

Nurse Practitioner Association of Canada .....  
2nd Annual National Conference

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How Nurse Practitioners ARE Shaping  
the Future of Canadian Healthcare .....

Conference Program  
March 24, 2025



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friday, april 11

Time	Grand Ballroom West/Centre	Sheraton Hall B	Sheraton Hall C	Sheraton Hall A
0730-0830	Registration (Osgoode Foyer), Breakfast & Exhibitor Hall			
0830-0900	Breakfast PLATINUM Symposium Telus Health How TELUS Health NPs are Shaping the Evolution of Healthcare <i>Lisa Brooking, Chief of Longevity Medicine</i>			
0900-0930	Opening Remarks <i>Nancy Clark – Conference Committee Chair &amp; NPAC Professional Development Director</i> Elder Welcome <i>Bill Hill - Ro'nikonkatste (Standing Strong Spirit)</i>			
0930-1030	Keynote – How Nurse Practitioner ARE Shaping the Future of Healthcare <i>Dr. Laura Housden, PhD, MN- NP(F) &amp; Dr. Stan Marchuk DNP, MN- NP(F), FAANP</i>			

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1030-1100	Coffee & Exhibitor Hall			
1100-1130	Optimizing Patient Outcomes in Migraine: A Comprehensive Approach for Nurse Practitioners <i>Christie Tait, MN, NP-PHC</i>	Nurse Practitioner Students Comfort and Competency with Biopsy and Suturing Techniques Following Workshop Completion <i>Dr. Erin Ziegler, PhD, NP-PHC</i>	Bridging the Gap: Team Experiences with Nurse Practitioners <i>Sarah Crowe, MN, PMD-NP(F), CNCC(c)</i>	
1130-1200	Navigating the cardiac effects of breast cancer therapies <i>Coleen Power, MN, MPH, NP, CCNC</i>	Building Teams, Bridging Gaps: A Collaborative Residency Model for Acute Care Excellence <i>Jacqueline Lum, MSc(A), PHC-NP</i>	Measuring and Mitigating Nurse Practitioner Burnout <i>Dr. Roberta Heale, DNP, PhD, NP-PHC</i>	<b>Poster Presentations #1</b>
1200-1230	Lunch PLATINUM Symposium Eisai Sleep Matters: Help your patients get quality sleep <i>Dr. Serge Lessard, MD, FRCPC</i>			
1230- 1330	Lunch & Exhibitors			
1330-1400	Provincial Government Address: <i>Dr. Karima Velji RN, PhD, CHE, FCAN – Chief of Nursing &amp; Professional Practice &amp; Assistant Deputy Minister - Ontario</i>			

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1400-1430	Panel Discussion Sharing Experiences: Nurse Practitioners in Leadership Roles <i>Dr. Breanna Lloy, DN, RN-NP &amp; Sandra Van Hecke, NP, CHE</i>			
1430-1500	National and Provincial Nursing Associations Address: <i>Dr. Valerie Grdisa, RN, PhD – CEO, Canadian Nurses Association &amp; Dr. Michelle Acorn, DNP, NP, PHC/Adult – CEO, Nurse Practitioner Association of Ontario</i>			
1500-1530	Recognizing and Managing Cardiac Amyloidosis: A Guide for Nurse Practitioners <i>Dr. Mohamed El Hussein, PhD, NP</i>	Astellas GOLD Sponsored Symposium Dispelling Myths in Menopause <i>Dr. Roberta Heale, DNP, PhD, NP-PHC, MSCP</i>	Hypertension Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Hypertension in Primary Care Settings in Canada <i>Dr. Jill Bruneau, PhD, NP</i>	
1530-1600	Coffee & Exhibitor Hall			

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1600-1630	Novel Masters-level Education for Nurse Practitioners in Canada - An Alberta Approach <i>Anne Summach, MN, NP</i>	ProResp Inc. Sponsored Symposium Current Options for Respiratory Care & Equipment in a Community Setting <i>Dave Jones, BSc, RRT</i>	Bridging the Gap on Social Isolation and Loneliness in Older Adults <i>Dr. David Conn, M.B, B.Ch., B.A.O, FRCPC</i>	Poster Presentations #2
1630-1700	Cardio Pulse: How the Montreal Heart Institute is enhancing Transition for Novice Nurse Practitioners in Cardiology <i>Géraldine Berwald-Grégoire, MSN, NP &amp; Olivier Laroche, NP</i>	Optimizing Equitable Cancer Diagnoses in Canada: Exploring Roles for Primary Care NPs <i>Leah Stephenson, MA</i>	DNP and PhD practicing Nurse Practitioners (NPs), can we still be friends? <i>Kimberly Shapkin, MSN, NP, PhD(c)</i>	
1730-2030	Evening Social <i>Sponsored by ProResp Inc.</i>			

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Time	Grand Ballroom West/Centre	Sheraton Hall B	Sheraton Hall C	Sheraton Hall A
0730-0830	Breakfast & Exhibitor Hall			
0830-0900	Breakfast PLATINUM Symposium Echelon Wellness Advancing Care for Our Heroes: Empowering Nurse Practitioners in Veteran Healthcare <i>Igor Gimelshtein</i>			
0900-0905	Welcome			
0905-1000	Keynote: <i>Steven Lewis, MA, Political Science – Renowned Health Policy Consultant &amp; Researcher</i>			
1000-1030	Coffee & Exhibitor Hall			
1030-1100	Pharmacotherapy Guidelines for Major Depressive Disorder: Insights from the 2023 CANMAT Update <i>Dr. Mohamed El Hussein, PhD, NP</i>	AstraZeneca GOLD sponsored symposium	Involuntary admission practice in mental health settings: the perspective of nurse practitioners <i>Dr. Etienne Paradis-Gagné, PhD</i>	

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1100-1130	Nurse practitioner residency: A novel approach to supporting entry to practice <i>Graham Mclean, MN-NP</i>	HIV Management in Primary Care <i>Heidi Pharand-Joven, MN, NP</i>	Characterizing, Assessing and Managing Acute Brain Injury from Interpersonal Violence <i>Hannah Varto, MN, NP(F), SANE-A</i>	
1130-1200	Empowering Nurse Practitioners as Surgical Assistants: Improving Healthcare Delivery <i>Christy Goy, MN, NP(F) &amp; Joseph Zeller, MN, NP(F)</i>	Assessment and diagnosis of ADHD in children and youth <i>Amra Dizdarevic, MN, NP(F)</i>	Advancing MAiD Education: The Canadian MAiD Curriculum Project <i>Julie Campbell, MBA, MN, NP-PHC</i>	<b>Poster Presentations #3</b>
1200-1230	Panel Discussion NP Experience: Sharing moments as >1 year, >6 years, >20 years <i>Jeffrey Yu, MN, NP(F), Dr. Marie Grisbrook, PhD, MN, NP &amp; Nancy Clark, RN, BA, MN, ACNP, CCN(c), PhD(c)</i>			
1230- 1330	Lunch & Exhibitors			

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1330-1400	Case Based Learning for Nurse Practitioners: Pathways to Confidence, Competence, and Mentorship <i>Melanie Dunlop, MN-NP &amp; Laurie Graham, MN, NP-Pediatrics</i>	An Update on the BC NP Legacy Database Project: Results of a Retrospective Analysis of NP-Patient Encounters in Specialty/ Subspecialty Practice (2011–2021) <i>Dr. Minna Miller, DNP, MSN, FNP-BC, NP(F), FAANP</i>	The Management of Osteoporosis in Primary Care: An Update <i>Dr. Janet Loo, DNP, ANP-BC, NP</i>	
1400-1430	Digital Health Technology use among Nurse Practitioners <i>Anne Baldwin, RN, MN</i>	Exploring the Impact of Generalist Nurse Practitioner Regulation on Specialty Nurse Practitioner Roles: Canadian and Global Implications <i>Dr. Stan Marchuk, DNP, MN, NP(F), FAANP</i>	myoActivation: An innovative non-pharmacological needling intervention for chronic pain and restriction <i>Barb Eddy, MN, NP(F)</i>	
1430-1500	Coffee & Exhibitor Hall			
1500-1530	Virtual Simulation Use in NP Education: Faculty’s Perspectives <i>Dr. Erin Ziegler, PhD, NP-PHC</i>	Enhancing Clinical Supervision: Implementation and Evaluation of a Nurse Practitioner Supervisor Training Program <i>Nadia Doiron, MSc(A), PCNP</i>	Facing the Challenge: Transforming Acute Facial Palsy Management <i>Pamela Colley, MN, NP(F), CCCN(c)</i>	
1530-1600	Wrap-up & Best Poster			