

## 11th Canadian Symposium on HCV / 11ème Symposium Canadien sur le VHC

GETTING BACK ON TRACK TOWARDS HCV ELIMINATION

**Friday, May 13, 2022 / Vendredi 13 Mai 2022**

**Westin Hotel, Ottawa, Ontario**

**Program – Programme **DRAFT****

**(Session chairs and trainees all confirmed)**

07h15 - 08h00 Registration, breakfast  
Inscription, petit déjeuner

08h00 - 08h15 Welcome and Introductions – Mot de bienvenue  
**Nadine Kronfli, McGill University and Rodney Russell, Memorial University**

### **Biomedical Research – *Beyond the Scar: Lasting effects of HCV***

*Co-Chairs: Mohamed Abdel Hakeem, Emory University and Joyce Wilson, University of Saskatchewan*

*CanHepC trainees introducing plenary speakers: Marylin Rheault and Mohamed Abdelnabi*

08h15 - 08h35 T cell exhaustion in chronic HCV infection: metabolic regulation, subsets and scars  
**Bertram Bengsch, University of Freiburg, Germany, [Bertram.Bengsch@uniklinik-freiburg.de](mailto:Bertram.Bengsch@uniklinik-freiburg.de), (attendance: virtual)**

08h35 - 08h55 Hepatitis C: Far From Home...Facts and Controversies of Extrahepatic HCV  
**Carla Coffin, University of Calgary, Canada, [cscoffin@ucalgary.ca](mailto:cscoffin@ucalgary.ca) (attendance: in-person)**

08h55 - 09h15 Questions/Panel Discussion

### **Oral Presentations**

09h15 - 09h30 Dissecting the Roles of MIR-122 in the HCV Life Cycle  
**Marylin Rheault, McGill University (attendance: in-person)**

09h30 - 09h45 Pyroptosis Next Door: Understanding the Role of Hepatitis C Virus-Induced Bystander Pyroptosis  
**Hanna Louise Wallace, Memorial University (attendance: in-person)**

09h45 - 10h00 **Coffee Break – Pause café and poster browsing**

### **Population Health Research – *Rising to the Challenge for Priority Populations***

*Co-Chairs: Alexandra King, University of Saskatchewan and Guillaume Fontaine, The Ottawa Hospital Research Institute*

*CanHepC trainees introducing plenary speakers: Manolya Sag and Hanna Wallace*

10h00 - 10h20 Hepatitis C Treatment in Priority Populations - When Less is More  
**Margaret Hellard, Burnet Institute, Australia, [margaret.hellard@burnet.edu.au](mailto:margaret.hellard@burnet.edu.au), (attendance: virtual)**

10h20 - 10h40 No One Left Behind: Ensuring Equity in the Response to HCV Elimination in Canada  
**Jordan Feld, University of Toronto, Canada, [jordan.feld@uhn.ca](mailto:jordan.feld@uhn.ca) (attendance: in-person)**

10h40 - 11h00 Questions/Panel Discussion

### **Oral Presentations**

11h00 – 11h15 Evidence to Inform the Elimination of Hepatitis C: Mapping the Cascade of Care for First Nations in Ontario  
**Andrew Bryan Mendlowitz, University Health Research (attendance: in-person)**

11h15 - 11h30 Pathways to Hepatitis C/STBBI Testing and Linkage to Care in Correctional Settings: Partnering with People with Lived/Living Experience of Incarceration and Healthcare Providers to Co-Create Policies and Guidelines  
**Sofia Bartlett, British Columbia Centre for Disease Control (attendance: virtual)**

11h30 - 12h30 **CanHepC Panel session**

Approaching research in a good way - From principle to practice – unpacking the meaningful engagement of Indigenous communities and individuals with lived experience in research

**Moderator: Renee Masching, Director of Research, Communities, Alliances and Networks (CAAN)**

- Gayle Pruden, Knowledge Holder and Two-Spirit Dancer (BC)
- Carrielynn Lund, DRUM & SASH Coordinator, CAAN (AL)
- Alexandra King (Nipissing First Nation) Cameco Chair of Indigenous Health and Wellness at the University of Saskatchewan (SK)
- Janet Jull, Faculty of Health Sciences, Queens University (ON)
- Catherine Worthington, Director / Professor, School of Public Health and Social Policy, University of Victoria (BC)

12:30 - 14h00 **LUNCH and Poster Session - Présentation des Affiches : CanHepC evaluation of poster from \*13h00 to 13h45\***

**Clinical Research – Treatment Simplification: Art or Science?**

*Co-Chairs: Gisela Macphail, CUPS Liver Clinic and Curtis Cooper, University of Ottawa*

*CanHepC trainees introducing plenary speakers: Zoe Greenwald and Michael Palmer*

14h00 - 14h20 Treatment of HCV is Easy, Except when it isn't - Barriers to Treatment Simplification  
**Alexander Thompson, St Vincents Hospital Melbourne, Australia, [ajvt101@gmail.com](mailto:ajvt101@gmail.com) (attendance: virtual)**

14h20 - 14h40 Holistic, Yet Simple: Optimal Care for Persons Living with Hepatitis C Infection in the Modern DAA Era  
**Alexander Wong, University of Saskatchewan, Canada, [alexander.wong@usask.ca](mailto:alexander.wong@usask.ca), (attendance: in-person)**

14h40 – 15h00 Questions/Panel Discussion

**Oral Presentations**

15h00 - 15h15 Evaluation of Universal Hepatitis C Screening and Treatment Among Psychiatry Inpatients  
**Erin Mandel, University Health Network**

15h15 - 15h30 Lost to Follow Up in HCV: Can We Predict Who? Data from the BC-HCV Network  
**Alnoor Ramji, University of British Columbia**

**Health Services Research – Embracing the digital transformation of HCV care**

*Co-Chairs: Jason Altenberg, South Riverdale Community Health Centre and Ana Maria Passos-Castilho, McGill University*

*CanHepC trainees introducing plenary speakers: Dahn Jeong and Gayatri Marathe*

15h30 - 15h50 Digitising HCV from the Flintstones to the Jetsons  
**John Dillon, University of Dundee, UK, [j.f.dillon@dundee.ac.uk](mailto:j.f.dillon@dundee.ac.uk) (attendance: virtual)**

15h50 – 16h10 Alberta ECHO+: Innovation and relationality towards improving engagement for hepatitis C care with Indigenous communities  
**Kate Dunn, Indigenous Wellness Core (IWC), Canada, [kate.dunn@ahs.ca](mailto:kate.dunn@ahs.ca) (attendance: in-person)**

16h10 – 16h30 Questions/Panel Discussion

**Oral Presentations**

16h30 - 16h45 The Impact of New DAA Therapy on the Prevalence and Undiagnosed Proportion of Chronic Hepatitis C Infection in Ontario: A Model-Based Analysis  
**Farinaz Forouzannia, University of Waterloo, Canada - (attendance: ????)**

16h45 – 17h00 Engagement with the HCV Care Ontario: A Population-Based Study  
**Aysegul Erman, Toronto General Hospital**

17h00 – 17h10 CanHepC trainee Awards Ceremony

17h10 – 17h20 Closing Remarks – Mot de la fin  
**Nadine Kronfli, McGill University and Rodney Russell, Memorial University**

17h20 – 17h30 Canadian Liver Meeting Opening Remarks  
**Jordan Feld, University of Toronto, Canada**

- 17h30 – 18h00 Gold Medal Lecture: introduced by Jennifer Flemming, Queen's University, Canada  
Chronic Liver Disease Among Women: Disease Burden, Prevention and Treatment  
**Norah Terrault, University of Southern California, USA**
- 18h00 – 18h15 **CASL awards**
- 18h15 – 19h30 **Joint CanHepC and CLM Reception-CANNASH and CanHepC Poster Tour**

### **11th CSHCV Scientific Committee-2022**

**Nadine Kronfli, McGill, Co-Chair**

**Rodney Russell, Memorial University, Co-Chair**

Sofia Bartlett, BC Centre for Disease Control

Mia Biondi, Western University

Angela Crawley, OHRI

Melisa Dickie, CATIE

Sarah Larney, Université de Montréal

Carrielynn Lund, CAAN

Naglaa Shoukry, Université de Montréal

Marie-Louise Vachon, Université Laval

Jennifer van Gennip, Action Hepatitis Canada

Simmons D'souza, University of Calgary (Trainee rep)

Marylin Rheault, McGill University (Trainee rep)

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