



Western Canada Immunization Forum 2024

Event Schedule | Wednesday, March 6

7:30am - 8:30 am Registration and Continental Breakfast

Opening Remarks

8:30am - 9:00am

- Welcome - *Dr. Monika Naus and Elder Syexwáliya Ann Whonnock*
- Video messages from Yukon, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba
- Welcome – *Dr. Bonnie Henry, BC*

9:00am - 10:15am

Plenary: Impact of the Pandemic on Immunization

Impact of the pandemic on vaccine uptake, attitudes, and future immunization strategies
Dr. Shannon MacDonald, AB

Learning Objectives

1. Recognize how the pandemic impacted vaccine attitudes and uptake.
2. Describe strategies for increasing vaccine uptake post-pandemic.

Questions & Answers with *Dr. Shannon MacDonald*

Panel Discussion: Impact of the pandemic on immunization across Western Canada
Dr. Monika Naus, BC; Kari Bergstrom, AB; Morag Granger, SK; Dr. Davinder Singh, MB and Dr. Sudit Ranade, YK

Learning Objectives

1. Utilize acquired knowledge and insights on childhood coverage rates across Western Canada.
2. Understanding the positive and negative impact of how immunization was affected through the pandemic across Western Canada.
3. Communicate future projections and strategies concerning immunization across different P/Ts while identifying opportunities for collaborative efforts and partnerships.

10:15am - 10:30am Poster Presentations

10:30am - 11:00am Break, Networking & Poster Viewing

11:00am - 11:45am

Plenary: Main Auditorium

Building Trust in Vaccines:
Practical ways to inoculate
against misinformation for you
and your patients – *Ian Roe, BC*
& *Renata Mares, ON*

Learning Objective

Identify the barriers and apply
practical strategies to counteract
immunization misinformation.

Breakout 1 - Room C400

Equity Diversity and Inclusion
Mustafa Ahmed, BC

Learning Objective

Apply EDI principles and
considerations for immunization
practice.

Breakout 2 - Room C420

Building Public Health Services
in Rural Areas
Jonathan Spence, BC

Learning Objective

Apply evidence-based strategies
to improve access to public health
services.

11:45pm - 12:45pm Lunch (Room C440) & Poster Viewing

12:45pm - 2:00pm Plenary: Immunization in special populations

Personalization of Immunization Recommendations for Immunocompromised Children
Dr. Catherine Burton, AB

Learning Objectives

1. Appreciate the general principles pertaining to immunizing immunocompromised children.
2. Describe research and clinical guidance supporting the use of live vaccines in select children who have had organ transplants.
3. Discuss the importance of individualizing vaccine recommendations for immunocompromised individuals.

Cultural Considerations While Using a Wrap Around Approach: Learning from the Maskwacis Early Years Program Successes to Increase Immunization Uptake *Charlene Rattlesnake, AB*

Learning Objectives

1. The importance in the investment in Relationship Building as a critical foundation to communicating effectively with Indigenous populations.
2. The benefits to incorporating Local Indigenous knowledge holders with western ways of doing in Immunization programs.
3. The unique barriers & facilitating approaches that encourage immunization uptake within Indigenous populations.

Questions & Answers *with Dr. Catherine Burton & Charlene Rattlesnake*

2:00pm - 2:15pm Poster Presentations

2:15pm - 2:30pm Break

2:30pm - 3:30pm Plenary: New Vaccines, New Schedules

Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) – Dr. Jim Kellner, AB

Learning Objectives

1. Describe the current trend in serious pneumococcal disease across Canada.
2. Describe the new PCV15 and PCV20 vaccines.
3. Describe the updated NACI recommendations for pneumococcal vaccines at all ages.

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – Dr. Gina Ogilvie, BC

Learning Objectives

1. Understand the emerging data on a single dose of the HPV vaccine.
2. Understand implications of a single dose for HPV vaccine coverage.

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) – Dr. Danuta Skowronski, BC

Learning Objectives

1. To understand the age-related burden of RSV and the number needed to vaccinate to prevent severe outcomes among older adults to inform potential immunization program options.

Questions & Answers *with Dr. Jim Kellner, Dr. Gina Ogilvie and Dr. Danuta Skowronski*

3:30pm - 4:00pm Closing Remarks & Door Prizes

Thank you for attending. We want to express our appreciation to all our speakers for sharing their valuable insights and knowledge with us. After the event, we will be sending you an email which includes an anonymous survey. Your feedback is essential to us, as it will help us shape next year's topics and make improvements to our event.