

### **Preliminary Program Agenda**

September 11 - 13, 2025 | Times are in Eastern Daylight Time Sheraton Fallsview Hotel | Niagara Falls

### Thursday September 11, 2025

07:30 - 08:30	Registration & Breakfast	
08:30 - 08:45	Welcome Remarks and Indigenous Blessing Anna Banerji, O.Ont., MD, MPH, FRCPC, FAAP, DTM&H CTropMed 2024 Top 25 Women of Influence in Canada Executive Director, North American Refugee Health Conference Inc.	Great Room BC 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
	Jackie (Tekaiatakwas) Labonté	
	Kaniekehake, Wakanioten/Mohawk Turtle Clan	
	Plenary Sessions	Main Plenary Room
08:45 – 09:45	Unheard Voices Rageshri Dhairyawan, MBBS, FRCP, BSc, MSc, Dip GUM, Dip HIV, DFSRH NHS Consultant in Sexual Health and HIV Medicine;	Great Room BC 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
-	Author, Unheard: The Medical Practice of Silencing	
09:45 10:45	The Unmet Health Needs of Migrants from Latin America: The Need for Human Rights-Based and Equity Approaches Olger Gonzalez J.D., Advisor on Human Rights, Pan American Health	Great Room BC 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
	Organization (PAHO)	
10:45 – 11:15	Morning Break, Sponsor Exhibit & Poster Viewing	
11:15 – 12:15	Workshops (60 minutes total: 45 minutes interactive presentation and 15 minutes for audience questions)	Breakout Sessions
11:15 – 12:15	Honouring Their Voices: Informing Mental Health and Substance Use Care for Refugee Youth of African Descent in Nova Scotia (9) Ifeyinwa Mbakogu, Irene Maeri	Strategy 7, Level 5
11:15 – 12:15	Diabetes in Black Individuals of African Caribbean Ancestry (ACB) aged 18-39 Years in Toronto: Cultural Relativity of Measurement and Risk Assessment (23) Akm Alamgir	Fallsview A, Level 3
11:15 – 12:15	Healthcare Workers Organizing to Support Newly Arriving People: Lessons Learned (44) Marc Shi, Shobana Ramasamy, Isabelle Sillo	Strategy 5, Level 5
11:15 – 12:15	How REAC! is drawing lessons from success: new ways of collaborating can support marginalized migrants' health	Strategy 1, Level 5
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	(61) Lara Gautier, Laila Mahmoudi, Muzhgan Haydary, May Massijeh	
11:15 – 12:15	Stories of Resilience: Navigating Health, Settlement, and Belonging Among Syrian and Ukrainian Refugee Women (80) Areej Al- Hamad, Kateryna Metersky, Rezwana Rahman	Strategy 3, Level 5
11:15 – 12:15	Virtual Emergency Department care experiences of equity-deserving populations Courtney Kupka	Fallsview C, Level 3
11:15 – 12:15	Understanding the health impacts of immigration detention on asylum seekers and refugees (73) Letizia M. Affaticati, Bafreen Sherif, Suresh Sundram	Strategy 2, Level 5
11:15 – 12:15	Healthcare on the Move: Lessons from the Canadian Red Cross and the Road Ahead Puspita Hossain, Christina Angelakis	Upper Fallsview B, Level 5
12:15 - 01:00	Lunch, Sponsor Exhibit & Poster Viewing	
01:00 - 01:45	Oral Abstracts (Each presentation is 15 minutes total: 10 minutes presentation and 5 minutes for audience questions)	Breakout Sessions
Presentation 1	Building Strength in Community: The Role of Social Resilience in Supporting the Mental Health of Venezuelan Migrant Women in Manabí, Ecuador Maegan McConnell	Strategy 3, Level 5
Presentation 2	Pathways to Quality Mental Health Care (110) Michaela Keogh	-
Presentation 3	Refugee Older Adults' Use of the Internet and Social Media for Transnational Healthcare: A Scoping Review (46) Cristina Catallo, Alanna De Fry	-
Presentation 1	Breaking Barriers: Addressing Health Communication Challenges Faced by Refugees with Disabilities in the U.S. Healthcare System (17) Mustafa Rfat	Strategy 2, Level 5
Presentation 2	Adapting and Enduring: Using AI and Dietary Intake to Understand Chronic Disease and Type 2 Diabetes Dynamics Among Refugees in the Midwest (60) Falah Rashoka	-
Presentation 1	Help Seeking Behaviours of Refugee And Non-refugee Background Youth: A Mixed Methods Investigation from Three Countries (42) Tahereh Ziaian	Strategy 1, Level 5
Presentation 2	Learning from the experiences of Ukraine refugees in Canada - an initiative to train qualitative researchers and conduct pilot interviews with refugees in Canada (64) Susan Law	_
Presentation 3	Social determinants of mental health for young people from refugee backgrounds: A cross-sectional analysis of Australian Census and linked administrative data (89)  Michaela Hynie	
Presentation 1	Resettlement experiences of Syrian Refugees in Canada:	Strategy 5, Level 5
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	Results from a multi-site study (41) Bharati Sethi	-
Presentation 2	How On-going Violence in Origin Countries Affects	
	Wellbeing: A Qualitative Study of South Sudanese	
	Refugees in Canada and the UK (47) Emily LeRoux-	
	Rutledge	<del>-</del>
Presentation 3	Pre-migration Factors as Predictors of Social Inclusion	
	and Stress Among Syrian Refugees in Canada (57) Hania	
	Amir	
1:45 – 2:00	Transition Time	
	Plenary Session	Main Plenary Room
2:00 – 2:45	In Conversation with Dr. Gabor Maté	Great Room BC
	Gabor Maté, MD (Virtual)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
	Internationally renowned physician, Order of Canada	
	recipient expert in addictions and trauma, and	
	bestselling author of five books including In the Realm of	
	Hungry Ghosts: Close Encounters with Addiction	
	Anna Banerji, O.Ont., MD, MPH, FRCPC, FAAP, DTM&H	
	CTropMed	
	2024 Top 25 Women of Influence in Canada	
	Executive Director, North American Refugee Health	
	Conference Inc.	
2:45 – 3:00	Transition Time	
3:00 - 4:00	Concurrent Sessions	Breakout Sessions
3:00 - 4:00	Concurrent Session 1: Caring for the Uninsured	Strategy 1, Level 5
	Paul Caulford, MD	<b>.</b>
	Family Physician; Founder, The Canadian Centre for	
	Refugee and Immigrant Health Care	
3:00 - 4:00	Concurrent Session 2: The Afghan Refugee	Strategy 3, Level 5
	Resettlement Movement: Reflections and Lessons	<b>0,</b> ,
	Learned	
	Umashanie Reddy	
	Manager of the Resettlement Assistance Program	
	National Coordinating Body	
	Fariborz Birjandian (Virtual)	
	Chief Executive Officer · Calgary Catholic Immigration	
	Society	
3:00 – 4:00	Concurrent Session 3: <b>Beyond Health Advocacy</b> ,	Strategy 2, Level 5
	Towards Solidarity: Lessons from Anti-Racism and Anti-	
	Oppression Work in Medicine and Public Health	
	Yipeng Ge, MPH, MD CCFP	
	Primary Care Physician, Public Health Practitioner	
	Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre	
4:00 - 4:10	Transition Time	
	Plenary Session	Main Plenary Room
4:10 – 5:10	Medicine on the Frontline of Palestine	Great Room BC



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# Friday September 12, 2025

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07:00 - 08:00	Registration & Breakfast	
08:00 - 08:15	Welcome Remarks	
	Plenary Sessions	Main Plenary Room
08:15 - 09:15	Refugee Stories	Great Room BC
	Nhial Deng – South Sudan	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
	Award-Winning Youth Advocate, Community Organizer,	
	and Storyteller	
	Ali Abdiwahab Adan	
	Journalist and Disability Advocate, Uganda	
09:15 - 10:15	Mental Health of Refugee Children	Great Room BC
	Rachel Kronick, MD	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
	Researcher, Child Psychiatrist, Co-Director Child	
	Psychiatry Services, Jewish General Hospital; Child	
	Consultant, Cultural Consultation Service	
10:15 – 10:45	Morning Break, Sponsor Exhibit & Poster Viewing	
10:45 – 11:45	Workshops (60 minutes total: 45 minutes interactive	Breakout Sessions
	presentation and 15 minutes for audience questions)	
10:45 – 11:45	Trauma Informed Approach for Working with Child and	Strategy 5, Level 5
	Youth Survivors of War and Torture (11) Ana Ulloa	
10:45 – 11:45	International Organization on Migration: The	Upper Fallsview B,
	Interwoven Fabric in Refugee Health Naing Zaw Htun	Level 5
	Myint (Virtual), Patricka Chulamokha	
10:45 – 11:45	Refugee Protection and Settlement in Canada (26)	Strategy 7, Level 5
	Teresa Dremetsikas	
10:45 – 11:45	Equitable Healthcare and Well-being Service/Programs	Strategy 1, Level 5
	for Newcomers, Refugees, and Non-status Torontonians	
	by Access Alliance-A Toronto Community Health Centre	
	Model (67) Akm Alamgir	
10:45 – 11:45	No Health Without Status: The Fight for Equitable HIV	Strategy 2, Level 5
10.15 11.15	Care for Uninsured People (121) Sarah Ionson	- II
10:45 – 11:45	Tuberculosis in newcomers Sahar Zohni	Fallsview A, Level 3
10:45 – 11:45	Oral Health Matters in Refugee Health: Steps for Dental	Fallsview C, Level 3
40.45 44.45	Disease Screening and Management (39) Jennifer N. Seo	611 2 1 15
10:45 – 11:45	International Organization for Migration on LGTBI issues	Strategy 3, Level 5
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10:45 – 11:45	Indigenous Perspectives on Healing from Traumas	Upper Fallsview A,
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11:45 – 12:45	Lunch, Sponsor Exhibit & Poster Viewing	



12:45 – 1:45	Oral Abstracts (Each presentation is 15 minutes total: 10 minutes presentation and 5 minutes for audience questions)	Breakout Sessions
Presentation 1	Healthcare Service Needs for Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Residents with Precarious Immigration Status in Canada (24) Akm Alamgir	Strategy 3, Level 5
Presentation 2	Telehealth Utilization Among Immigrant and Refugee Populations: A Scoping Review (22) Saleema Allana	
Presentation 3	A promising health training program for Rohingya refugee women in Bangladesh (55) Bree Akesson, Ashley Stewart-Tufescu	
Presentation 1	Addressing Refugees and Other Migrant Populations in National Adaptation Strategies: A Critical Assessment and Future Pathways (25) Mariam Farooq, Leanne Lacap	Strategy 2, Level 5
Presentation 2	National asylum clinic perspectives' on the Asylum Medicine Training Initiative (AMTI) (68) Marcelina Kubica	
Presentation 3	Rethinking empowerment through the lens of power: A systematic review and qualitative meta-synthesis on the experience of asylum-seeking unaccompanied minors (75) Tevfik Bayram	
Presentation 4	Examining the Inclusion of Distress Migrants and Refugees in Ecuador's Health Systems Through a Human Rights Lens (90) Daniel López-Cevallos	
Presentation 1	Mental Health Issues Affecting Refugee Youth in Canada who Experienced Family Loss and Separation in their Country of Origin (49) Ezza Jalil	Strategy 1, Level 5
Presentation 2	Access to a Primary Care Autism Assessment Program for Children with Non-English Language Preference (100) Stanley Weinberger	•
Presentation 1	Towards Sustainable Reintegration: Factors Shaping the Return of Liberian Refugees from Ghana (10) Eric Gyampoh	Strategy 5, Level 5
Presentation 2	Migrants in turbulence times - Staying Awake - Journey to the land of Paradise (16) Richard Osei Bonsu Leander	•
Presentation 3	Addressing the mental health needs of African Refugees	•
Tresentation 3	in Canada: An Afrocentric Approach (58) Massah Tarawalley	



2:15 – 3:15	Concurrent Sessions	Breakout Sessions
2:15 – 3:15	Concurrent Session 1: Language Access: How	Strategy 2, Level 5
	Communicating Comfortably and Effectively Optimizes	
	Health System Performance	
	Grace Eagan	
	Director, Language Services and Digital Strategies,	
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2:15 – 3:15	Concurrent Session 2: Pathways to Peace in the Middle	Strategy 5, Level 5
	East	
	Michael Lynk, LLB, LLM	
	Professor Emeritus of Law at Western University;	
	Former United Nations Special Rapporteur on the	
	Occupied Palestinian Territories	
2:15 – 3:15	Concurrent Session 3: How to Help a Refugee Having a	Strategy 3, Level 5
	Mental Health Crisis for the Non-Psychiatrist	
	Clare Pain, MD, MSc, FRCPC, DSc (Hons) AAU Professor,	
	Department of Psychiatry, University of Toronto;	
	Psychiatrist, Mount Sinai Hospital; Consultant, Canadian	
	Center for Victims of Torture for Refugee Mental Health;	
	Senior Strategist Toronto Addis Ababa Academic	
	Collaboration (TAAAC)	
2:15 – 3:15	Concurrent Session 4: Work Up of Tropical Medicine in	Strategy 1, Level 5
	Refugees	
	Greg Hawley, MD, CCFP	
	Tropical Medicine Fellow, Tropical Disease Unit, Toronto	
	General Hospital	
	Family Physician, HQ Health Hub and Casey House	
	Hospital	
3:15 – 3:30	Transition Time	
	Plenary Session	Main Plenary Room
3:30 – 4:30	Unlocking the Heart of Childhood Trauma: Paediatric	Great Room BC
	PTSD in Today's Context	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
	Gili Adler Nevo, MD	
	Michael Garron Hospital Child and Adolescent Anxiety	
	Clinic	
	Assistant Professor, the University of Toronto and	
	Toronto Metropolitan University	
4:30 - 5:30	Women's Health	Great Room BC
	Shatha Elnakib, PhD, MPH	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
	Assistant Scientist, International Health, Center for	
	Humanitarian Health, Johns Hopkins Center for	
	Humanitarian Health (CHH)	



# Saturday September 13, 2025

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07:00 - 08:00	Registration & Breakfast	
08:00 - 08:15	Welcome Remarks	
	Plenary Sessions	Main Plenary Room
08:15 - 09:15	From War Zones to the Hague: The Pursuit of	Great Room BC
	International Justice	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
	Payam Akhavan, LLB, LLM SJD, O.Ont. FRSC	
	Barrister, Honourable Society of the Middle Temple,	
	London, UK; Human Rights Chair, Massey College,	
	University of Toronto; former UN prosecutor at The	
	Hague	
09:15 - 10:15	Panel: Issues in Canada, Australia, and America	Great Room BC
	Audrey Macklin	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
	Professor of Law and Chair in Human Rights, University	
	of Toronto	
	Barri Phatarfod, MD	
	Doctors for Refugees, Sydney Australia, Detention	
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	Joseph Nwadiuko, MD, PhD	
	Division of Hospital Medicine,	
	Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania	
10:15 - 10:45	Morning Break, Sponsor Exhibit & Poster Viewing	
10:45 – 11:45	Workshops (60 minutes total: 45 minutes interactive	Breakout Sessions
	presentation and 15 minutes for audience questions)	
10:45 – 11:45	The Invisible Stakeholder: How to Utilize Interpreters	Strategy 5, Level 5
	Ethically In Service Provision Settings (65) Kamil Khan	
10:45 – 11:45	Community Agencies Collaborating to Support	Strategy 7, Level 5
	Newcomer/Refugee Mental Health & Trauma (36) Kylee	
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10:45 – 11:45	Two Steps Back: The Fight for Healthcare Access for	Strategy 2, Level 5
	Uninsured People in Ontario (122) Sarah Ionson, Kara	
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10:45 – 11:45	Sahar Zohni	Fallsview A, Level 3
10:45 – 11:45	Challenges with patients with HIV and blood borne	Fallsview C, Level 3
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	Dip GUM, Dip HIV, DFSRH	
10:45 – 11:45	Mutual Aid-Medical Collaboration to Support	Strategy 3, Level 5
	Im/Migrants and Newcomers (38) Nathaniel Kratz,	<b>3</b> , .
	Rebecca Lichtenstein, Yajaira Saavedra, Kate Sugarman	
10:45 – 11:45	Healing & Thriving: A Comprehensive Mind, Body, and	Strategy 1, Level 5
	Community Wellbeing Program for Refugees &	
	Immigrants (78) Deborah Young	
11:45 – 12:45	Lunch, Sponsor Exhibit & Poster Viewing	



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12:45 – 1:45	Oral Abstracts (Each presentation is 15 minutes total: 10 minutes presentation and 5 minutes for audience questions)	Breakout Sessions
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Presentation 1	Home Away from Home: Displaced Ukrainian Women's Homestay Stories with their Canadian Hosts in Toronto Areej Al- Hamad, Kateryna Metersky	Strategy 1, Level 5
Presentation 2	Food Insecurity and Social Connection of Nicaraguan Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Costa Rica: A Qualitative Study (108) Keren Herrán	
Presentation 1	Identifying Refugees' Challenges in Navigating the Canadian Healthcare System: A Case Study from Fredericton, New Brunswick (30) Vahid Salehi, Alexis McGill	Strategy 2, Level 5
Presentation 2	Integrating Cultural Health Navigators into Hospital Systems: A Pathway to Equitable Healthcare for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Populations (35) Ehiremen Adesua Azugbene, Jeanne F. Nizigiyimana	_
Presentation 3	Non-institutional Health Navigators Open the Door to health and social services for refugees and immigrants (76) Kasia Filaber, Rosanra (Rosie) Yoon	•
Presentation 4	Impact of Language Barrier and Delay Before Interpreter Services on Pediatric Hospitalization (114) Lydia Saad	
Presentation 1	Abnormal normalcy: Intergenerational Trauma among Bosnian Americans (8) Ajlina Karamehić-Muratović	Strategy 3, Level 5
Presentation 2	Trauma, Healing, and Resilience: Examining Adverse Childhood Experiences and Support Systems Among Afghan Refugees in North America (71) Mohammad Ajmal Khuram, Nangyalai Attal	
Presentation 3	Resilience Mechanisms and Coping Strategies for Forcibly Displaced Youth Experiencing Social Isolation (33) Akm Alamgir	•
Presentation 4	PRENA-E-COUT study: Evaluation of the experience and cost of prenatal care among pregnant women with precarious migratory status in Quebec (53) Laila Mahmoudi, Lara Gautier	•
Presentation 1	"So as not to feel alone": Motivations and barriers for pregnancy loss support among displaced Syrian refugee families living in Lebanon (48) Bree Akesson, Karen Frensch	Strategy 7, Level 5
Presentation 2	Caring in Crisis: Family dynamics and child wellbeing in Rohingya refugee camps (54) Bree Akesson, Ashley Stewart-Tufescu, Karen Frensch	•
Presentation 3	Preying on vulnerability: A document analysis of online sex work recruitment of Ukrainian displaced women in Canada (91) Kateryna Metersky, Kristina Tsvygun	
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Presentation 4	Engaging in sex work for survival: A systematic review on the mental health needs of refugee women from conflict regions (88) Kateryna Metersky, Kristina Tsvygun	
1:45 - 2:15	Afternoon Break, Sponsor Exhibit & Poster Viewing	
2:15 – 3:15		Breakout Sessions
2:15 – 3:15	Concurrent Session 1: Climate Change and the Most Vulnerable Carmen Logie, PhD Professor, Canada Research Chair in Global Health Equity and Social Justice with Marginalized Populations, University of Toronto	Strategy 1, Level 5
2:15 – 3:15	Concurrent Session 2 Panel: Latin- American Health and Migration Eduardo Vides, MD MPH Director, Multi-Sectoral Expertise Group MSEG  Tracy Maulfair LL.B Representative in Canada, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees UNHRC  Julian Prieto, PhD Pennsylvania University (Virtual)  Olger Gonzalez J.D., Advisor on Human Rights, Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)	Strategy 3, Level 5
2:15 – 3:15	Concurrent Session 3: Addressing the Mental Health Needs for Victims of Torture  Teresa Dremetsikas, MD  Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture	Strategy 2, Level 5
3:15 – 3:20	Transition Time	
	Plenary Session	Main Plenary Room
3:20 – 4:20	Closing Plenary Michael Lynk, LLB, LLM Professor Emeritus of Law at Western University; Former United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Occupied Palestinian Territories	Great Room BC 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
	Francesca Albanese (Virtual) United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Occupied Palestinian Territories	
4:20 – 4:30	Closing Remarks  Anna Banerji, O.Ont., MD, MPH, FRCPC, FAAP, DTM&H  CTropMed - 2024 Top 25 Women of Influence in Canada  Executive Director, North American Refugee Health  Conference Inc	Great Room BC 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
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