

Better Breathing Week 2027

Preliminary Program

Please check back for additional updates on programming. More sessions are to be added in the coming months.

Thursday, February 18

7:30 AM – 8:00 AM

Networking Breakfast & Exhibiting Hall

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Sponsored Session

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM

Improving Lung Health in First Nation Communities

Lana Potts, BScN, MD, CCFP, First Nation Physician, Indigenous Health and First Nation Expert

10:00 AM – 10:45 AM

Concurrent A: The Chronic Cough Patient Journey:
From Mechanism to Clinical Decision

Imran Satia, BA, MA, MB BChir, PhD, MRCP, FACP, Associate Professor and Canada Research Chair in Chronic Cough, McMaster University

10:00 AM – 10:45 AM

Concurrent B: Making Lung Cancer Screening Work in Daily Clinical Practice

Daria Manos, MD, FRCPC, FCAR, Professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology at Dalhousie University, Head of Thoracic Radiology and the Associate Head for Education
Adam Koskie, Patient Navigator, University Health Network, Ontario Lung Cancer Screening Program

10:45 AM – 11:00 AM

Networking & Discovery | Visit Our Exhibitors

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

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Research Poster Runthrough & Networking Lunch

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1:30 PM – 3:15 PM

Concurrent A Workshop: Beyond COPD: Managing the Multimorbid Patient

Tony D'urzo, MD, MSc, Family Physician, Primary Care Lung Clinic
Laura Bifulchi, RN, CRE, Senior Manager, Person-Centered Care & Programs

2:30 PM – 3:15 PM

Concurrent B: Breathing in a Changing Climate: Air Quality and Respiratory Health

Alan Abelsohn, MBChB, CCFP, FCFP, Diploma Env Health
Ross Upshur, BA (Hons), MA, MD, MSc
Josh Rheaume, Founder and Host, Beyond the Wheeze

3:30 PM – 5:15 PM

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 – 5:15 PM

Policy Advocacy Lab: Integrated Advocacy Models for Health System Change

5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

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The Social at Better Breathing Week

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

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8:00 AM – 9:55 AM

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9:00 AM – 9:45 AM

What Did We Learn from the International Severe Asthma Registry (ISAR) to Date?

David Price, FRCGP, MD, PhD, Head of the Observational and Pragmatic Research Institute (OPRI)

9:45 AM – 10:00 AM

Networking Break

10:00 AM – 10:45 AM

Concurrent A: Interstitial Lung Disease: Translating Evidence into Practice

Shane Shapera, MD, FRCPC, Director, Interstitial Lung Disease Program, Toronto General Hospital

10:00 AM – 10:50 AM

Concurrent B: Three-Minute Thesis Competition

10:45 AM – 11:00 AM

Networking Break

11:00 AM – 11:45 AM

Concurrent A: Enhancing Decision Support with Artificial Intelligence: Benefits for Primary Care Teams and Patients

Onil Bhattacharyya, MD, PhD, Senior Scientist, Women's College Hospital Research and Innovation Institute, Family Physician, Women's College Hospital

10:15 AM – 11:30 AM

Concurrent B: Three-Minute Thesis Competition: From Research to Impact

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM

Networking Break

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1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

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