



Global Health Conference

January 9, 2021

1:00-1:15	Opening
1:15-2:20	Keynote 1: Dr. Ritika Goel
2:20-2:30	Break
2:30-3:05	Breakout Room 1: Dr. Manuela Valle-Castro
	Breakout Room 2: SCPOR Kevin King
	Breakout Room 3: Liris Smith
3:05-3:15	Break
3:15-4:20	Keynote 2: Dr. Sheelah McLean
4:20-4:30	Closing

January 16, 2021

1:00-1:15	Opening
1:15-2:20	Keynote 1: Dr. Manuela Valle-Castro
2:20-2:30	Break
2:30-3:05	Breakout Room 1: Prairie Harm Reduction
	Breakout Room 2: Margaret Kisikaw Piyesis
	Breakout Room 3: Global Gathering Place
3:05-3:15	Break
3:15-4:20	Keynote 2: Dr. Shazeen Suleman
4:20-4:30	Closing

January 23, 2021

1:00-1:15	Opening
1:15-2:20	Keynote 1: Dr. Alike Lafontaine
2:20-2:30	Break
2:30-3:05	Breakout Room 1: Sehjal Bhargava
	Breakout Room 2: Dr. Veronica McKinney
	Breakout Room 3: Yotakahron Jonathan
3:05-3:15	Break
3:15-4:20	Keynote 2: Dr. Somto Ibezi
4:20-4:30	Closing

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Theme #3:

Strategies for equitable policy and advocacy to address racism within the Canadian healthcare system

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*Keynote Speaker: 01
1:15pm-2:20pm*

Dr. Alika Lafontaine

Dr. Alika Lafontaine is an award-winning physician, past-President of the Indigenous

Physicians Association of Canada and the first Indigenous physician listed by the Medical Post as one of Canada's 50 Most Powerful Doctors. For four years he co-lead the Indigenous Health Alliance project, one of the most ambitious Indigenous health transformation initiatives in Canadian history, which at its peak involved political Indigenous leadership representing more than 150 First Nations across three Provinces.

Dr. Lafontaine holds leadership positions within the Alberta Medical Association, Canadian Medical Association, HealthCareCAN, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and Alberta Health Services where he influences clinician practice,

patient advocacy, health systems operation and development of health policy. He also chairs the governance committee of the Canadian Medical Association Journal, Canada's pre-eminent medical journal.

Dr. Lafontaine continues to practice as an Anesthesiologist and is an Associate Clinical Professor in the Department of Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine, University of Alberta.

Title:

Eliminating the -isms in healthcare: How advocacy and leadership impact transformational change

Description:

Drawing on twenty years experience in Indigenous health and the work of the Indigenous Health Alliance (2013-2017), Dr. Lafontaine will share how advocacy and leadership approaches issues differently and how awareness of those differences can amplify your ability to move forward antiracism practice in healthcare.

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*Keynote Speaker: 02
3:15pm-4:20pm*

Dr. Somto Ibezi

Dr Somto Ibezi is a family doctor in Saskatoon. She works in a clinic in the community where she provides comprehensive family medicine, including minor emergency clinic.

She obtained her primary medical qualification from University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria. She completed her Family Medicine residency in England, UK, where she also worked as a GP prior to migrating to Saskatoon, Canada.

Dr Ibezi volunteers with the newcomers group, Saskatoon Open Door Society, as well as committee in SK chapter of CFPC.

She currently serves as a member of the Advocacy Committee of the Black Physicians of Canada.

Title:

Racism in Healthcare: Policies and Advocacy - how do we bring these home?

Description:

She will be speaking about interventions and policies that Healthcare and training institutions must implement to combat racism in Healthcare, with special focus on Black Health and anti-Black racism in Canada.

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Breakout Session: 01
2:30pm-3:05pm

Sehjal Bhargava

Sehjal Bhargava is a second generation Canadian and settler, living and learning on Treaty 4 territory. She is currently a third year medical student at the University of Saskatchewan. Prior to entering medicine, she completed an undergraduate honours degree in Kinesiology from the University of Saskatchewan. A degree in Kinesiology piqued her interest in public health, health inequities among Canadians, and a focus on upstream approaches to community health. While at the College of Medicine, Sehjal has led the Government Affairs and Advocacy Committee in running multi-level health advocacy campaigns on issues ranging from the implementation of municipal environmental legislation to provincial and national advocacy campaigns on access to contraception. She believes that solidarity, education, and empowerment are key to social change. She channels these principles through various projects such as founding the Usask Planetary Health Student Group, co-authoring and coordinating a national advocacy skills training program for medical students, and targeting sustainable change through grassroots work within her community. She hopes to pursue a career that allows her to focus on creating systemic change and addressing inequity through advocacy for healthy policy.

Title:

Canadian History, Compassion & Care

Description:

This talk will address how personal reflection and an understanding of Canadian history can empower one to provide culturally safe, and compassionate care. It is well established that health outcomes vary greatly between groups of Canadians. As we consider the root causes of these health inequities, we must consider Canada's history, and colonialism as determinants of health. As future health care professionals, incorporating this knowledge into how we provide care will allow us to serve our communities and work to prevent the perpetuation of racism, oppression, and medical violence. We must take steps to acknowledge the sentiment that our stories and experiences that make us who we are are not the same as anyone else's.

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*Breakout Session: 02
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Dr. Veronica McKinney

Dr. Veronica McKinney is the Director of Northern Medical Services. Veronica is of Cree/Métis descent and provides leadership in health development in northern Saskatchewan Aboriginal communities promoting the evolution and advancement of healthy communities. She is an Assistant Professor and Chair of the Indigenous Health Committee, College of Medicine, Univ. of Sask, as well as serving on various boards and committees. She practices clinical medicine at the Westside Community Clinic in Saskatoon. She believes strongly in her traditional cultural teachings and applies them to her practice of medicine.

Title:

"Nipawi: Stand up - Opportunities for advocacy in Health Care".

Description:

More than just a CANMEDs role, advocacy is a critical part of health care delivery. Numerous opportunities exist on a daily basis for health care providers to provide this in both small and large ways. This presentation will provide examples of where these opportunities exist, what advocacy can look like, as well as the importance of this practice for both the patient and yourself.

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Breakout Session: 03
2:30pm-3:05pm

Yotakahron Jonathan

Yotakahron is a Mohawk, Bear Clan woman from Six Nations of the Grand River. She's a medical student at McMaster University, where she also earned her MA and Honours BA in Sociology and Indigenous Studies. She's a traditional doula, a tiny house builder, and a podcaster.

Title:

"Experiences of an Indigenous medical student"