



Balancing Innovative Data Science and Sociology in Chronic Disease Epidemiology

Saskatchewan Epidemiology Association 24th Annual Symposium

Western Development Museum, 2610 Lorne Avenue, Saskatoon, SK

September 25, 2025, 7:30am to 3:45pm

Master of Ceremonies: Tanis Kershaw, Manager, Outbreak Management Division, Public Health Agency of Canada

7:30-8:30am	Breakfast, Registration, Networking Session
8:45-9:00 am MEETING START	Métis Knowledge Keeper Opening Prayer Terri Hansen- Gardiner
9:00-9:15am	Opening Remarks Dr. Maureen Anderson , MSc, PhD, Chief Epidemiologist, Saskatchewan Ministry of Health
9:15-10:00am MORNING KEYNOTE	“Partnerships, Pathways, and Practice: Communication and Implementation in a Complex World” Dr. Kaylee Byers , PhD, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences, Simon Fraser University; Deputy Regional Director, British Columbia Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative; Senior Scientist, Pacific Institute on Pathogens, Pandemics, and Society
10:00-10:30am	“A Tale of Two Geographies: Choosing the Right Methods for SES Stratification in Saskatchewan” Brian Quinn , BSc, BSN, RN, MSc, Senior Epidemiologist, Saskatchewan Health Authority & Athabasca Health Authority
10:30-11:00am	Biobreak, Networking Session/Poster Viewing
11:00-11:30 am	Poster/Oral Presentations
11:30-12:00pm	“Vaccine Development for Chronic Wasting Disease” Dr. Scott Napper , BSc, PhD, Professor, College of Medicine, Department of Biochemistry, Microbiology & Immunology; Research Scientist, Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization (VIDO), University of Saskatchewan
12:00-1:00pm	LUNCH BREAK / Annual General Meeting
1.00- 1:15pm	Afternoon Remarks (Pre-recording) Dr. Stephanie Smith , DVM, Chief Veterinary Officer, Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture
1:15–2:00pm AFTERNOON KEYNOTE	“A (social) epidemiologist’s journey through times of chaos: Reflection in two parts” Dr. Nazeem Muhajarine , B.A., MSc, PhD, FCAHS, Distinguished Professor, College of Medicine, Department of Community Health and Epidemiology, University of Saskatchewan
2:00-2:30pm	Biobreak, Networking Session/Poster Viewing
2:30-3:00pm	“Centering Indigenous knowledge in the evolving dialogue on health, environment, and interdependence” Dr. Veronica McKinney , BSc, MD, CCFP, LMCC, Director, Northern Medical Services, College of Medicine, University of Saskatchewan
3:00-3:05pm	Poster/Oral Presentation Awards
3:05–3:15pm	Presentation of the Spirit of the Profession Award
3:15-3:30pm	Closing Remarks Dr. Saqib Shahab , MBBS, MRCP, MPH, FRCPC, Chief Medical Health Officer, Saskatchewan Ministry of Health
3:30-3:45pm MEETING END	Métis Knowledge Keeper Closing Prayer Terri Hansen- Gardiner
3:45-5:30pm	Voluntary Networking Event (Western Development Museum)