

# National Conference on Long-Term Ventilation

November 19-21, 2026 | Delta Hotel Toronto, 75 Lower Simcoe St



## Day 1 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2026

07:10 – 08:00	Registration and Breakfast			<b>Industry Sponsored Symposia</b> Presented by Fisher and Paykel  <i>Humidified High Flow Therapy for COPD Patients at Home.</i> Dr. Gerard Criner MD
08:15– 08:30	<b>Opening of Meeting</b> Dr. Roger Goldstein MD Allison Freeman OT			
08:30 - 09:20	<b>Plenary 1 – Bridging the Pain Points</b> Presented by Dr. Lisa Wolfe MD Chaired by Dr. Reshma Amin MD			
09:20 – 10:10	<b>Plenary 2 – Partnering for Excellence: How a Ventilator Equipment Pool Strengthens Care</b> Presented by Ms. Regina Pizzuti RRT Chaired by Allison Freeman OT			
10:10 – 10:45	Break			
10:45 – 12:00	<b>Neuromuscular Disorders</b>	<b>Tracheostomy</b> Chair: Dr. Marcus Kargel MD Dr. Maria Castro-Codesal MD	<b>Principles in LTV Care</b> Chair: Dr. Ravi Khindri MD Maria Grisonich NP	<b>Provincial Programs across Canada – Opportunities to share</b>

	<p>Chair: Dr. Sherri Katz MD Dr. David Berlowitz PT PhD</p> <p><i>How respiratory outcomes have changed in the era of disease modifying therapies in children.</i> Dr. Sherri Katz MD</p> <p><i>How screening and management of respiratory complications of NMD will change in this era of therapy.</i> Dr. Lena Xiao MD</p> <p><i>How disease modifying therapies for NMD affect respiratory and cardiac outcomes and management of adults with NMD.</i> Dr. Lisa Wolfe MD</p> <p><i>Panel Discussion</i></p>	<p><i>Building multi-disciplinary tracheostomy care teams: From implementation to daily practice.</i> Dr. Marcus Kargel MD</p> <p><i>Tracheostomy complications and tube management: Recognition, Prevention and Bedside Interventions.</i> Dr. Yvonne Chan MD</p> <p><i>Paediatric tracheostomy care beyond the hospital: Family centred, evidence-based care and equity-based approaches.</i> Dr. Maria Castro-Codezal MD</p> <p><i>Panel Discussion</i></p>	<p><i>The challenges and rewards of Primary Care in LTV.</i> Dr. Ravi Khindri MD</p> <p><i>Skin Failure in Long Term Ventilation-a new frontier.</i> Dr. Kevin Woo NP PhD</p> <p><i>Spasticity and Paratonias – Diagnosis and Management.</i> Dr. Chris Boulias MD</p> <p><i>Panel Discussion</i></p>	<p><b>knowledge and enhance collaboration.</b> Chair: Allison Freeman OT Sandy Fodey RRT</p> <p><i>Provincial LTV Strategy</i> Allison Freeman OT</p> <p><i>Provincial Respiratory Outreach Program</i> Krysten Polsky RRT</p> <p><i>Programme National d'Assistance Ventilatoire à Domicile</i> Chantal Piché RRT</p> <p><i>Provincial Integrated Respiratory Services</i> Kaitlin Willner RRT</p> <p><i>Panel Discussion</i></p>
<b>12:00 – 12:10</b>	<b>Transition Time</b>			
<b>12:10 – 13:10</b>	<p><b>Industry Sponsored Symposia</b> Presented by Baxter</p> <p><i>Optimizing lung clearance using Oscillation Lung Expansion (OLE)</i> Liz Fisher RRT</p>	<b>Lunch</b>	<p><b>Industry Sponsored Symposia</b> Presented by ProResp</p> <p><i>Transitions from Acute Care to Home: The Collaborative Ontario West Model.</i></p> <p><i>A Panel Discussion with the Home Respiratory and Ventilatory Care Team at London Health Sciences Centre.</i></p> <p>Dr. Ronald Butler MD</p>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>13:10 – 13:20</b>	<b>Transition Time</b>			

13:20 – 14:35	<p><b>Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease</b> Chair: Dr. Marta Kaminska MD Dr. François Maltais MD</p> <p><i>Canadian NIV in COPD Guidelines.</i> Dr. François Maltais MD</p> <p><i>Strategies for the successful implementation of long-term NIV in COPD.</i> Dr. Peter Wijkstra MD</p> <p><i>How to set ventilator parameters for COPD physiology.</i> Dr. Marta Kaminska MD</p> <p><i>Panel Discussion</i></p>	<p><b>Weaning from Prolonged Mechanical Ventilation</b> Chair: Dr. Ian Fraser MD Marc Bellerose RRT</p> <p><i>Who?</i> Dr. Laura Istanbulian NP PhD</p> <p><i>Where?</i> Dr. Karen Bosma MD</p> <p><i>How?</i> Dr. Sandria Dial MD</p> <p><i>Panel Discussion</i></p>	<p><b>Advanced Care Planning in Long Term Ventilation</b> Chair: Dr. Danielle Kain MD Dr. Chris Parker MD</p> <p><i>Approaches to advanced care planning in LTV.</i> Dr. Danielle Kain MD</p> <p><i>Optimising patient and family engagement in ACP.</i> Dr. Chris Parker MD</p> <p><i>Panel Discussion</i></p>	<p><b>Easing Transitions – Paediatric to Adult Services</b> Chair: Dr. Reshma Amin MD Dr. Robert Varadi MD</p> <p><i>From Standards to Practice: Lessons Learned in Transitioning Youth to Adult Care.</i> Dr. Alene Toulany MD</p> <p><i>TBA</i> Dr. Robert Varadi MD</p> <p><i>Mind the Gap: Building a Multi-Disciplinary SMA Transition Program in Ontario.</i> Dr. Reshma Amin MD</p> <p><i>Panel Discussion</i></p>
14:35 – 15:00	<b>Break</b>			
15:00 – 15:45	<b>Foundational Workshops / Advanced Masterclasses – Session 1</b> <i>See schedule</i>			
15:45 – 16:30	<b>Foundational Workshops / Advanced Masterclasses – Session 2</b> <i>See schedule</i>			
16:30 – 17:15	<b>Foundational Workshops / Advanced Masterclasses – Session 3</b> <i>See schedule</i>			
17:15 – 17:30	<b>Break</b>			
17:30 – 18:20	<p><b>Plenary 3 – Building a program of research from ICU to home</b> Presented by Dr. Louise Rose MBE BN PhD Chaired by Dr. David Berlowitz PT PhD</p>			
18:20 – 19:00	<p><b>Red, White and Research – Roaming Poster Review (Wine &amp; Cheese)</b> Dr. Louise Rose MBE PhD, Dr. Darcy Marciniuk MD, Dr. Robert Varadi MD, Dr. Anastasia Newman PhD</p>			
19:00 – 20:00	<b>Break</b>			
20:00 – 23:00	<b>Evening Social   Presented by Novus  </b> Ticketed Event			

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## Day 2- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2026

07:10 – 08:00	Breakfast			<b>Industry Sponsored Symposia</b> Presented to ResMed  <i>Introducing a National LTV Program: The Dutch Approach.</i> Dr. Peter Wijkstra MD
08:15– 08:30	<b>Opening</b> Dr. Roger Goldstein MD Allison Freeman OT			
08:30 - 09:20	<b>Plenary 4 – A Journey from LVR to MIC... The History of CANVent.</b> Presented by Dr. Doug McKim MD Chaired by Dr. Roger Goldstein MD			
09:20 – 10:10	<b>Plenary 5 – Airway Clearance, Overcoming Challenges and Future Directions.</b> Presented by Dr. Tiina Andersen PT PhD Chaired by Dr. Lisa Wolfe MD			
10:10 – 10:45	<b>Break</b>			
10:45 – 12:00	<b>Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis / Motor Neuron Disease</b>	<b>Improving Education in LTV</b> Chair(s): Raj Kohli RRT Faiza Syed RRT	<b>Living Well and Preventing Complications in LTV</b>	<b>Optimising function in LTV – Rehabilitation, Sleep &amp; Goal Directed Care</b>

	<p>Chair(s): Dr. Anu Tandon MD Dr. Tiina Andersen PT PhD</p> <p><i>Ventilation strategies in ALS.</i> Dr. Anu Tandon MD</p> <p><i>Airway Clearance in MND.</i> Dr. Tiina Andersen PT PhD</p> <p><i>ALS in the age of disease modifying therapy – what the clinician needs to know.</i> Dr. Agessandro Abrahao Jr. MD</p> <p><i>Panel Discussion</i></p>	<p><i>Building a provincial knowledge hub and interprofessional curriculum for LTV.</i> Raj Kohli RRT</p> <p><i>Building Confidence in Care: Innovative Paediatric Education for Families and Providers.</i> Faiza Syed RRT</p> <p><i>Once home: Expanding an Education for Families Living their best possible lives.</i> Juanita Davis RRT</p> <p><i>Panel Discussion</i></p>	<p>Chair(s): Dr. Sean A. Morrison MBBS Beth Knowles RRT</p> <p><i>Preventing Ventilator Associated Pneumonia and other complications of LTV.</i> Dr. Sean A. Morrison MBBS</p> <p><i>Use of neurotoxin in the management of sialorrhoea.</i> Dr. Farooq Ismail MD</p> <p><i>Improving Mental Health in LTV.</i> TBD</p> <p><i>Panel Discussion</i></p>	<p>Chair: Dr. Kimia Honarmand MD Dr. Mark Howard MBBS PhD</p> <p><i>Rehabilitation in Long-Term Ventilation: Strategies to Restore and Maintain Function.</i> Ms. Samantha Maislin</p> <p><i>Sleep and Recovery in LTV: An Overlooked Determinant of Function.</i> Dr. Karen Bosma MD ON</p> <p><i>Goal-Directed Rehabilitation in ICU Recovery: Applying Principles to LTV.</i> Dr. Louise Rose MBE BN PhD</p> <p><i>Panel Discussion</i></p>
<b>12:00 – 12:10</b>	<b>Transition Time</b>			
<b>12:10 – 13:10</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Industry Sponsored Symposia</b> Presented by GSK	<b>Lunch</b>
			<i>Respiratory Vaccines are a Cardioprotective Intervention in Advanced Lung Disease.</i>  Dr. Ronald Grossman MD	
<b>13:10 – 13:20</b>	<b>Transition Time</b>			
<b>13:20 – 14:35</b>	<p><b>Spinal Cord Injuries</b> Chair(s): Dr. Lisa Wolfe MD Dr. Colleen O’Connell MD</p> <p><i>Diaphragmatic Pacing and Spinal Cord Injury – Who and What is the Evidence?</i> Dr. Jeff Singh MD</p>	<p><b>Optimising Critical Illness Transitions</b> Chair(s): Dr. Margaret Herridge MD Fredrick Leung RRT</p> <p><i>The Critical Care Continuum: Improving Collaboration between ICU and LTV.</i></p>	<p><b>Supporting Ventilation in the Community</b> Chair(s): Dr. Ronald Butler MD Dr. Aditi Shah MD</p> <p><i>Rethinking Ventilation Outside the Hospital: A Community-based Perspective.</i> Dr. Aditi Shah MD</p>	<p><b>Research in LTV- Oral Abstract Presentations.</b> Chair(s): Dr. Louise Rose MBE RN PhD Dr. Darcy Marciniuk MD Dr. Robert Varadi MD Dr. Anastasia Newman PhD</p>

	<p><i>The National Respiratory Care Pathway in Spinal Cord Injury.</i> Dr. Colleen O’Connell MD</p> <p><i>Management of Sleep Disordered Breathing in Spinal Cord Injuries.</i> Dr. David Berlowitz PT PhD</p> <p><i>Panel Discussion</i></p>	<p>Dr. Margaret Herridge MD</p> <p><i>The ‘Pull’ Strategy and Discharge Checklists.</i> Ummaima Ali RRT</p> <p><i>ICU to community - LTV transitions for Children.</i> Dr. Reshma Amin MD</p> <p><i>Panel Discussion</i></p>	<p><i>Complex Ventilation in the Community: Challenges and Case-Based Insights.</i> Lily Cheung RRT</p> <p><i>Towards 100% Compliance. Cloud Based Big Data for Big Programs.</i> Dr. Paul Cameron MD</p> <p><i>Panel Discussion</i></p>	
<b>14:35 – 15:00</b>	<b>Break</b>			
<b>15:00 – 15:45</b>	<b>Foundational Workshops / Advanced Masterclasses – Session 4</b> <i>See schedule</i>			
<b>15:45 – 16:30</b>	<b>Foundational Workshops / Advanced Masterclasses – Session 5</b> <i>See schedule</i>			
<b>16:30 – 17:15</b>	<b>Foundational Workshops / Advanced Masterclasses – Session 6</b> <i>See schedule</i>			
<b>17:15 – 17:25</b>	<b>Transition Time</b>			
<b>17:25 – 18:05</b>	<p><b>Plenary 6 – When home becomes an ICU: Lessons from Parenting a Child on Long-Term Ventilation.</b> Presenter: Dr. Francine Buchannan PhD Chair: Dr. Reshma Amin MD</p>			
<b>18:05 – 19:20</b>	<p><b>Closing of Meeting</b> Dr. Roger Goldstein MD Allison Freeman OT</p>			