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CLIMATE WEEK

Sustainable by Design: **Health Care Innovations for a Warming World**

October 3, 2025 | 8am – 5pm
Women's College Hospital Auditorium

PROGRAM *(subject to change)*

MORNING:

8am – 9am: Breakfast & Registration

Registration will open at 8am and a continental breakfast will be provided, including coffee, tea, pastries, and fruit. This is a chance to check in and connect with fellow attendees before we dive into the program.

9am – 10am: Opening Session

The event's MC, Will Gagnon, Director of Implementation with the Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care, will open the session and provide a brief overview of the day and housekeeping information. He will then introduce some leaders at the intersection of health care and sustainability to offer remarks and to help set the context of the day.

Speakers include *(those confirmed at this time)*:

- **Heather McPherson** – President & CEO, Women's College Hospital
- **Dr. Myles Sergeant** – Executive Director, Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care
- **Pierre Iachetti** – Executive Director, David Suzuki Foundation
- **Senator Joan Kingston** – Senate of Canada

10am – 10:45am: Panel – *Embedding Sustainability in Hospital Accreditation*

In this panel session, we will discuss how measurement, collaboration, and standards can help address key climate action challenges in health care. Discussion will focus on the role of benchmarking and how standards intersect with mitigation, resiliency, adaptation, and disaster risk reduction.

Speakers include:

- **Dr. Myles Sergeant** (moderator) – Executive Director, Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care
- **Sandra Young** – Executive Director, Standards and Education, Health Standards Organization
- **Dr. Bhavini Gohel** – Hospitalist Physician, Care of the Elderly Physician, and Section Chief for Medical Inpatients, Calgary zone & Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Calgary
- **Karen Langstaff** – VP, Redevelopment, Corporate Support Services and Chief Sustainability Officer, St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton

10:45am – 11am: Break

11am – 12pm: Lightning Talks

Our *Lightning Talks* sessions are a series of 6 minutes presentations covering a range of topics from speakers working at the intersection of climate and health. In this morning *Lightning Talks* session, presentations will predominantly cover non-clinical sustainable health care solutions.

Presentations include:

1. **Dr. Sarah Cook**, President, College of Family Physicians – *Primary Care & Planetary Health: Strong Primary Care for a Healthier Planet* (VIDEO)
2. **Dr. Fahad Razak**, Internist, St. Michael's Hospital & Canada Research Chair in Healthcare Data and Analytics, University of Toronto – *Use of Digital Health Data Repositories in Identifying Targets for Sustainability*
3. **Hannah Permaul Flores**, Master's Student, University of Toronto – *Mapping Health for a Climate-Resilient Future: GIS Applications in Toronto*
4. **Dr. Diane de Camps Meschino**, Psychiatrist, Women's College Hospital & Associate Professor, University of Toronto – *Planetary Health & Indoor Air Quality: Managing Invisible Risks*
5. **Dr. Sehjal Bhargava**, Family Physician & Public Health and Preventive Medicine Resident Physician, University of Ottawa – *Prevention is Decarbonization*
6. **Laura McGrath**, Senior Manager, Shift: Action for Pension Wealth and Planet Health – *Climate Change and Health Care Pensions*
7. **Muse Laroyia**, Master's Student, University of Calgary & Co-Lead, Brain Climate Equity Collaborative – *The Brain Climate Equity Collaborative*
8. **Decarbonization in Action project team**, Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care – *Introducing the Solutions Atlas: An Online Catalogue of Sustainable Health Care Options*

12pm – 12:45pm: Interactive Session – Every Dose Counts: An Interactive "Hot Seat" Simulation on Sustainable Health Care Supply Chains

Join us for an interactive experience where every voice matters and every dose counts! Experience firsthand how Deloitte brings together diverse stakeholders to tackle complex challenges and discover practical solutions that drive real impact in health care supply chain transformation! This high-energy, interactive 45-minute workshop, facilitated by Deloitte's supply chain experts, selects different role players, including clinicians, hospital executives, pharmaceutical suppliers, and logistics managers, to join the "hot seat" and explore breakthrough solutions.

You're not just watching—you're participating. Whether you're in the hot seat or in the audience, you will be getting involved to drive the conversation forward. This session will allow you to walk-away with actionable insights that can help you achieve operational efficiency, waste reduction strategies, or mutually beneficial partnerships that can transform your health care supply chain.

Workshop facilitators:

- **Harsha David** (lead) – *Senior Manager, Deloitte*
- **Sophia Wei** – *Business Analyst, Supply Chain and Network Operations, Deloitte*
- **Ryan Henderson** – *Consultant, Healthcare Solutions, Deloitte*

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12:45pm – 1:30pm: Lunch

AFTERNOON:

1:30pm – 2:30pm: Lightning Talks

In this afternoon *Lightning Talks* session, the 6-minute presentations will predominantly cover clinical sustainable health care solutions.

Presentations include:

1. **Dr. Laurie Houston**, former Chair of the Ontario Dental Association Environmental Sustainability Working Group – *Greener, Safer Reusable Health Care Items*
2. **Dr. Mili Roy**, Ophthalmologist & Assistant Professor, University of Toronto – *Vision for a Sustainable Future: An Ophthalmology Toolkit*
3. **Shellyza Sajwani**, Pharmacist & Co-chair and Co-founder, Canadian Association of Pharmacy for the Environment – *Pharmacy Professionals at the Front Line of the Climate Crisis*
4. **Dr. Anita Rao**, Anesthesiologist & Chair, Toronto Academic Health Sciences Network (TAHSN) Sustainable Operating Working Group – *Greening The Operating Room*
5. **Greg Allen**, Senior Associate, Rivercourt Engineering Inc. – *Displacement Ventilation: Rethinking Indoor Air for Health and Climate*
6. **Nicoletta Dini**, Medical Student, Dalhousie University – *The Health and Environment Adaptive Response Task Force (HEART)*
7. **Pierrette Price-Arsenault**, Senior Analyst, Ontario Health – *Cut the Carbon: Reducing Surgical Waste Campaign Outcomes*
8. **Tipu Islam**, Research Associate, Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care – *Circular Clinical Care: Single-Use Plastics Reduction*

2:30pm – 3:15pm: Panel – Feeding Decarbonization: The Food System's Role in Climate Action

This panel explores how health care organizations can use food as a powerful lever for climate action, health, and sustainability. Panelists will share strategies on procurement, plant-forward meals, and practical steps hospitals can take to drive immediate, meaningful change.

Speakers include:

- **Amy Ford** (moderator) – *Director of Planetary Health, Nourish*
- **Dr. Zahra Kassam** – *Oncologist, Stronach Regional Cancer Centre & Assistant Professor, Radiation Oncology Department, University of Toronto*
- **Wendy Smith** – *Sourcing Manager, MEALsource Program, Mohawk Medbuy*
- **Brittany Maguire** – *Managing Director, Collaborative Centre for Climate, Health & Sustainable Care*
- **Sarah Jarvis** – *PhD Student, University of Toronto*

3:15pm – 3:30pm: Break

3:30pm – 4:15pm: Panel – Catalyzing Impact: How Funders are Shaping Climate and Health Action

This panel brings together leaders in funding and health care to explore how targeted investments can accelerate sustainable transformation. The discussion will highlight the role of funders in shaping priorities, scaling innovations, and supporting long-term system change.

Panelists will share insights on aligning financial resources with health care decarbonization strategies to maximize both environmental and health outcomes.

Panelists (*those confirmed at this time*):

- **Lucy Lu** (moderator) – *Climate Change Advisor, Peter Gilgan Foundation*
- **Ed Rubinstein** – *Health Care Sustainability Leader, former Director, Environmental Compliance, Risk and Sustainability, University Health Network*
- **Ari Campbell** – *Program Manager, Healthy Capital, Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care*

4:15pm – 4:45pm: Presentation – *When the Smoke Clears: Lessons from Yellowknife on Resilient and Sustainable Health Care*

In this presentation, Dr. Courtney Howard, an emergency room physician in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, will share her experience of the 2023 Yellowknife Wildfire Evacuation and the implications of climate emergencies on the continuation of health care services delivery. She will present the co-benefits of decarbonizing health care systems and share an updates on the national campaign to phase-out desflurane, a super polluting anaesthetic gas, as well as the creation of Sustainable Health Care Secretariats in every province and territory.

Speaker:

- **Dr. Courtney Howard** – *Emergency Physician & Clinical Associate Professor, Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary*

4:45pm – 5pm: Closing Session

To close out the event, Jérôme Ribesse, the Chair of the Board of Directors for the Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care, will provide some reflections and key lessons learned from the day. Guests will be encouraged to join us for a networking event in the evening.

Speaker:

- **Jérôme Ribesse** – *Co-fondateur et Directeur général, Synergie Santé Environnement*

5pm – 7pm: Networking Event

After the event, we will be hosting a *Sustainable by Design* networking event at Pogue Mahone bar (777 Bay St., Toronto, ON). This is a chance for attendees to connect with peers, exchange ideas, and unwind over food and drinks. Tickets for the event can be purchased [here](#).

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