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23 July, 2024 | 23 juillet 2024

10:30 – 10:55 AM

Opening Ceremony | Cérémonie d'ouverture

Elder Albert McLeod, Dr. Donald Sheppard, The Honourable Mark Holland and The Honourable Ya'ara Saks (virtual remarks), Dr. Theresa Tam (virtual remarks), Dr. Peter Freier, the Canada Pavilion Representatives

Being held directly after the AIDS 2024 welcoming ceremony, this opening ceremony will warmly welcome all delegates specifically to the Canada Pavilion and introduce its theme and organizers.

11:00 – 11:25 AM

Best Practices: How to Engage Youth in Sexual Health & HIV Prevention Using Digital Technology

Roxanne Ma, and Shira Taylor

This session will include a brief presentation on the learnings and successes of CANFAR's youth educational resource, SEXFLUENT.CA. The presentation will highlight key steps in the design and development of this national, bilingual, youth- and peer-driven resource and share with attendees some of the best practices to engage young people in the digital age, how to modernize HIV and sexual health education to be more relevant for youth, and how to craft or tailor effective messages for sexual health and HIV prevention that moves beyond traditional methods.

12:30 – 1:25 PM

Implementation & Scaling Up of Our Healthbox In Canada: Meeting People Where They Are With Things They Need For Their Health

Sean Rourke

This presentation will showcase how you can use an implementation science framework to meet people who have complex social needs and circumstances where they are. Each launch of the Healthbox provides a unique opportunity to engage and support community agencies and their partners to address the local health needs and social circumstances of those who are most underserved.

1:30 – 2:25 PM

Seeking A Cure For HIV

Renée Masching, Claudette Cardinal, Tanguy Hedrich, Jean-Pierre Routy and Petronela Ancuta

CanCURE is a multidisciplinary team with a common objective: Translating basic knowledge on HIV reservoirs and persistence into therapeutic approaches. Our goal is to develop a safe and scalable cure for HIV. Our team includes immunologists, virologists, clinicians, community representatives and people living with HIV who work together in this innovative and translational research program. We will introduce our areas of research interest and members of the Community Advisory Board will present about community-centred activities and contributions. The session will be bi-lingual and include videos, presentations, dialogue, and audience questions and answers.

2:30 – 2:55 PM

Guiding Our Spirits – Gender-Based Violence Framework

Cassandra Hill

Using Haudenosaunee culture teachings, this framework provides foundational wise practices to ensure that our communities (whether that be rural and urban communities) have tools to reduce, and end, gender-based violence. Using the rings of a tree, what are the important factors that we need in place to protect our self (an individual or community) at the centre? And what happens when those rings are not protecting the self?

3:00 – 3:55 PM

GLOWS Indigenous Health Grant – What is Medicine?

Tawnya Crowshoe

An Indigenous perspective of what medicine means through the journey of the GLOWS Indigenous Health Grant. Learning about what contributes to wellness while crafting a personal paper feather reflecting on your own journey of wellness.

4:00– 4:25 PM

LetsStopAIDS' Sex Lives Report: Youth Perceptions and Experiences with Condom Use and STI and HIV Testing

Yvonne Su

This session will explore how mental health funding for LGBTIQ-led organizations staff and their communities is essential to strengthening the HIV response and improving outcomes for Key Population communities. It will highlight learnings from a project called "The Right to Health and Healing" which focuses on mental health and well-being for LGBTIQ organizational staff and communities.



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The Future of HIV Self-Testing Programming in Canada

Sean Rourke and Maureen Owino

This presentation will document the HIV Self-Testing launch and journey in Canada starting with the trial required to get the first device approved by Health Canada for use by intended users, to kit distribution and peer support through I'm Ready and finally the national distribution with our national partners. We will discuss the development and reach of I'm Ready, Test, the importance of our I'm Ready, Talk Peer Navigators, and the results from the community-based distribution of 250,000 HIV self-test kits through a PHAC federal funded program along with some success stories of this program directly from the frontline agencies who have been distributing the test kits.

11:30 – 11:55 AM

Optimizing HIV Programming for Effective Coverage Using Embedded Program Science

Marrisa Becker, Leigh McClarty and Parinita Bhattacharjee

This session will introduce the Program Science approach and a novel Program Science tool, the Effective Program Coverage framework, which focuses on developing research agendas to identify, quantify, examine, and address gaps in program coverage through an equity lens. Finally, concrete examples from a recent study in Nairobi, Kenya will highlight how a Program Science approach, using embedded science and the Effective Program Coverage Framework, can be operationalized to inform HIV programs for key populations and optimize population-level outcomes.

12:00 – 12:55 PM

Leading The Way: Where The HeART Is

Albert McLeod, Claudette Cardinal and Mathew Fleury

There is a pressing need for Women-Centered and Women-Led safe spaces for People Living With HIV. As an Indigenous Community Researcher, Claudette Cardinal has led art-based projects: The ART OF The Matter...Double Vision and The Stat's Talk Back 2.0. The aim was to bring more voices to the fold to discuss side effects of ARV drugs and promote strength-based messages to uplift our spirits, specifically from the perspective of Women affected by HIV. This is a two-part event: 1) Women Living With HIV will be invited to share their experiences and stories of how HIV has affected their lives, using the Heart Body Mind Spirit - Medicine Wheel approach. 2) Opened to a broader audience by inviting Allies, Researchers, Community Members and Trainees. The ART OF The Matter...Double Vision Video will be shown.

1:00 – 1:25 PM

HIV and Youth Peer Engagement HYPE Connection = Retention

Asha Ulusow

The session will address the issue of young people, many born with HIV, falling out of care during transition from pediatric health care to adult health care. It will explain the intervention called HYPE (the HIV & Youth Peer Engagement Program) from the AIDS Committee of Durham Region. A Province-wide program linking youth to their peers to reduce isolation and promote medication adherence and improve visits with their healthcare teams, through workshops, KTE, regional and demographic based gatherings, a medication buddy program and a clinic buddy program.

2:30 – 2:55 PM

Ageism and Ableism In Canada's HIV, HCV and STBBI Response

Melissa Egan

This session will spotlight the findings and recommendations of Realize's 2024 situational analysis of ageism and ableism in Canada's HIV, hepatitis C (HCV) and sexually-transmitted and bloodborne illness (STBBI) response. This analysis examined the relative exclusion of older persons and people living with disabilities in Canadian STBBI policy as well as the lack of attention paid to HIV/HCV/STBBI prevention, testing, treatment and care in policies focused on disability and aging. Situating policy analysis within the context of thoughtful community discourse, we aimed to cultivate a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by individuals at the intersections of disability, aging and STBBIs, while advocating for transformative change within policy frameworks.

3:00 – 3:55 PM

Role of the Pharmacist in HIV Prevention and Care: Practice & Research Highlights and a Networking Opportunity

Alice Tseng and Tasha Ramsey

The Canadian HIV and Viral Hepatitis Pharmacists Network (CHAP) was formed in 1997, with a mission to bring pharmacists together to optimize patient outcomes and promote the profession of pharmacy through communications, education, research, and clinical practice. An updated position paper on the role of the pharmacist caring for people at risk of/living with HIV will be published fall 2024; this session will include an overview of key points from the paper as well as ongoing CHAP initiatives and pharmacist-led research in Canada. This will be followed by an opportunity for pharmacists working in HIV care and/or prevention across the world to meet and network.



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Positive Leadership: Peers Facilitating Change

Martin McIntosh and Martin Bilodeau

The workshop will be a dynamic co-facilitation with mixed media and audience participation. A communication method from the PLDI program will be one of the key takeaways for the audience. A brief overview and history of the PLDI program will be delivered. Some self-development and communication tools will be explained. The structured feedback method to bring positive change will be highlighted through theory and examples. Graduates at the conference will be invited to participate.

11:30 – 11:55 AM

Rethinking Care Using Knowledge: Casey House's Model for Developing Meaningful & Equitable Models of Care

Alessandro Bisignano and Asha Ulusow

This session will explore Casey House's model for developing meaningful and equitable models of care.

1:00 – 1:25 PM

The Stat's Talk Back: Building Capacity with Indigenous Peoples Living with HIV/AIDS in Research Through a Community at the HeART Framework

Claudette Cardinal and Mathew Fleury

The Stat's Talk Back 2.0 aimed to humanize the experiences of individuals living with HIV/AIDS through art and self-reflection. The project's primary objective was to create artworks that reflect the personal stories of those living with HIV/AIDS and move beyond numerical representations. Lessons learned included flexibility, reflexivity, and creating safety through trauma-informed, strengths-based approaches to evaluate, envision, engage, and enlighten. By providing a platform for individuals to become 'Wisdom Speakers,' participants were empowered to share their stories within a safe and supportive environment.

1:30 – 1:55 PM

Let's Talk SHOP: Sexuality and Sexual Health for Older People

Sunny Wang

There is too little 'SHOP talk' – discussions and responses related to sexuality and sexual health for older people – and it's time for change! Unanswered questions about sexuality, sexual well-being, and safer sex leave older people vulnerable to isolation, poor quality of life, and acquiring HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs). By increasing direct access to evidence-based tools and resources for healthy sexuality and HIV/STI prevention among older people and building the capacity of individuals, community-based organizations and advocates to champion their sexual health and rights, The SHOP project, a collaboration between Realize and global partners now underway, will lead to improved sexual health and HIV/STI prevention outcomes for older people globally.

2:00 – 2:55 PM

CPPN's Community Connections

Deborah Norris, Alice Anson, Randy Davis, Gord Asmus, Marlo Cottrell and Breklyn Bertozzi

Six members of CPPN will become living libraries during the session. Each member will wear a t-shirt with a statement that has a different topic related to the work that CPPN has done in the past and/or will do in the future. The members will each bring their own unique, lived experience and expertise in intimate and meaningful conversation with attendees in this community driven session.

3:00 – 3:55 PM

The Right to Health and Healing: The Role of Community-led Organizations in Addressing the Syndemic of HIV and Mental Health in Sub-Saharan Africa

Andrew Luswata Brant Seremba, Peter Mwaniki Njoroge, Wambua Kennedy Mwendwa, Meg French, Leah Teklemariam

The session will highlight learnings from a project funded by the government of Canada through ACTIF (Act Together for Inclusion Fund) and the Stephen Lewis Foundation called "The Right to Health and Healing," which focuses on mental health and well-being for LGBTIQ organizational staff and communities. Demonstrating how these learnings can be applied across population groups to other CLOs, the session will also highlight aligned key learnings from SLF partners working to end gender-based violence and support survivors.



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MyLifeMyMind: Empowerment Through Self Management

MyLifeMyMind

MyLifeMyMind is an online, evidence-based, personalized self-management program designed to protect brain health and improve quality of life (QOL) in aging persons living with HIV (PLWH). This project builds on the evidence obtained from the Positive Brain Health Now Canadian longitudinal cohort study. This study of over 850 older HIV+ individuals has provided new knowledge about the biological, psychological, lifestyle, and social factors that influence cognition and QOL over 10 years of follow-up. MyLifeMyMind is an online tool to make that knowledge actionable for PLWH.

12:30 – 1:25 PM

Building Capacity and Mobilizing Value-guided Community Action to Reduce HIV Stigma

Folasade Olaniyan, Pragma Mishra and Josephine P. Wong

Black and racialized communities in Canada bear a disproportionate burden of HIV. For instance, Canadian Census 2021 showed that Black people made up 4.3% of Canada's population. However, they represented 15.4% of the 1,466 newly diagnosed cases of HIV in 2021. HIV stigma has been identified as a key factor in impeding HIV prevention and care. Project Acceptance and Commitment to Empowerment (ACE), funded by the Canadian Institute of Health Research, is a community-centred cross-sector implementation action research. ACE is an evidence-informed capacity building intervention designed to reduce HIV stigma, promote collective resilience, and mobilize communities to advance health equity.

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

- (1) identify essential aspects of inclusive HIV literacy and effective stigma reduction
- (2) identify how key processes of the ACE intervention address internalized and enacted HIV stigma; and (3) articulate cross-sector strategies for HIV stigma reduction and collective empowerment.

***Activities are described in the language that they will be conducted in.**

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