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2025

CLINICAL TRIALS
TRAINING SUMMIT

FEBRUARY
24, 25 & 26

Fairmont Hotel Vancouver
900 W Georgia St.
and online

AGENDA

annualconference2025@wecantrain.ca



6:00 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M. PST

British Ballroom

Registration and Opening Plenary Session

Indigenous Welcome

- **Shayla Jacobs and Sariah Jacobs-Green**, *Squamish Nation Dancers*

CANTRAIN, UBC and Health Research BC Welcome

- **Nadia Khan**, MD, *CANTRAIN Principal Investigator, University of British Columbia (UBC); Head, Division of Internal Medicine at UBC; Professor of Medicine at UBC*
- **Alison Orth**, *Portfolio Director, Research Programs, Michael Smith Health Research BC*

The Importance of Clinical Trial Training to Patients and Community

- **Eileen Davidson**, *Patient Advocate*

Clinical Trials Training Developed by the CTTT Programs

- **Lisa Goos**, PhD, *CANTRAIN Chief Operating Officer*
- **Angela M. Cheung**, PhD, MD, FRCPC, *Nominated Principal Investigator, CAN-TAP-TALENT CTTT; Senior Scientist, Toronto General Hospital Research Institute and Schroeder Arthritis Institute; Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Postmenopausal and Musculoskeletal Health; Professor of Medicine, KY and Betty Ho Chair in Integrative Medicine, University of Toronto*
- **Simon L Bacon**, PhD, FTOS, FCCS, FABMR, *Nominated Principal Investigator, Canadian Behavioural Interventions and Trials Network (CBITN) CTTT; Professor, Concordia University (NPI)*
- **Farrell Leibovitch**, MSc, *Platform Director, StrokeCog CTTT; Sunnybrook Research Institute*
- **Shrikant I. Bangdiwala**, PhD, *Co-Chair, Accelerating Clinical Trials (ACT) Training Committee, McMaster University*

Student Awardee Welcome & Certificate of Awards

- **Sharmistha Biswas**, PhD, *National Manager, Awards & Internships Programs, CANTRAIN*
- **Leads of Collaborating CTTTs**

7:30 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M. PST

Pacific Ballroom

Welcoming Reception

- Drinks and refreshments provided.

END OF DAY

MONDAY • FEBRUARY 24 • 2025

Day 1

7:30 A.M. TO 8:30 A.M. PST

Columbia Ballroom

Arrival / Registration / Breakfast

8:30 A.M. TO 10:00 A.M. PST

British Ballroom

Plenary Session: Building Capacity for Clinical Research: Optimizing Accessibility, Efficiency, and Relevance of Clinical Research in Canada

The audience will:

- Understand the barriers to strengthening the clinical trial ecosystem in Canada.
- Discuss the new WHO guidelines for best practices for clinical trials and how Canada can apply the WHO recommendations to modernize clinical trials in Canada.
- Share solutions to strengthen the clinical trial ecosystem in critical areas:
 - ✓ improving equity
 - ✓ improving efficiency
 - ✓ emergency preparedness
 - ✓ engaging communities to improve knowledge mobilization and battle misinformation

Presentation of the World Health Organization (WHO)

- **Vasee Moorthy**, MD, PhD, *Senior Advisor, R&D, WHO* [VIRTUAL]

Session Chair

- **Nadia Khan**, MD
- **Davina Banner-Lukaris**, PhD, *Professor in the School of Nursing and Interim Associate Vice President Research Operations, University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC)*

Session Panelists

Panel discussion of current issues in the clinical trial ecosystem

- **Jim Christenson**, MD, FRCPC, *Department of Emergency Medicine, UBC; Emergency Room Physician*
- **P.J. Devereaux**, MD, PhD, FRCPC, *ACT Nominated Principal Investigator; Director of the Division of Perioperative Care, McMaster University*
- **Kendall Ho**, MD, FRCPC, *Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, UBC Faculty of Medicine; Medical Director, HealthLinkBC; Emergency iDoctors in Assistance (HEIDI)*
- **Vasee Moorthy**, MD, PhD [VIRTUAL]
- **Jean Smart**, PhD, *Regulatory Affairs and Quality Officer, Clinical Trials BC, Michael Smith Health Research BC*
- **Barry Stein**, BCL, LLB, *President & CEO, Colorectal Cancer Canada*
- **Teresa Tsang**, MD, FRCPC, FACC, FASE, *Executive Director, Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute; Associate Dean, Research (VCHRI); Faculty of Medicine, UBC*

10:00 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M. PST

Vancouver Island Room

Networking Coffee Break & Poster Viewing

Poster Session & Poster Presentation Competition

- **Sharmistha Biswas**, PhD
- **Jasmine Grant**, MEd, *National Director, CAN-TAP-TALENT CTTT*
- **Farrell Leibovitch**, MSc

11:00 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M. PST

British Ballroom

2023-2024 Cohort Presentations

Session Chair

- **Sharmistha Biswas**, PhD

Presentations

Master's Category (Third Prize); CANTRAIN; 2023 Cohort Poster-Presentation Competition

- **Nicol Vaizman**, *MSc Graduate Student, UBC*

CRP-Internship Award; 2023 Cohort

- **Sherry Sandhu**, MPH, *Research Coordinator, Fraser Health Authority*

Post-Doctoral Category (First Prize); StrokeCog; 2023 Cohort Poster-Presentation Competition

- **Nárlon C. Boa Sorte Silva**, PhD, *Assistant Professor, Dept. of Health, Kinesiology & Applied Physiology, Concordia University*

Post-Doctoral Category (Third Prize); CAN-TAP-TALENT; 2023 Cohort Poster-Presentation Competition

- **Malik Raza**, PhD, *Postdoctoral Fellow, Autonomic Research Laboratory, International Collaboration on Repair Discoveries (ICORD)*

CR-Practicum Award; 2023 Cohort

- **Aresh Sepehri**, MD, MSc, FRCSC, *Clinical Assistant Professor, Dept. of Orthopaedics, UBC; Orthopaedic Trauma Surgeon, Vancouver General Hospital & University of British Columbia Hospital*

Master's Category (Second Prize); CANTRAIN; 2023 Cohort Poster-Presentation Competition

- **Candus Chik**, MSc, *Clinical Research Coordinator, Research Institute of the McGill University Health Centre (RI-MUHC)*

Master's Category (First Prize); CANTRAIN; 2023 Cohort Poster-Presentation Competition

- **Sofia Nicolls**, *MSc Graduate Student, UBC*

Doctoral Category (Second Prize); CANTRAIN; 2023 Cohort Poster-Presentation Competition

- **Timo Tolppa**, *PhD Candidate, UBC*

12:30 P.M. TO 1:15 P.M. PST
Columbia Ballroom

Lunch

1:15 P.M. TO 2:00 P.M. PST

Focused Conversations

Sharing Leadership with Patient Partners in Clinical Trials: Why, Why Not, and How? Waddington Room

- **Linda Hunter**, RN, MScN, PhD (c), *National Stream Lead, Patients and Community Partners, CANTRAIN: Co-Chair, Patient, Family and Community Member Working Group (CanPartners)*
- **Caroline Jose**, PhD, *Scientific Lead of the University Hospital Centre (UHC) Biobank and the Clinical Trials Unit*

Early Career Researchers and Indigenous Health: Mentorship and Best Practices Tweedsmuir Room

- **Kienan Williams**, MPH, *Program Lead, Innovation and Research, Indigenous Wellness Core; Member of Sandy Lake First Nation, PhD Student at the University of Calgary*

2:00 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M. PST
British Columbia Foyer

World Café: Best Practices with Indigenous Groups as Research Participants and Partners

Exploring Experiential Relationality in Clinical Trials with Indigenous Peoples, a World Café approach to knowledge exchange and relationship building. Through interactions and reflection at multiple stations, attendees will explore key concepts such as: Kindness in Research, Knowledge starting points when working with Indigenous Peoples, Making Space for your Heart in Clinical Trials, Journeying Together.

Our session's intended impact is:

- ✓ To kindly invite non-Indigenous clinical trials researchers for vulnerable self-reflection
- ✓ To explore a value-based knowledge exchange regarding knowledge extraction in clinical trial settings

Session Chair Session Panelists

- **Kienan Williams**, MPH

- **Malcolm King**, PhD, FCAHS, *Professor, University of Saskatchewan; Scientific Director, Saskatchewan Centre for Patient-Oriented Research (SCPOR)*
- **Elder Roberta Price**, LLD (Hon), *Co-principal investigator for Critical Research in Health and Health Care Inequities and the Transformative Justice and Health Research Cluster at the University of British Columbia's School of Nursing*
- **Catherine Turner**, GCIPH, *Indigenous Liaison Manager, Can-SOLVE CKD Network*



3:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M. PST

British Ballroom

Interactive Workshop: Novel Clinical Trial Protocol Designs and Methodologies

This session will examine innovative clinical trial designs, such as adaptive, platform, and decentralized trials, across therapeutic areas. Investigators will discuss their impact on efficiency, patient-centricity, real-world applications, offering insights into the future of novel trial design. After attending this session, participants will be able to:

- ✓ Understand key novel trial designs, including adaptive, platform, and decentralized approaches.
- ✓ Evaluate the benefits and challenges of implementing these designs across different therapeutic areas.
- ✓ Navigate regulatory and operational considerations for innovative trial methodologies.
- ✓ Apply insights to optimize clinical trial efficiency, patient engagement, and data quality in their own research.

Session Chair

- **Angela M. Cheung**, PhD, MD, FRCPC

Session Panelists

- **Simon L Bacon**, PhD, FTOS, FCCS, FABMR
- **Andrew Pinto**, MD, CCFP, MSc, FRCPC [VIRTUAL], Clinician-Scientist, University of Toronto; Founder of the Upstream Lab
- **George Tomlinson**, PhD [VIRTUAL], Senior Scientist, Toronto General Hospital Research Institute; Professor, Department of Medicine, University of Toronto; Professor, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto

4:00 P.M. TO 4:30 P.M. PST

British Columbia Foyer

Networking Coffee Break

4:30 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M. PST

British Ballroom

Plenary Session: Exploring Career Opportunities: Strategies for Graduate Success and Insights for the Clinical Trials Ecosystem

By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- ✓ Practice using various tools to reflect on, make meaning of, and contextualize their future aspirations.
- ✓ Normalize the range of contexts and experiences that are common within early professionals using principles from career development.
- ✓ Identify future possibilities and describe at least one method to explore that opportunity in more depth.

Session Chair

- **Jacqui Brinkman**, MSc, Director, Graduate Student Professional Development, UBC

Session Presentations: Topics and Speakers

Strengths-based and Values-based Career Exploration Workshop

- **Kimberley Rawes**, MA, Manager, Career and Professional Development, UBC
- **Emily Bell**, PhD [VIRTUAL], Stream Lead, CANTRAIN GPT Career Development Program; Associate Director, Desjardins Centre for Advanced Training, RI-MUHC

CANTRAIN Career Development Program (CDP) Evolution

- **Emily Bell**, PhD [VIRTUAL]

END OF DAY

7:30 A.M. TO 8:30 A.M. PST

Columbia Ballroom

Continental Breakfast & Coffee

7:45 A.M. TO 8:30 A.M. PST

Focused Conversations

Bring the CANTRAIN Career Development Program (CDP) to YOUR site

Waddington Room

- **Brooke Turkalj**, ME, *Clinical Research Educator, CANTRAIN*
- **Janis Cole**, *Clinical Research Educator, CANTRAIN; Quality Management Clinical Trials Project Lead, Clinical Trials Office, University of Alberta*

Building Better Behaviour Change Interventions

Tweedsmuir Room

- **Simon L Bacon**, PhD, FTOS, FCCS, FABMR

8:30 A.M. TO 10:00 A.M. PST

British Ballroom

Plenary Session: International Perspectives on Meaningful Approaches to Patient and Partner Engagement and Co-creation of Research

Objectives of this Session:

- ✓ Describe diverse international examples of successful organizations involved with partnering and supporting patient partners in research.
- ✓ Explain the existential threats to conducting and optimizing patient engagement in research and offer ways in which to overcome these threats.
- ✓ Understand ways in which to establish sound financial ground for continuing with patient engagement in research.

At the end of this session, participants will:

- ✓ Have a better appreciation of international perspectives of patient engagement and co-creation of research.
- ✓ Know how to best optimize patient engagement and partnership in research.
- ✓ Have concrete examples of how to best fund and support patient engagement and partnership in research.

Session Chair

- **Linda Hunter**, RN, MScN, PhD (c)
- **Christine (Tina) Fahim**, PhD
Implementation Scientist, Assistant Professor University of Toronto

Session Panelists

Focus on Patient & Community Partners' Training

- **Maria Dutarte**, MA, *Executive Director, European Patients' Academy on Therapeutic Innovation (EUPATI)*
- **Erin Holve**, PhD, MPH [VIRTUAL], *Chief Officer, Research Infrastructure & Innovation, Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)*
- **Caroline Jose**, PhD
- **Annie LeBlanc**, PhD, *Professor, Department of Family and Emergency Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Laval University; Researcher, VITAM Research Centre for Sustainable Health; NPI and Director, PASSERELLE SPOR National Training Entity; Canada Research Chair in Knowledge Mobilization and Integration in Practice.*

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Vancouver Island Room

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- **Farrell Leibovitch**, MSc

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British Ballroom

Plenary Session: Bridging Perspectives: Insights on Mentoring from Academic and Patient Partner Perspectives

Objectives of this Session:

- ✓ Describe the development of the innovative CANTRAIN mentorship program for trainees.
- ✓ Discuss the benefits and challenges of involving patient/community members and academic partners in the mentorship process.
- ✓ Initiate paths for active and inclusive engagement of the mentee and mentors triad in the mentorship process.

Session Chair

- **Suzanne Morin**, MD, MSc, FRCP, FACP, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine and Director, Division of General Internal Medicine, McGill University Health Centre; Scientist, Centre for Outcomes Research (CORE) and Evaluation, RI-MUHC; CANTRAIN Mentorship Working Group Co-Chair
- **Angela M. Cheung**, PhD, MD, FRCPC

Session Presentations: Topics and Speakers

CANTRAIN Connect Mentorship Programs for Awardees & Mentees

- **Deb Baranec**, Patient Partner; Patient Engagement Research Ambassador, Canadian Institutes of Health Research - Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis (CIHR-IMHA); CANTRAIN Patient-Partner Mentor; Member, CanPartners
- **Linda Hunter**, RN, MScN, PhD (c)
- **Linda Li**, MSc, PhD, FCAHS, Professor of Physical Therapy, UBC; Senior Scientist, Arthritis Research Canada; CANTRAIN Mentorship Working Group Co-Chair
- **Srijain Shrestha**, MMASc, Mentorship Coordinator, CANTRAIN

ECHO 1 & 2 Community of Practice

- **Jasmine Grant**, MEd
- **Andrea Furlan**, MD, PhD [VIRTUAL], Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, University Health Network (UHN); Professor of Medicine, University of Toronto

ECHO 2

- **Lora Giangregorio**, PhD, Professor, Department of Kinesiology, Schlegel Research Chair in Mobility and Aging, University of Waterloo

12:30 P.M. TO 1:15 P.M. PST

Columbia Ballroom

Lunch / Networking

1:15 P.M. TO 2:00 P.M. PST

Focused Conversations

Unconscious Bias

Boardroom

- **Jasmine Grant**, MEd
- **Deb Baranec**

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British Ballroom

Reflection on the Road to Success

- **Paul Hébert**, MD, MHSc, FRCPC, FCAHS, [VIRTUAL] President, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)

2:30 P.M. TO 3:30 P.M. PST

British Ballroom

Presentation Session: Systemic and Regulatory Topics in Clinical Trials

Learn about initiatives designed to ease systemic barriers to clinical trials in Canada and to prepare the workforce for new Canadian regulatory requirements.

Session Chair

- **Lisa Goos**, PhD

Session Presentations: Topics and Speakers

ACT-AEC Canada Updates

- **P.J. Devereaux**, MD, PhD, FRCPC

CanReview: Collaborating to Build a Single Research Ethics Review System in Canada

- **Susan Marlin**, MSc, *President and CEO, Clinical Trials Ontario; Nominated Principal Applicant, CanReview*

ICH E6 (R3) Annex 2 Release: The New GCP Guidelines

- **Jean Smart**, PhD

Medical Devices Studies ISO14155

- **Ellen Morrison**, PhD, *Project Lead, Clinical Trials Office, University of Alberta*

3:30 P.M. TO 4:30 P.M. PST

British Ballroom

Presentation Session: The CANTRAIN Approach

Describe the application of adult learning principles and pedagogical best practices to the creation of eLearning.

Session Chair

- **Lisa Goos**, PhD

Session Presentation: Topic and Speaker

CANTRAIN – The Solution to Canada’s Clinical Trial Training Needs

- **Kristian Fillion**, PhD, FAHA, *Associate Professor and William Dawson Scholar, Director, Epidemiology PhD Program, Departments of Medicine and of Epidemiology, Biostatistics, and Occupational Health, McGill University*

4:30 P.M. TO 5:30 P.M. PST

British Ballroom

Closing Remarks

2024-2025 Poster Prizes: Master’s, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellows

- **Sharmistha Biswas**, PhD
- **Jean Bourbeau**, MD, MSc, FRCPC, FCAHS, *Principal Nominated Investigator, CANTRAIN; Professor and Distinguished Scientist Award, McGill University; Director, COPD clinic and Pulmonary Rehabilitation, McGill University Health Centre (MUHC); Respiriologist, Respiratory Division, Department of Medicine, MUHC; Senior scientist, RI-MUHC; Co-founder, Canadian Cohort Obstructive Lung Disease (CanCOLD)*

CANTRAIN Thank You

- **Jean Bourbeau**, MD, MSc, FRCPC, FCAHS, *Principal Nominated Investigator, CANTRAIN*

5:30 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M. PST

British Columbia Foyer

Farewell Reception

- Drinks and refreshments provided.

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