

The 2018 BHCRI/TFRI Cancer Research Conference in Atlantic Canada

Lord Nelson Hotel, South Park Street, Halifax

November 5th Program - Trainee Session

Theme: Precision Cancer Care

Moderator: Dr. Gerry Johnston

Scientific Director, Beatrice Hunter Cancer Research Institute

12:30 – 13:00	Refreshments Available / Poster Viewing
13:00 – 13:10	Welcome Dr. Gerry Johnston , Scientific Director, BHCRI; Dr. Michael Johnston , Atlantic Node Leader, TFRI
13:10 – 14:10	Making a Difference in Cancer Research: Knowledge Translation and Patient Engagement The Patient Perspective: Mr. Patrick J. Sullivan , President, Team Finn Foundation The Researcher Perspective: Dr. Christine Chambers , Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Children's Pain Professor of Pediatrics and Psychology & Neuroscience, Dalhousie University and IWK Health Centre
14:10 – 14:30	Break
14:30 – 15:30	Let's Talk Scholarships: Tips for Successful Scholarship Applications Strategic Planning and Preparation for Greater Scholarship Success Dr. Paola Marcato , Pathology Department, Dalhousie University Persuasion and Personal Narrative in Scholarship Applications Dr. Ann Dorward , BioMedical Sciences, Memorial University Successful Scholarship Application: What Can be Added? Dr. Sandra Turcotte , Chemistry & Biochemistry Department, Université de Moncton
15:30 – 15:50	Little Fish, Big Pond or Little Fish, Small Pond: Postdoctoral Experiences Across Different Laboratories and Institutions Dr. Patrick Murphy , Postdoctoral Fellow, Pathology Department, Dalhousie University
15:50 – 16:10	Mentoring: What Changes and What Stays the Same? Dr. Melanie Coombs , Biology Department, Acadia University
16:10 – 16:30	Break
16:30 – 17:30	Speed-Dating Style Discussion Period with Speakers
17:30 – 17:45	Closing Remarks



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November 6th Program - Scientific Session

Theme: Personalizing Cancer Care

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08:00 – 08:30	Refreshments Available / Poster Viewing
08:30 – 08:40	Welcome Dr. Gerry Johnston , Scientific Director, BHCRI
	Session 1: Trends in Immunotherapy
08:40 – 09:20	Engineering T Cells to Fight Cancer Dr. Jonathan Bramson , Professor, Pathology and Molecular Medicine; Vice-Dean, Research, Faculty of Health Sciences, McMaster University
09:20 – 09:40	Exploiting Natural Killer T cells in Cancer Immunotherapy Dr. Brent Johnston , Professor, Microbiology & Immunology Department, Dalhousie University
09:40 – 10:00	Immunotherapy: The Clinician's Perspective Dr. Stephanie Snow , Associate Professor, Dalhousie University; Medical Oncologist, Nova Scotia Health Authority
10:00 – 10:15	Break
10:15 – 10:30	The Cost of Young Adult Cancer: The Financial Impact of a Cancer Diagnosis Ms. Kaitlyn Mahon , MSc, Department of Psychology, Memorial University of Newfoundland
10:30 – 10:45	Developing an Innovative Treatment Monitoring System for Hematological Malignancies Mr. Kevin Russell , Medical Student (M3), Dalhousie Medicine, NB
10:45 – 11:00	Antibody Therapy Compels Virokine-Conditioned Natural Killer Cells Against Cancer Ms. Kayla Holder , PhD, Biomedical Sciences, Memorial University
11:00 – 11:15	Cyanidin-3-O-Glucoside-Rich Haskap Berry Administration Suppresses Carcinogen-Induced Lung Tumorigenesis In A/J Mice Ms. Madumani Amararathna , PhD, Department of Plant, Food, and Environmental Sciences, Dalhousie University
11:15 – 11:30	An In Vivo Genome-Wide RNAi Screen Identifies Novel Mediators of Paclitaxel Response in Breast Cancer Mr. Mohammad Sultan , PhD, Pathology Department, Dalhousie University
11:30 – 11:45	Tumor Suppressor TAp73 Modifies Glutamine Metabolism and Positively Regulates Growth of Cancer Stem-Like Cells in a Redox-Sensitive Manner Dr. Tanveer Sharif , PDF, Microbiology & Immunology Department, Dalhousie University



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November 6th Program - Scientific Session (Continued)

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11:45 – 12:45	Lunch
12:45 – 13:30	Poster Judging Session 1
13:30 – 14:15	Poster Judging Session 2
14:15 – 14:30	Break
	Session 2: Patient, Clinical, & Societal Implications and Impacts
14:30 – 15:10	How Can We Afford to Introduce Innovations Into our Publicly-funded Healthcare System? Dr. Craig Earle , Medical Oncologist, Sunnybrook Hospital Odette Cancer Centre; Vice-President, Cancer Control, The Canadian Partnership Against Cancer
15:10 – 15:30	Using PROFYLE to Explore ELSI Implications of Precision Medicine in Pediatric Oncology Dr. Conrad Fernandez , Division Head Pediatric Hematology/Oncology; Professor, Dalhousie University and IWK Health Centre
15:30 – 15:50	Implementing Personalized Medicine in Cancer Care Settings: Challenges and Opportunities Dr. Robin Urquhart , Assistant Professor and Ramia Scientist, Department of Surgery, Dalhousie University
15:50 – 16:10	Break
	Session 3: Molecular Oncology
16:10 – 16:50	Personalized Oncogenomics: Integrating State of the Art Genomic Technology Into Patient Care Dr. Janessa Laskin , Medical Oncologist, BC Cancer Agency; Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, University of British Columbia
16:50 – 17:10	Medicinal Plants and their Endophytic Fungi as Sources of Anticancer Natural Products Dr. Chris Gray , Professor, Biological Sciences, University of New Brunswick Saint John
17:10 – 17:30	MYC, Mitosis and Malignancy: A Mechanistic Thread Dr. Ken Kao , Professor of Oncology, Division of BioMedical Sciences, Memorial University of Newfoundland; Scientific Director, IHC Lab, Eastern Health
17:30 – 19:00	Closing Remarks, Awards and Social Mixer