

National Conference on Long-Term Ventilation

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




Day 1 – Friday 20th November 2026

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

	<p><i>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>Skin Failure in Long Term Ventilation-a new frontier.</i> Dr. Kevin Wu NP PhD</p> <p><i>Spasticity and Paratonias – Diagnosis and Management.</i> Dr. Chris Boulias MD</p> <p><i>Panel Discussion</i></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>
12:00 – 12:10	Transition Time			
12:10 – 13:10	<p>Industry Sponsored Symposia Presented by Baxter</p> <p><i>Innovations in Airway Clearance Techniques</i> To be announced</p>	Lunch	<p>Industry Sponsored Symposia 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>	Lunch
13:10 – 13:20	Transition Time			
13:20 – 14:35	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	Weaning from Prolonged Mechanical Ventilation	Advanced Care Planning in Long Term Ventilation	Easing Transitions – Paediatric to Adult Services

<p>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>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>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>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>
<p>14:35 – 15:00 Break</p>			
<p>15:00 – 15:45 Foundational Workshops / Advanced Masterclasses – Session 1 <i>See schedule</i></p>			
<p>15:45 – 16:30 Foundational Workshops / Advanced Masterclasses – Session 2 <i>See schedule</i></p>			
<p>16:30 – 17:15 Foundational Workshops / Advanced Masterclasses – Session 3 <i>See schedule</i></p>			
<p>17:15 – 17:30 Break</p>			
<p>17:30 – 18:20 Plenary 3 – Building a program of research from ICU to home Presented by Dr. Louise Rose MBE PhD Chaired by Dr. Roger Goldstein MD</p>			
<p>18:20 – 19:00 Red, White and Research – Roaming Poster Review (Wine & Cheese) Dr. Louise Rose MBE PhD, Dr. Darcy Marciniuk MD, Dr. Robert Varadi MD, Dr. Anastasia Newman PhD</p>			
<p>19:00 – 20:00 Break</p>			
<p>20:00 – 23:00 Evening Social Presented by Novus Ticketed Event</p>			

Day 2- Saturday 21st November 2026

07:10 – 08:00	Breakfast			Industry Sponsored Symposia Presented to ResMed <i>Introducing a National LTV Program: The Dutch Approach.</i> Dr. Peter Wijkstra MD
08:15– 08:30	Opening Dr. Roger Goldstein MD Allison Freeman OT			
08:30 - 09:20	Plenary 4 – A Journey from LVR to MIC... The History of CANVent. Presented by Dr. Doug McKim MD Chaired by Dr. Roger Goldstein MD			
09:20 – 10:10	Plenary 5 – Airway Clearance, Overcoming Challenges and Future Directions. Presented by Dr. Tiina Andersen PT PhD Chaired by Dr. Lisa Wolfe MD			
10:10 – 10:45	Break			

10:45 – 12:00	<p>Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis / Motor Neuron Disease 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>Improving Education in LTV Chair(s): Raj Kohli RRT Faiza Syed RRT</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>Living Well and Preventing Complications in LTV Chair(s): Dr. Sean Morrison MD Beth Knowles RRT</p> <p><i>Preventing Ventilator Associated Pneumonia and other complications of LTV.</i> Dr. Sean Morrison MD</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>Optimising function in LTV – Rehabilitation, Sleep & Goal Directed Care Chair: Dr. Kimia Honarmand MD</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 RN PhD</p> <p><i>Panel Discussion</i></p>
Transition Time				
12:00 – 12:10	<p>Industry Sponsored Symposia Presented by Breas</p> <p><i>Pathophysiology of Respiratory Failure and how to optimise ventilator modes.</i></p> <p>Dr. Philip Choi MD</p>	<p>Lunch</p>	<p>Industry Sponsored Symposia Presented by GSK</p> <p><i>Respiratory Vaccines are a Cardioprotective Intervention in Advanced Lung Disease.</i></p> <p>Dr. Ronald Grossman MD</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
12:10 – 13:10	Transition Time			
13:10 – 13:20	<p>Spinal Cord Injuries Chair(s): Dr. Lisa Wolfe MD Dr. Colleen O’Connell MD</p>	<p>Optimising Critical Illness Transitions Chair(s): Dr. Margaret Herridge MD Fredrick Leung RRT</p>	<p>Supporting Ventilation in the Community Chair(s): Dr. Ronald Butler MD Dr. Aditi Shah MD</p>	<p>Research in LTV- Oral Abstract Presentations. Chair(s): Dr. Louise Rose MBE RN PhD Dr. Darcy Marciniuk MD Dr. Robert Varadi MD Dr. Anastasia Newman PhD</p>
13:20 – 14:35				

	<p><i>Diaphragmatic Pacing and Spinal Cord Injury – Who and What is the Evidence?</i> Dr. Jeff Singh MD</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><i>The Critical Care Continuum: Improving Collaboration between ICU and LTV.</i> 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>Rethinking Ventilation Outside the Hospital: A Community-based Perspective.</i> Dr. Aditi Shah MD</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>	
14:35 – 15:00	Break			
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16:30 – 17:15	Foundational Workshops / Advanced Masterclasses – Session 6 <i>See schedule</i>			
17:15 – 17:25	Transition Time			
17:25 – 18:05	<p>Plenary 6 – When home becomes an ICU: Lessons from Parenting a Child on Long-Term Ventilation. Presenter: Dr. Francine Buchannan PhD Chair: Dr. Reshma Amin MD</p>			
18:05 – 19:20	<p>Closing of Meeting Dr. Roger Goldstein MD Allison Freeman OT</p>			