



## Annual Meeting & Conference 2023 AGENDA

**Thursday, November 2, 2023**  
**Cineplex Theatre, IWK Health Centre**

**1230 Registration**

**1300 Sickle Cell – The Changing Landscape** with Drs Vicky Price & Lisa Pinto

### Objectives

- To understand how the population of Sickle Cell Patients is changing in Atlantic Canada
- To understand the impact on Health Care Providers

**1330 Benign Neutropenias** with Dr. Valerie Bourque Riel

### Objectives

- To review the differential diagnosis of neutropenia in childhood.
- Review the current evidence for management of fever in non-oncologic patients with neutropenia.
- Provide an update on evolving evidence for the identification of low-risk patients with fever and neutropenia.

**1415 Sickle Cell Pathways** with Dr. Vicky Price

### Objectives

To review the clinical recommendations for the management of:

- Acute painful episodes (vaso-occlusive crisis) in children with sickle cell disease.
- Acute chest syndrome or pneumonia in children with sickle cell disease.
- Acute splenic sequestration in children with sickle cell disease.
- Arterial ischemic stroke in children with sickle cell disease.

**1445 Break** - refreshments provided.

**1500 Rare Blood Work and Interpretation of CBCs** with Dr. Lisa Goodyear

### Objectives

- Review cases with common bloodwork results
- Review differential diagnosis and work-up of common blood work findings
- Review management options

**1545 Palliative Care in Sickle Cell** with Dr. Ashley Allen

**Objectives**

- Understand the key biopsychosocial factors in sickle cell disease and highlight their impacts on health-related quality of life.
- Review and synthesize the literature in sickle cell disease related to palliative care, advance care planning and end-of-life care.
- Outline potential roles for palliative care involvement in sickle cell disease.

**1630 Adjourn**

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**Friday, November 3, 2023**  
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- 0800 Registration** - refreshments provided.
- 0830 Welcome and Introduction** with Dr. Bruce Crooks
- 0845 Cannabis Update** with Dr. Bruce Crooks

### Objectives

- Review the endocannabinoid system and physocannabinoids.
- Review current status of medical cannabis in pediatric oncology.
- Review the legal status of cannabis in minors.
- Introduce C4T and CAN-PONC Study

- 0930 COG Update** with Dr. Craig Erker

### Objectives

- Review the role of the COG, available resources, and scale of operations in in the Maritimes.
- Understand how COG feeds back to standard of care.
- Understand the new molecular characterization initiative ongoing through the COG the impacts our patients.
- Review the recent advances and the selected enrolling COG protocols in the Maritimes.

- 1015 Break** - refreshments provided.

- 1030 Targeted Therapy in Hematologic Malignancies** with Dr. Ketan Kulkarni

### Objectives

- Why targeted therapies and what are they?
- What are we targeting currently?
- Where do we go from here?

- 1100 Targeted Therapy in Neuro-Oncology** with Tiffany Rent

### Objectives

- Review current state of the Targeted Therapy Clinic.
- Discuss common side effects and their management.

**1130**      **AGM** with Carol Digout, Executive Director, APPHON/ROHPPA

**Objectives**

- Review the new structure of APPHON/ROHPPA
- Describe activities over the past year.
- Describe the launch of an Oncofertility project.

**1145**      **Lunch** – brown bagged lunches available in Cineplex Boardroom

**1245**      **Patient and Health Care - Pre/Post Hemlibra** – with Amanda Bettle, Holly Paynter, Jennifer McNeely, Tristan McNeely, Declan McNeely, Deanna Jessome, Kevin Livingstone, & Lincoln Livingstone

**Objectives**

- Provide a brief overview of Hemlibra and its role in hemophilia A prophylaxis.
- To review initial diagnosis and care of both McNeely brothers.
- Review initial diagnosis and care for an infant who had access to Hemlibra as prophylaxis.
- To review how Hemlibra was started in PEI.
- Review how care for patients with Hemophilia has changed with Hemlibra.

**1345**      **Benign Lumps/Bumps – Red Flags and Case Studies** with Dr. Meghan Pike

**Objectives**

- Define an approach to a differential diagnosis of benign and malignant soft tissue masses in pediatric patients.
- Identify and describe features suggestive of malignant etiologies when assessing soft tissue masses in pediatric patients.
- Describe the role of imaging when assessing pediatric patients with soft tissue masses.

**1430**      **Provincial Working Groups Breakout Sessions** - refreshments provided.

*NS/NL – Cineplex Boardroom, Main Floor, Children’s Building*

*NB – Research Boardroom – R2001, Main Floor, Goldbloom Pavilion*

*PEI – Research Conference Room – R4037, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Goldbloom Pavilion*

**1530      Oncology Guideline Update - Silent Deactivation** with Dr. Tamara MacDonald

**Objectives**

- Review the updates to the APPHON febrile neutropenia guideline.
- Review the mechanism of action of asparaginase in children with ALL.
- Describe differences in the pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic parameters between available asparaginase formulations.
- Discuss methods of measuring asparaginase activity monitoring in clinical practice.
- Discuss hypersensitivity reactions, re-challenge, desensitization and silent inactivation.

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**Saturday, November 4, 2023**  
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**0830 Registration** - refreshments provided.

**0900 Biosimilars** with Dr. Bruce Colwell

### Objectives

- Be able to define biological, biosimilar, and generic agents.
- Be aware of different regulatory process for biological agents and biosimilars.
- Be able to decide on switching strategies between biosimilars and reference biologics.

**0930 Nursing and Shared Care** – Phyllis Branch, Amanda Lynk, Jill Mitchell, Holly Paynter, Martina Jones & April Connolly

### Objectives

- To describe shared care within provinces and with the tertiary centers.
- To review some of the successes and challenges we have had collaborating and sharing care of a patient.

**1030 Biba Tinga** from the Sickle Cell Disease Association of Canada

### Objectives

- After the presentation, participants will be able to understand the impact of sickle cell disease on patients and caregivers in Canada.
- To understand the role of SCDAC, activities and projects to support the Sickle cell community in Canada.

**1045 Break** - refreshments provided.

**1100 Lifestyle Adjustments: A Clinical Practice Guideline for Pediatric Cancer Patients** with Dr. Debbie Stavleu

### Objectives

- - To UNDERSTAND the main principles of evidence-based guideline development.
- - To GAIN INSIGHT in the decision-making process and evidence-to-decision framework.
- - To KNOW the most important restrictions in daily life (and its arguments).

**1145**      **Discipline Specific Breakout Sessions** - refreshments provided.

*Nursing – Cineplex Main Auditorium*

*Physicians – Research Boardroom, G2001 Main Floor, Goldbloom Pavilion*

*Psychosocial – Classroom A, G2087 Women’s Site, across from Cafeteria*

Objectives

- To discuss challenges/educational needs within each discipline
- To discuss quality indicators
- To have an open discussion/Q & A session

**1300**      **Adjourn**

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