

Better Breathing Week 2027

Preliminary Program

Please check back for additional updates on programming. More sessions are to be added in the coming months. Participants will receive a certificate of completion.

Thursday, February 18

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| 9:00 AM – 9:55 AM | Improving Lung Health in First Nation Communities
<i>Lana Potts, BScN, MD, CCFP, First Nation Physician, Indigenous Health and First Nation Expert</i> |
| 10:00 AM – 10:55 AM | The Chronic Cough Patient Journey:
From Mechanism to Clinical Decision
<i>Imran Satia, BA, MA, MB BChir, PhD, MRCP, FACP, Associate Professor and Canada Research Chair in Chronic Cough, McMaster University</i> |
| 10:00 AM – 10:55 AM | Making Lung Cancer Screening Work in Daily Clinical Practice
<i>Daria Manos, MD, FRCPC, FCAR, Professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology at Dalhousie University, Head of Thoracic Radiology and the Associate Head for Education</i>
<i>Adam Koskie, Patient Navigator, University Health Network, Ontario Lung Cancer Screening Program</i> |
| 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM | Research Poster Session |
| 1:30 PM – 3:15 PM | Workshop: Beyond COPD: Managing the Multimorbid Patient
<i>Tony D'urzo, MD, MSc, Family Physician, Primary Care Lung Clinic</i>
<i>Laura Bifulchi, RN, CRE, Senior Manager, Person-Centered Care & Programs</i> |
| 1:30 PM – 2:25 PM | Three-Minute Thesis Competition: From Research to Impact |
| 2:30 PM – 3:25 PM | Breathing in a Changing Climate: Air Quality and Respiratory Health
<i>Alan Abelsohn, MBChB, CCFP, FCFP, Diploma Env Health</i> |

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Ross Upshur, BA (Hons), MA, MD, MSc

Oral Research Presentations:

Project Exhale: ED Avoidance of Long-Term Care Residents
Through a Collaborative Community Partnership

Manjot Mangat, RRT, Manager, William Osler ProResp

Assessment of the Remote Exercise Program Effectiveness for
Individuals with Chronic Respiratory Disease

Varvara Ageeva, Mackenzie Health Hospital

Practical Trauma- and Violence-Informed Care Strategies to
Advance Equity in Lung Health

Stella Medvedyuk, Women's College Hospital

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Policy Advocacy Lab: Integrated Advocacy Models for Health
System Change

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

The Social at Better Breathing Week

*An evening of celebration, connection, and philanthropy in support
of respiratory health and groundbreaking research.*

Friday, February 19

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| 9:00 AM – 9:55 AM | What Did We Learn from the International Severe Asthma Registry (ISAR) to Date?
<i>David Price, FRCGP, MD, PhD, Head of the Observational and Pragmatic Research Institute (OPRI)</i> |
| 10:00 AM – 10:55 AM | Interstitial Lung Disease: Translating Evidence into Practice
<i>Shane Shapera, MD, FRCPC, Director, Interstitial Lung Disease Program, Toronto General Hospital</i> |
| 11:00 AM – 11:55 AM | Enhancing Decision Support with Artificial Intelligence: Benefits for Primary Care Teams and Patients
<i>Onil Bhattacharyya, MD, PhD, Senior Scientist, Women's College Hospital Research and Innovation Institute, Family Physician, Women's College Hospital</i> |

