Research Analysis and Evaluation Branch of the Ontario Ministry of Health where she led a large team to generate, broker, and translate evidence for use in policy and programs. She has a Master of Public Health from The University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill.



Minnie Ho, ICES Director, Data & Analytic Services

Minnie Ho is the director of Data & Analytic Services (DAS). She completed a MHSc in Community Health and Epidemiology and an Honours BSc in Toxicology, both at the University of Toronto. Minnie joined ICES in 2007 as an epidemiologist and during her tenure, has had a research focus in the area of aging, engaged extensively with voices across the health system, and helped to develop the current ICES-Ontario Health (Quality) collaboration. In her current role, she oversees data access, analytics and reports, spanning a broad range of topics, led by external investigators and health system interest holders to conduct research and health system evaluation. Her unit supports third party researcher requests from the public and private sector, and health system interest holder and rights holder requests through the Applied Health Research Question program.



5. Building future generations of First Nation, Métis and Inuit data scientists



LOMBARD SUITE

Description:

This session will describe efforts to grow research capacity in Indigenous communities supported by the Indigenous Partnerships, Data and Analytics department at ICES, and through the IndigiNERDS program — a one year data sciences certificate program designed by and for Indigenous community members. IndigiNERDS builds on and centres pre-existing Indigenous knowledges and practices and includes four courses and an applied culminating project.



Introduction from Oliver Manidoka, ICES Coordinator, Indigenous Partnerships, Data & Analytics

Oliver is a member of Saugeen First Nation #29 with a background in university recruitment and psychological research at the undergraduate level. In his spare time, he continues to sharpen his creative skills in the realm of voice work.



Janet Smylie, ICES Senior Adjunct Scientist Populations & Public Health Research Program

Dr. Smylie is the director of the Well Living House Action Research Centre for Indigenous Infant, Child, and Family Health and Wellbeing, Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Advancing Generative Health Services for Indigenous Populations in Canada, and professor at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto. Dr. Smylie's research focuses on addressing Indigenous health inequities in partnership with Indigenous communities. She is particularly focused on ensuring all First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples are counted into health policy and planning wherever they live in ways that make sense to them; addressing anti-Indigenous racism in health services; and advancing community-rooted innovations in health services for Indigenous populations. She maintains a part-time clinical practice at Auduzhe Mino Nesewinong (Place of Healthy Breathing) and has practiced and taught family medicine in a variety of Indigenous communities both urban and rural. A Métis woman, Dr. Smylie acknowledges her family, traditional teachers, and ceremonial lodge.



Dominique Legacy, ICES Director, Indigenous Partnerships, Data & Analytics

Dominique-Michelle Legacy is a dedicated leader in advancing Indigenous sovereignty through meaningful partnerships and data governance. As the director of Indigenous Partnerships, Data and Analytics at ICES, Dominique is committed to upholding and operationalizing Indigenous data governance principles to support Indigenous-led initiatives and research projects. A Mi'kmaq of Sickadomec, registered to Elsipogtog First Nation, and French-Canadian ancestry, Dominique holds a Master's in Health Sciences from the University of Ottawa and a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the University of Moncton. Dominique has over a decade of experience working alongside Indigenous communities at the Southwest Ontario



Aboriginal Health Access Centre. Her commitment to advancing Indigenous health equity is reflected in her active participation on various advisory committees and panels. Her unique blend of cultural insight and professional expertise positions her as a visionary leader in creating impactful partnerships and innovative solutions that align and promote Indigenous Sovereignty.

3:15 – 3:25 PM

MOVE BACK TO THE BALLROOM

3:25 – 4:20 PM

AFTERNOON PANEL

TITLE:

Shifting research paradigms: Building partnerships and making space for community perspectives

Description:

This panel discussion will explore how community organization perspectives and lived experience can complement traditional scientific inquiry and how research co-created through partnership can be mutually beneficial. The panel includes two ICES scientists and their research partners to discuss how to establish partnership and engagement, the reciprocal benefit to communities and the projects, and lessons learned together in their participatory approaches.

MODERATOR:



Astrid Guttmann, ICES Chief Science Officer

Astrid Guttmann is a senior scientist and chief science officer at ICES. She is also a general paediatrician and senior scientist at the Hospital for Sick Children, Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Child Health Services and Policy, Professor of Paediatrics, Health Policy and Public Health and co-Director of the Edwin S.H. Leong Centre for Healthy Children at the University of Toronto.

PANEL MEMBERS:



Tara Gomes, ICES Senior Core Scientist Chronic Disease & Pharmacotherapy Research Program

Tara Gomes is scientific director of the Urban and Community Health Pillar at Unity Health Toronto, program director of the Ontario Drug Policy Research Network, and a scientist at the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute of St. Michael's Hospital and ICES. She is also an associate professor at the University of Toronto and holds a Canada Research Chair in Drug Policy Research and Substance Use. Her research program focuses on pharmacoepidemiology, drug safety and drug policy research, with a specific interest in developing evidence to inform policies that address the ongoing drug toxicity crisis across Canada and that integrate perspectives of impacted communities.



**Ashley Smoke, ODPRN Lived Experience Advisory Group****Baiju Shah, ICES Senior Core Scientist
Chronic Disease & Pharmacotherapy Research Program**

Dr. Baiju Shah is a health services researcher and clinician-scientist in endocrinology. He is a senior core scientist at ICES, and a staff physician and Head of the Division of Endocrinology, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. He is a professor in the Department of Medicine and holds the Novo Nordisk Research Chair in Equitable Care of Diabetes from the University of Toronto. His research seeks to understand and improve the quality of care and long-term outcomes of people with diabetes. He has national and international leadership in several areas of research, including diabetes care in immigrant, Indigenous and other disadvantaged populations; long-term cardiometabolic consequences for women following gestational diabetes; and novel models of healthcare delivery to improve outcomes.

**Kimberley Floyd, WellFort Community Healthcare Centre CEO**

With over 30 years of experience in the healthcare sector, Kimberley has been afforded leadership opportunities in many facets of the continuum of care including chronic and rehabilitation hospital experiences, small and large academic community based acute care hospitals, community home healthcare and primary care settings.

In her current role, as CEO of WellFort Community Health Services, Kimberley guides the organization toward a comprehensive model of health and wellbeing focussed on health and community care based on providing care catered to closing gaps related to the social determinants of health. With a passion for implementing a whole system view of integrated care Kimberley uses a collaborative approach to bring about transformational change within comprehensive team-based care.

Kimberley holds a Social Work degree as well as a Master of Health Sciences, Health Administration from the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation at the University of Toronto. Kimberley has also served as faculty in the Foundations program of University of Toronto's IDEAS (Improving and Delivering Excellence Across Sectors) quality improvement program. Kimberley is a Certified Healthcare Executive with the Canadian College of Health Leaders.

Her accomplishments have been noted as the winner of the 2022 Community Contribution Award in Peel Region by the Ontario Association of Social Workers celebrating social workers or other professionals who support social justice, equity, integration and or inclusion within their communities and the 2019 Louise Lemieux-Charles Health System Leadership from the University of Toronto which acknowledges health leadership characteristics to lead and inspire measurable system level impacts to create an improved integrated care system.



4:20 – 4:30 PM

CLOSING & PRAYER

Michael Schull & Elder **Mark Phillips**

4:30 – 5:30 PM

RECEPTION

Join us for refreshments and a chance to debrief on an incredible day of learning!

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