

VGH Trauma Symposium

Theme: Equity in Trauma Care

Monday, April 28, 2025
8 AM - 4:30 PM

Pre-event networking reception
April 27, 4:30-6:00 PM



Highlights include:

- Invited speakers addressing social inequities in trauma
- ‘Think Tank’ to explore innovative ideas for wicked problems
- Discussion on improving links between acute care and community
- Research and discussion on mental health support for frontline providers



Register now!

Location: VGH Paetzold Auditorium (online option available)

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Keynote Speaker: Dr. Selwyn Rogers, UChicago Trauma Centre

Session 1: Injury Prevention

Dr. Michael Schwandt, Medical Health Officer, VCH

Dr. Morad Hameed, Chief of Trauma and Critical Care Surgery, Stanford Medicine

Brandy Tanenbaum, Injury Prevention Coordinator, Sunnybrook Health Sciences

- *Public health and injury prevention*
- *Role of health informatics, data science, and AI in injury surveillance and research*
- *Opportunities for prevention within the trauma system*

Session 2: Bridging the Gap Between Acute Care and Community

Panel discussion with perspectives from UChicago Trauma Centre, Sunnybrook BRAVE Program, and VGH ED Peer Support Worker Program

- *Trauma recidivism and the role of hospital-based interventions and collaborative care models*
- *Reducing disparities in access to follow-up care and long-term support*

Session 3: Our Local Picture

Gary Housty, Executive Director, Office of the Chief Nursing Office, FNHA

Catherine Liao, University of British Columbia

Misty Bath, Director, Substance Use and Priority Populations, VCH

- *Socioeconomic and structural factors that increase risk of injury and burns*
- *Regional initiatives to improve discharge planning pathways for patients who use substances*

Session 4: Think Tank

Dr. Derry Dance, Medical Site Lead GF Strong Rehabilitation Centre

Dr. JJ Sidhu, Medical Director MHSU Vancouver Acute, Tertiary & Urgent Services

- *Interactive session to discuss comprehensive, community-based injury control*

Presentation of the Michael Brown Scholarship for Equity in Trauma

Applications accepted until March 31, 2025. Please see attachment for details.

Session 5: Caring for Healthcare Providers

Dr. Michelle Bauer, BC Injury Research and Prevention Unit

Lara Gurney, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Vancouver General Hospital

- *Evidence-based strategies for fostering resilience, self-care and work-life balance*
- *Value of patient storytelling in identifying gaps and improving care*