

**ICES Winter Forum**  
**Concurrent Workshops**  
**Wednesday February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**\*\*9:30 am to 10:55 am EST (GMT -5)\*\***

**Workshop A: Transforming Ontario's COVID-19 Research Evidence into Policy: The Challenge Question Initiative and the Ontario Health Data Platform**

PRESENTED BY:

**Anne Hayes**, Ontario Ministry of Health; **Erika Runions-MacNeil**, Ontario Ministry of Health; **J. Charles Victor**, ICES

This workshop will present two key Provincial initiatives aimed at supporting Ontario researchers conducting policy relevant COVID-19 related research and accelerating integration of their evidence into policy by collaboration with key health system stakeholders. This workshop comprises a short presentation, including a real-world example, followed by a question-and-answer period.

**Workshop B: New Data and Data Validation**

PRESENTED BY:

**Mahmoud Azimaee**, ICES; **Hannah Chung**, ICES; **Refik Saskin**, ICES; **Lesley Plumptre**, ICES

This workshop will provide: an overview of new data sources brought into ICES for timely COVID-19 research and analytics (including their data quality, challenges and limitations); a sneak peek at vaccination data; and discussion of novel methods and tools to enrich COVID-19 data, including Fuzzy address matching to identify COVID-19 cases in congregate settings.

**Workshop C: Statistical Methods for Assessing the Impact of the Pandemic on Health Services Use**

PRESENTED BY: **Therese Stukel**, ICES; **Peter Austin**, ICES; **Rinku Sutradhar**, ICES

This workshop will include discussion of different statistical approaches to estimating the effect of the pandemic on health services use.

**Workshop D: Data and Performance Measurement in Ontario's Mental Health and Addictions Sector During COVID-19**

PRESENTED BY: **Paul Kurdyak**, ICES; **Natasha Saunders**, ICES; **Alene Toulany**, ICES; **Simone Vigod**, ICES; **Ryan Monte**, Ontario Health Mental Health and Addictions Centre of Excellence

This workshop will include an overview of existing data and capacity for performance measurement using available data and describe trends related to acute mental health and addictions-related service use prior to and following the onset of the pandemic.