



The 2022 BHCRI/TFRI Cancer Research Conference in Atlantic Canada
Lord Nelson Hotel, 1515 South Park Street, Halifax
Trainee Session Program - November 7
Theme: Future of Cancer Research

Moderator: Dr. Scott Grandy
Training Committee Chair, Beatrice Hunter Cancer Research Institute

8:00 – 9:00	Registration / Refreshments Available
9:00 – 9:30	Opening Ceremony – Elder Catherine Martin
9:30 – 10:00	<p>Welcoming Remarks Dr. Scott Grandy, PhD Associate Professor, School of Health & Human Performance and Department of Pharmacology, Dalhousie University; Senior Scientist, BHCRI and Chair, BHCRI Training Committee</p> <p>Dr. Anthony Reiman, MD, SM, FRCPC Medical Oncologist; TFRI Atlantic Node Leader; Senior Scientist, BHCRI</p>
	Local invited speakers
10:00 – 10:30	Networking Session
10:30 - 10:45	Break
10:45 – 11:15	<p>Novel Approaches to Treatment of ErbB2/Her2-positive Breast Cancer Dr. Kirill Rosen, PhD Professor of Pediatrics & Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Dalhousie University; Senior Investigator, Atlantic Research Centre; Senior Scientist, BHCRI</p>
11:15 – 12:00	<p>Graduate Student Mental Health During the Pandemic: Looking Back, Looking Forward Dr. Susan Lavoie, PhD, R. Psych Clinical Psychologist, Dalhousie Counselling and Psychological Services</p>
12:00 – 12:30	Lunch
12:30 – 1:00	Poster Viewing (Presenters available)
1:00 – 2:00	<p>Keynote Speaker A Bench-to-bedside Pipeline for the Development of Novel Designer Cell Therapies for Cancer Dr. Douglas J. Mahoney, PhD Associate Professor of Microbiology, Immunology, and Infectious Disease Arnie Charbonneau Cancer Institute; Scientific Director, ACTION Initiative, University of Calgary</p>
2:00 – 2:30	<p>Access to Clinical Trials in Atlantic Canada Ravi Ramjeesingh, MD, PhD, FRCPC Medical Oncologist & Associate Professor, Division of Medical Oncology; Medical Director of ACCRU; Nova Scotia Cancer Centre & Dalhousie University; Associate Member, BHCRI</p>

2:30 - 2:45	Break
2:45 – 3:30	<p>The Living Drug, A Tale of T-cell Dr. Mahmoud Elsayy, MB BCh, MSc Assistant Professor of Hematology; Hematologist, Dalhousie University and Nova Scotia Health</p>
	Communication Session
3:30 – 4:30	<p>The Scientist as a Storyteller Modeline Longjohn, MSc PhD candidate, Department of Biochemistry, Memorial University of Newfoundland; Published Author; CRTP Trainee</p> <p>Creating Evidence-based Infographics for Knowledge Translation and Exchange Sarah Nersesian, MSc (she/her) PhD Candidate, Microbiology and Immunology Graduate Student Representative, Killam Laureate, Vanier Scholar, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Dalhousie University and Founder of Designs that Cell; CRTP Alum</p>
4:30 - 6:00	Social Event with Refreshments
6:00 – 7:30	<p>Picchione Lecture – How Future Health Care will be Tailored to You: The Reality and Promise of Precision Medicine Moderator: Dr. Gerry Johnston, Scientific Director, Beatrice Hunter Cancer Research Institute Dr. Lillian Siu, Senior Medical Oncologist, Princess Margaret Cancer Institute and BMO Financial Chair in Precision Genomics, University of Toronto Mr. Graham Wade, Patient Advocate Dr. Paola Marcato, Associate Professor, Department of Pathology, Dalhousie University Dr. Ravi Ramjeesingh, Medical Oncologist and Associate Professor, Division of Medical Oncology, Nova Scotia Health and Dalhousie University</p>



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Scientific Session Program - November 8

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7:30 – 8:30	Registration
8:00 – 8:30	Poster Viewing / Refreshments Available
8:30 – 8:35	Welcoming Remarks Dr. Scott Grandy, PhD Associate Professor, School of Health & Human Performance and Department of Pharmacology, Dalhousie University; Chair, BHCRI Training Committee
08:35 – 9:00	Advocacy for Pancreatic Cancer Awareness, Support, Education and Research Stefanie Condon-Oldreive , Founder, Craig's Cause Pancreatic Cancer Society
9:00 – 10:00	Keynote Speaker B Cells Imprint Adoptively Transferred Anti-melanoma CD8⁺ T Cells with Enhanced Immunity Dr. Chrystal M. Paulos, PhD Associate Professor, Director of Translational Research, Cutaneous Malignancies, Department of Surgery / Microbiology & Immunology, Winship Cancer Institute at Emory University
10:00 – 10:15	Break
10:15 – 10:45	From the Heart Carol Ann Cole Member of The Order of Canada; Founder of The Comfort Heart Initiative; Best Selling Author; Breast Cancer Survivor; BHCRI supporter
	Trainee Oral Presentations
10:45 – 11:00	Evaluation of High Depth Somatic Variant Calling Methods Using Tumor-only Approach (virtual presentation) Dr. Dharmapal Burne , Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Dalhousie University; CRTP Trainee
11:00 – 11:15	Trends in Socioeconomic Inequalities in Breast Cancer Mortality in Canada: 1992-2019 Nazanin Nasiri , BSc Kinesiology Student, School of Health Administration, Dalhousie University
11:15 – 11:30	Synaptic Effects of 5-Fluorouracil: Implication for Chemobrain Deogratias Riwa , PhD Candidate, Department of Neuroscience, Memorial University of Newfoundland, CRTP Trainee
11:30 – 12:30	Poster Judging Session 1



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12:30 – 1:30	Lunch/Annual General Meeting (AGM) The general meeting will be an opportunity to hear from the Chair of BHCRI's Management Advisory Council, Dr. Stephen Lewis
	Trainee Oral Presentations
1:30 – 1:45	Characterization of Natural Killer Cells in Patients with Multiple Myeloma Krystal Stewart , Medical Student, Department of Medicine, Dalhousie University, Saint John, New Brunswick
1:45 – 2:00	Characterization of Memory Natural Killer Cell Response and its Application in a Cell-targeted Cancer Immunotherapy Daniel Medina-Luna , PhD Candidate, Department of Microbiology & Immunology Department, Dalhousie University, CRTP Trainee
2:00 – 2:15	Patient Outcomes Following Salvage Lung Cancer Surgery Post Definitive Radiotherapy Riley Bowker , Medical Student, Department of Surgery, Division of Thoracic Surgery, Dalhousie University
2:15 – 3:15	Poster Judging Session 2
3:15 - 3:30	Break
3:30 – 4:15	Panel - Future Areas for Cancer Research Dr. Dan Gaston , Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology and Clinical Laboratory Bioinformatician, Nova Scotia Health Dr. Boris Galo Lopez , Assistant Professor, Departments of Surgery, Microbiology & Immunology and Pathology, Dalhousie University Dr. Sherri Christian , Associate Professor, Department of Biochemistry, Memorial University Dr. Jeanette Boudreau , Associate Professor, Microbiology and immunology, Dalhousie University
4:15 – 5:00	Awards and Closing

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