I am so delighted to be able to welcome you to Halifax, the place I call home. Born and raised here, I had brief stints living in other parts of Canada, but the salt air, wonderful people and beautiful surroundings have always brought me back to this amazing city. And what a fabulous place for CAHSPR to host this year’s Scientific Conference – “When Research Meets Policy!”

One of the main goals of CAHSPR is to bring researchers, policy makers and decision makers together and this year we will be using that lens to highlight some of the amazing work that is happening in the Atlantic Provinces and beyond, that demonstrates the impact that research has in shaping policy. The line up of speakers and quality of posters is second to none – I know that you will leave at the end of the conference feeling that it has been time and money well spent. And speaking of spending money, while in this beautiful city, please take advantage of the many attractions and great shops and restaurants.

President’s Picks: Favourite Places to Eat

- Damaurizios
- Chives
- John’s Lunch (best fish and chips or clams and chips in town!)
*take the Woodside Ferry from Downtown to Dartmouth; well worth the trip and a lovely 10-minute crossing*

President’s Picks: Favourite Attractions

- The Public Gardens on Spring Garden Road
- Citadel Hill
- Pier 21
- Walk along the Waterfront
- Point Pleasant Park
- The Seaport Farmer’s Market

For those of you who love shoes as much as I do, no trip to Halifax would be complete without stopping at John David’s Shoes in Park Lane on Spring Garden Road.

Please enjoy the amazing hospitality and all the wonders that Halifax and this conference has to offer.

Chris Power, President, CAHSPR

CHRIS POWER, CEO, Canadian Patient Safety Institute

What began as a desire to help those in need has evolved into a mission to improve the quality of healthcare for all Canadians. Chris Power’s journey in healthcare began at the bedside as a front-line nurse. Since then, she has grown into one of the preeminent healthcare executives in Canada. Her experiences, her success, and her values have led her to the position of CEO of the Canadian Patient Safety Institute. Previously, Chris served for eight years as president and CEO of Capital Health, Nova Scotia. Chris holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Mount Saint Vincent University and a Masters in Health Services Administration from Dalhousie University. She is a Certified Health Executive with the Canadian College of Health Service Executives and holds a Fellowship in Management for Executive Nurses from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. In 2003, she received the Award for Excellence and Innovation from the Canadian College of Health Services Executives and in 2007 received an Award of Excellence from the Halifax Progress Club. She was named one of Canada’s Top 100 Most Powerful Women in the Public-Sector Category three years in a row from 2007-2009 and in 2010 was inducted into the Hall of Fame. She was named one of the Top 50 CEO’s in Atlantic Canada four times and in 2013 was inducted into the Top 50 CEOs Hall of Fame. In 2013 Chris received an honorary Doctorate in Civil Law from St. Mary’s University. Chris holds significant governance roles including President of the Canadian Association for Health Services & Policy Research Board, Co-Chair of CHLNet, Board member of Colleges & Institutes of Canada, and Board member of Simulation Canada. With all the accolades and responsibilities, Chris has maintained her strong sense of self and credits her love of family, faith and her gift of singing for keeping her grounded.
Dr. Jennifer Zelmer joined the Canadian Foundation for Healthcare Improvement as its President and CEO in September 2018. She brings a long-standing commitment to healthcare improvement to the role, as well as expertise in spreading and scaling innovations that deliver better health, care, and value. She is also the Editor-in-Chief of Healthcare Policy, an adjunct faculty member at the University of Victoria, and a member of several health-related advisory committees and boards. Previously, as President of Azimuth Health Group, Dr. Zelmer was a strategic advisor to leaders who sought to advance health and healthcare at local, national, and international levels. Before that, she held senior leadership positions with Canada Health Infoway, the International Health Terminology Standards Development Organization, and the Canadian Institute for Health Information. Dr. Zelmer received her PhD and MA in economics from McMaster University and her B.Sc. in health information science from the University of Victoria.

Dr. Gail Tomblin Murphy is Vice-President, Research and Innovation at the Nova Scotia Health Authority, Halifax, Nova Scotia and the Director of the WHO/PAHO Collaborating Centre on Health Workforce Planning and Research at Dalhousie University. Gail is an internationally recognized expert in population needs-based approaches to health systems and workforce planning, evaluation and research. She leads and co-leads national and international research teams consisting of clinicians, health care leaders, senior policy-makers, and researchers from government, universities and health care organizations and has been an Expert Advisor on health workforce to the World Health Organization and Pan American Health Organization since 2005. Gail’s work has been widely published and she has authored many policy documents and commissioned reports. Her research has garnered extensive interest from governments and other stakeholders because of its potential to significantly impact health policy in Canada and abroad.

Dr. Gail Tomblin Murphy

Join us by the sea!

We are truly excited to be the host city of this year’s CAHSPR Scientific Conference When Research Meets Policy as Halifax has a long history as a place where innovative thinkers and collaborators converge. Founded in 1749, as a major port city on Canada’s Atlantic coast and with one of the best harbours in the work, Halifax is a thriving hub of activity, culture and diversity. Boasting no less than four universities, many colleges, art galleries and festivals, as the tertiary healthcare centre for the province, Halifax attracts researchers and scholars from across the globe.

It is our pleasure to have this opportunity to host healthcare leaders from Nova Scotia and across Canada as they discuss the value in health services research and learn how their work has impacted policy and planning decisions. Better research...better decisions...better health with the warmest of Maritime hospitality.
A MESSAGE FROM THE SCIENTIFIC CO-CHAIRS

Welcome to CAHSPR in the lovely ocean-side city of Halifax. As your Scientific Co-Chairs, Matthew Menear and Emily Gard Marshall, we are excited to share our enthusiasm for this year’s conference venue and program. Bringing the conference to Atlantic Canada is part of CAHSPR’s commitment for a strong national meeting, facilitating the participation of researchers, policy and decision makers, patients and students from across the country. We were delighted when this year’s conference received a record-breaking number of abstracts, indicating the interest in exploring the east coast of Canada and a conference that will showcase the very best in health services and policy research. This year’s conference theme is “Where research meets policy” and we are planning an outstanding conference program highlighting how evidence is shaping our health policies and improving the lives of Canadians. We have also innovated this year by creating a new category of presentation tailor-made for policy and decision makers, who will be able to share innovative policies, programs or initiatives of high interest to the HSPR community. Never before have we held a meeting offering so many opportunities for participants to rub elbows with world-class researchers and health system leaders. Aside from our packed conference program, we hope you will make the most of what this great city has to offer, from Halifax Boardwalk, Citadel Hill, Keith’s Brewery, the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21, the Public Gardens, Point Pleasant Park, and our many food and music venues. Not far from Halifax you can find the famous Peggy’s Cove Lighthouse, wine country and the Grand-Pre National Historic site in the fertile Annapolis valley, charming towns along the south shore, and the stunning beauty of Cape Breton. The local toast is a hearty call and response of “SOCIABLE”, and we expect you will find Atlantic Canada a friendly, historic and fun setting.

Dr. Emily Gard Marshall, BA, MSc, PhD, is an Associate Professor in the Dalhousie Department of Family Medicine Primary Care Research Unit, cross-appointed in Psychiatry and Community Health and Epidemiology, a Healthy Populations Institute Associate Research Scholar, Nova Scotia Health Authority Affiliated Scientist, McGill Family Medicine Adjunct Professor, Faculty Mentor for the CIHR TUTOR-Primary Health Care Strategic training program, Board Member of the Canadian Association of Health Services and Policy Research and former CAHSPR Primary Health Care Theme Group Chair. Her mixed methods research examines primary healthcare access, continuity, and comprehensiveness in community and institutional settings with the goals of improving access equity and optimizing patient and provider outcomes. She currently leads “MAAP-NS: Models and Access Atlas of Primary Care Providers in Nova Scotia”, the first Canadian study linking census provider and practice survey data to equity and comprehensiveness outcomes from billing data; “The UP study: Unattached Patients in primary care - a mixed methods understanding of causes, consequences and solutions”; and the Nova Scotia arm of the CIHR funded ECPC-Study of family physician practice patterns and preferences.

Matthew Menear is currently a postdoctoral fellow affiliated with the Institut national d’excellence en santé et en services sociaux (INESSS) and the Research Centre on Primary Healthcare and Services of Laval University. He completed his doctoral training within the School of Public Health at the University of Montreal, specializing in the organization of healthcare services. His research focuses on the delivery and organization of mental health and addiction services within primary care and on the engagement of patients and families in their care. His project with INESSS will focus on the development and evaluation of COMPAS-SM, a new patient-oriented intervention designed to promote reflexivity and quality improvement in mental health care within primary care settings in the province of Quebec.
Introduction to Impact Evaluation: How to Design, Analyze, and Interpret Non-Randomized Data to Reliably Evaluate the Impact of Policies and Programs

This workshop coordinated by the CAHSPR Primary Healthcare Theme Group

Presented By:
Nadia Sourial, PhD(c), Department of Family Medicine, McGill University
Claire Godard Sebillotte, MD, PhD(c), Department of Family Medicine, McGill University
Sathya Karunanathan, PhD, Clinical Epidemiology Program, Ottawa Hospital Research Institute

The objective of this session is to provide guidance in conducting rigorous impact evaluation, accessible to researchers or trainees. Rationale: Randomized trials are often viewed as the gold standard for determining the causal effect of policies, programs or practices. However, the use of randomization is often inappropriate or infeasible for many practical, logistical, ethical or political considerations. With the advent of practice-based research networks, and increased connectivity of electronic health records and health administrative data, health services and policy research has a tremendous opportunity to answer important questions using non-randomized data sources. The validity and practical utility of non-randomized data to inform policy depends critically on appropriate study designs, outstanding data quality, suitable statistical methods, and accurate interpretation of results.

Working Collaboratively within the Health System: Becoming an Effective Research Partner

This workshop coordinated by the CAHSPR Student Working Group

Presented By:
Sarah Bowen, PhD, Applied Research and Evaluation Consultant
Christine Cassidy, RN PhD, CIHR Health System Impact Postdoctoral Fellow, IWK Health Centre & University of Ottawa
Ingrid Botting, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Community Health Sciences, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Manitoba, and Corporate Secretary, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority

Effectiveness in health services/systems research requires development of specific knowledge and skills for working in partnership with health system decision makers. This interactive workshop will be based on recent research exploring the experience of senior health system personnel with research partnerships, and the expertise of researchers working in embedded research roles. This workshop aims to:

1) summarize the challenges of research partnerships from a health system perspective;
2) outline the research skills and interpersonal characteristics that would facilitate good working relationships between researchers and health system managers;
3) provide practical guidance for establishing, managing, and supporting positive collaborations with health system partners when working in a research role within the health system;
4) practice solving common partnership challenges.

The workshop is designed for current and recent graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, specifically those who are undertaking health services/systems research.

Empowering Women Leaders in Health Care and Health Sciences

In partnership with the CAHSPR Health Workforce Theme Group, this workshop participants will provide and overview and background case of equity and diversity issues in health care and health sciences in Canada. Participants will be introduced to the draft tool kit of promising practices the team has developed in partnership with the Canadian Health Workforce Network, the Canadian Health Leadership network and the Canadian College of Health Leaders. Empowering Women Leaders is a Status of Women Canada funded project.

Primary Healthcare Theme Group Annual General Meeting

This workshop coordinated by the CAHSPR Primary Healthcare Theme Group

Wondering What Career Paths are Waiting for you in the Field of Health Services and Policies? Get answers from the CAHSPR Leadership!

This session coordinated by the CAHSPR Student Working Group

This panel session is a great way for students to get to know the leaders of the Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research (CAHSPR)! Students and trainees are invited to join the CAHSPR leadership team as they provide complementary perspectives on how research meets policy in career paths from research to high-level management in healthcare, drawing on their own experiences and responding to questions from attendees. This session includes a special networking period to allow for interaction with members of the CAHSPR leadership team, as well as with each other.

Welcome Reception
WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2019

7:30AM – 8:30PM Breakfast
8:30AM – 8:35AM Indigenous Welcome
8:35AM – 8:45AM Conference Opening and Welcome Remarks
8:45AM – 10:15AM Welcome to Atlantic Canada – Where Research Meets Policy

The opening session will feature the development of a coordinated approach to linking research and policy in Nova Scotia and in the Maritime Provinces generally. We understand that the Maritimes have succeeded in developing a strong link between the health services research community and the key policy and decision makers.

PRESENTED BY:
Janet Knox, President & CEO, Nova Scotia Health Authority
David Dingwall, President & Vice-Chancellor, Cape Breton University
Alice Aiken, Vice-President, Research & Innovation, Dalhousie University

MODERATED BY:
Gail Tomblin-Murphy, Vice-President, Research and Innovation, Nova Scotia Health Authority

10:15AM – 10:45AM Health Break

10:45AM – 12:00PM Concurrent Sessions: Stream A
A1: Access & Equity
A2: Cancer, Chronic Disease Management
A3: Collaborative Healthcare Improvement Partnerships
A4: Health Economics/Financing/Funding
A5: Health Human Resources
A6: Health Policy
A7: Pharmaceutical Policy
A8: Health System Performance
A9: Home Care & Long-Term Care and Aging
A10: Primary Health Care

12:00PM – 1:00PM Lunch
Tributes to Jack Tu & Jack Boan (12:35 to 12:50)
Presented by Greg Marchildon and Michael Schull

1:00PM – 2:15PM Concurrent Sessions: Stream B
B1: Capacity Building (PANEL)
B2: Healthcare Reform, and Health Accord (PANEL)
B3: Health System Performance (PANEL)
B4: Home Care & Long Term Care and Aging (PANEL)
B5: Knowledge Translation & Exchange (PANEL)
B6: Primary Care (PANEL)
B7: Health Economics/Financing/Funding
B8: Health System Performance & Policy
B9: Equity & Social Determinants
B10: Cancer, Chronic Disease Management

2:15PM – 2:45PM Health Break

2:45PM – 4:00PM Concurrent Sessions: Stream C
C1: Access & Equity
C2: Cancer, Chronic Disease Management
C3: Patient Engagement
C4: Health Economics/Financing/Funding
C5: Healthcare Reform, and Health Accord
C6: Health System Performance
C7: Home Care & Long-Term Care and Aging
C8: Maternal & Child Health
C9: Mental Health
C10: Primary Health Care

4:15PM – 5:30PM SUB-PLENARY SESSIONS A
Where Research Meets Policy @ A Provincial Level

PRESENTED BY:
Don MacDonald, Vice President, Health Analytics and Evaluation Services, Newfoundland & Labrador Centre for Health Information
Anna Greenberg, Vice President, Health System Performance, Health Quality Ontario
Matthew Menear, Health System Impact Fellow, Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux, Laval University

MODERATED BY:
Maria Matthews, Professor, Department of Family Medicine, Memorial University

How Do Patients and Researchers Interact with Electronic Data Systems?

PRESENTED BY:
Frank Gavin, Director of Citizen Engagement, CHILD-BRIGHT CIHR SPOR Network
Fred Burge, Professor and Research Director, Primary Care Research Unit, Family Medicine, Dalhousie University
Lisa Jaakkimainen, Senior Core Scientist Program Lead, Primary Care and Health Systems Research, ICES
Michelle Greiver, Gordon F. Cheesbrough Chair in Family and Community Medicine, North York General Hospital
Jose Pereira, Director, Research, College of Family Physicians of Canada; Professor, Department of Palliative Care, University of Ottawa

MODERATED BY:
Kim McGrail, Professor, UBC School of Population and Public Health

The Opioids Crisis in Canada: Challenges and Solutions

PRESENTED BY:
Dimitra Panagiotoglou, Assistant Professor, McGill University
Marianne Saragosa, PhD Student, University of Toronto
Tonya Campbell, Epidemiologist, ICES
Natasha Kithulegoda, Research Coordinator, Women's College Hospital

MODERATED BY:
Professor, Department of Anesthesia, Pain Management and Peri-operative Medicine, Dalhousie University

5:30PM – 6:30PM  Poster Presentations & Cocktail Hour

6:30PM – 7:30PM  Maternal and Child Health Theme Group Meeting
This meeting coordinated by the CAHSPR Maternal and Child Health Theme Group

7:45PM – 10:00PM  Student Meet & Eat
This social is coordinated by the CAHSPR Student Working Group
THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2019

7:00AM – 8:15AM  Breakfast Session: Does Canada Have the Evidence to Support Increasing Leadership Capacity in the Health System?

PRESENTED BY:
Chris Power, CEO CPSI and CHLNet Co Chair
Bill Tholl, Senior Policy Advisor CHLNet
Dr. Ivy Bourgeault, Professor University of Ottawa and CIHR Chair in Gender, Work and HHR

Good leadership is often taken for granted. However, with Canada's declining relative performance and fragmented innovation efforts, new approaches to leadership and leadership development are vital: old ways won't work. Growing leadership capacity is a strategic and operational priority but only in keeping with two related demands: creating healthy workplaces; and generating people-centred reform. An evidence-informed approach, tailored to each jurisdiction but tied together nationally, is desired for our health workforce. But do we have the research and evidence to support increasing leadership capacity in the health system? To begin addressing these issues, CHLNet a value network of 43 organizations, has embarked on its second Benchmarking Study on leadership gaps and the diversity imbalance in leadership. This has been done in partnership with the University of Ottawa, Canadian Nurses Association, Canadian Medical Association, Canadian College of Health Leaders, Health Canada, George and Fay Yee Centre for Healthcare Innovation (MB), HealthCareCAN and Queens University. Come join us for an engaging conversation on gaps and how to create a stronger link between the users and doers of research into health leadership.

7:00AM – 8:15AM  Digging into the future: how can we improve pan-Canadian Data and Information Governance (DIG) for health?

PRESENTED BY:
Eric Sutherland, Executive Director, Data Governance Strategy

Since its formation almost 25 years ago, the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) has harnessed the power of data and information to become an integral part of Canada's health care landscape. This landscape is changing as organizations leverage exponential data growth, new capabilities from advanced and predictive analytics, and the rise of digital technologies. To help generate better health outcomes through improved use of data and information, CIHI has been listening to stakeholders to determine opportunities to 1) Simplify sharing of trusted data; 2) Enable privacy-sensitive access; and 3) Create insights that enable better evidence for decision-makers — from practitioners and health system planners to patients and others. Kick off your day by learning what CIHI has heard about possible directions, principles and practical actions to improve governance of data and information in Canada. The facilitated discussion will offer ample opportunity for you to provide your comments and advice on what action should be taken. We very much hope you will be able to join us.

7:30AM – 8:30AM  Breakfast

8:30AM – 9:45AM  At Long Last? Fulfilling Justice Hall’s Vision for Universal Pharmacare in Canada

Universal pharmacare has been recommended by government reports and commissions dating back to the 1940s, but to no avail. It is now “back on the table” as the leading health care agenda item in the 2019 federal election. In his Emmett Hall Memorial Lecture, Dr. Morgan will review the evidence-base for universal pharmacare, lessons from our past and from comparable countries, and challenges Canada will face moving forward.

PRESENTED BY:
Steven G. Morgan, 2019 Hall Laureate

MODERATED BY:
Mark Dobrow, President, Justice Emmett Hall Foundation

9:45AM – 10:15AM  Health Break

10:15AM – 11:30AM  Concurrent Sessions: Stream D
D1: Knowledge Translation & Exchange (PANEL)
D2: Health systems Performance (PANEL)
D3: Mental Health (PANEL)
D4: Access & Equity
D5: Cancer, Chronic Disease Management
D6: Health Human Resources
D7: Home Care & Long-Term Care and Aging
D8: Patient Engagement
D9: Pharmaceutical Policy
D10: Primary Health Care

11:30AM – 12:00PM  Justice Emmett Hall Foundation Annual General Meeting
11:30AM – 12:30PM  Lunch
Presentation of the Ted Freedman Award

12:30PM – 1:45PM  Concurrent Sessions: Stream E
E1: Access & Equity (PANEL)
E2: Capacity Building (PANEL)
E3: Collaborative Healthcare Improvement Partnerships (PANEL)
E4: Data Science (PANEL)
E5: Health Policy (PANEL)
E6: Knowledge Translation & Exchange (PANEL)
E7: Health Systems Performance
E8: Home Care & Long-Term Care and Aging
E9: Mental Health
E10: Primary Health Care

1:45PM – 2:15PM  Health Break

2:15PM – 3:30PM  Concurrent Sessions: Stream F
F1: Access & Equity
F2: Health Economics/Financing/Funding
F3: Health Policy
F4: Mental Health
F5: Health Systems Performance
F6: Home Care & Long-Term Care and Aging
F7: Maternal & Child Health
F8: Patient Engagement
F9: Knowledge Translation & Exchange
F10: Primary Health Care

3:45PM – 5:00PM  SUB-PLENARY SESSIONS B

Where Research Meets Policy @ The Federal Level
PRESENTED BY:
John Lavis, Director, McMaster Health Forum
David O'Toole, CEO, Canadian Institute for Health Information
Ivy Bourgeault, Professor, Telfer School of Management, University of Ottawa

MODERATED BY:
Chris Power, CEO, Canadian Patient Safety Institute

Indigenous Health, Research, and Reconciliation
PRESENTED BY:
Margot Latimer, Professor, School of Nursing, Dalhousie University
Debbie Martin, Tier II Canada Research Chair, Indigenous People's Health and Well-Being Association Professor, Health Promotion
Sharon Rudderham, Eskasoni Health Director

SPOR Canadian Data Platform
Presented by:
Kim McGrail, University of British Columbia
Michael Schull, Institute of Clinical and Evaluative Studies
Alison Paprica, Vector Institute
Denis Roy, Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux
Brent Diverty, Canadian Institute for Health Information

5:00PM – 6:00PM  Poster Presentations & Cocktail Hour

6:00PM – 9:30PM  Primary Healthcare Theme Group Networking Social
This session coordinated by the CAHSPR Primary Healthcare Theme Group

6:15PM – 8:30pm  Student Meet & Eat with Nova Scotia Health Authority
This social is coordinated by the CAHSPR Student Working Group

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