

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE Wed



8:00 - 9:15 AM	Registration/Breakfast/Trade Show/Wellness Room			Foyer/Conference Centre/Evergreen
9:15 - 9:30 AM	Opening Remarks	Lori Holloway, CEO, OCSA		Conference Centre
9:30 - 10:45 AM	Opening Keynote	'Standing on the Edge of Tomorrow: How to Lead (and Follow) through Uncertainty towards Stability and Innovation' Dr. Alika Lafontaine, Indigenous Physician Healthcare Leader		Conference Centre
10:45 - 11:00 AM	Refreshment & Networking Break/Trade Show/Wellness Room			Foyer/Conference Centre/Evergreen
11:00 - 12:00 PM	Workshops			
	Empowering Caregivers Through Social Prescribing: A New Path to Well-Being in Peel Region Elisabeth Catalano-Bon, Aarani Sivasekaram, Yasmeen Rafiq Butternut/Holly	From Setback to Comeback: The Volunteer Refresh Story Jessy Brown, Christine McGregor Orchid/Violet	Transforming Home Care Through Community Collaboration and Person-Centered Design Hemjot Mal, Thivya Sornalingam Markham A	
	Assisted Living Plus: Diverting ED Visits Through Targeted Community Support Bree Pearce, Chrystal Simpson Markham B	Healthy Aging Starts Here: The Future of Senior Care Through Community Hubs Patrick Boily Markham C	Burnout to Breakthrough: Harnessing AI to Transform Organizations in Home and Community Care Steph Ouellet Willow 4	
12:00 - 1:30 PM	Lunch/Trade Show/Wellness Room			Foyer/Conference Centre/Evergreen
12:30 - 1:30 PM	Sunshine Therapy Dogs (Wellness Room)			Evergreen
1:30 - 2:30 PM	Workshops			
	Hack the System: Innovating Harm Reduction Strategies for Palliative Care of Vulnerable Populations Felicia Kontopidis, Matthew Durham, Saran Lingham Butternut/Holly	Making Connections Real: Evaluating What Works in Virtual Befriending Programs Marianne Saragosa, Lisa Rae Orchid/Violet	Innovative Partnerships for Cost Effective Assisted Living Solutions Darryl Tooley, Sandi Bench Markham A	
	Redefining Medically Complex Care in Non-Acute Community Care Settings Bahar Karimi, Andreia Nykamp Markham B	Provincial Priorities and Progress in Home and Community Care Jenarra De Souza, Fredrika Scarth, Janet Wright Markham C	Leading with Heart: A PSW's Journey from Frontline Care to the Client Care Lead Role Oliver Blunn, Porchia Tjiramba, Trish Maxwell Willow 4	
2:30 - 2:45 PM	Refreshment Break			Foyer/Conference Centre
2:45 - 4:00 PM	Plenary Session	'Creating New Connections: Integrating Home & Community Care and Primary Care for Upstream Impact '		Conference Centre
	Dr Brian McKenna, Lead Physician, Hamilton Family Health Team/ Regional Clinical Lead, Primary Care, Ontario Health (West); Dr. Brendan Carr, Senior Advisor, Santis Health; Dan Carbin, Managing Partner, Santis Health; Marilyn Binnie, Senior Vice President, Home and Community Care; Avis Favro, Health Journalist & Senior Advisor, Santis Health (moderator).			
5:30 - 6:45 PM	Social Event - 80's Night			Foyer
6:45 - 8:00 PM	Dinner			Conference Centre
8:00 - 9:00 PM	Social Event - 80's Night			Foyer

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, October 23, 2025



8:00 - 9:00 AM	Registration/Breakfast/Trade Show/Wellness Room			Foyer/Conference Centre/Evergreen	
9:00 - 9:15 AM	Opening Remarks	Lori Holloway, CEO, OCSA			Conference Centre
9:15 - 10:15 AM	Opening Keynote	'From "What is" to "What if": What if Community Care wasn't defined by limitations, but by imagination, innovation, and possibility?' Vinod Rajasekaran, CEO & Editor-in-Chief, Future of Good Executive-in-Residence, SE Health			Conference Centre
10:15 - 10:45 AM	Refreshment and Networking Break/Trade Show/Wellness Room				Foyer/Conference Centre/Evergreen
10:45 - 11:45 AM	Workshops				
	Flavors of Home: Providing Cultural Meals through Meals on Wheels Yukari Seko, Veen Wong Butternut/Holly		Care for Caregivers: Practical Strategies to Recognize and Support Caregivers as Essential Partners in Care Alison Kilbourn, Alia Pota Orchid/Violet		Innovating at the Frontlines: Advancing Primary Care Through Community Wellness Hubs Kathy Peters, Matthew Rios Markham A
	Understanding the Care Needs of Community-Dwelling Older Adults in Ontario: Using Real-World Data to Inform Better Models Justine Giosa, Margaret Saari Markham B		Leadership in Times of Change Karima Kanani Markham C		
11:45 - 1:00 PM	Lunch/Trade Show/Hot Topics Networking/Wellness Room				Foyer/Conference Centre/Evergreen
1:00 - 2:00 PM	Plenary Session	'Solution Focused Greatness: How to amplify collaboration, resilience, and positivity in others' Sarah McVanel, Recognition Expert			Conference Centre
2:00 - 3:00 PM	Workshops				
	Map What Matters: A Simpler Way to Plan for People, Culture, and Retention Sarah McVanel, Sherry Kerr, Nichole Anderson Markham A		From Potential to Practice: Advancing Remote Care Monitoring Through Nursing Insight Tracey Turriff Markham B		Bridging the Gap: Real Stories of Integrating CSS and Primary Care in Rural Communities Jenna de Nijs, Michelle Johnston, Shelly Vergeer, Janelle Johnston Markham C

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