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PROGRAMME

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

2nd Annual Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) in Cannabis and Cannabinoid Research Workshop

Location: Chestnut Conference Centre University Room

8:30-9:00 AM	**Registration and Coffee**	
9:00-9:15 AM	Welcome and Land Acknowledgement	Justin Matheson, Catharine Mielnik and Christina Pereira
9:15-9:45 AM	SGBA+: Cannabis Use and Contraceptives	Jesse Lacasse
9:45-10:15 AM	Update on Sex and Gender Influences on Cannabis Effects in the Human Laboratory	Justin Matheson
10:15-10:45 AM	Cannabis Use and HIV: An Intersectional Analysis of Gender, Sexuality and Race	Tanya Lazor
10:45-11:15 AM	**Coffee and Networking**	
11:15-11:45 AM	Embedding Accessibility and Disability Inclusion within Cannabis Research and Knowledge Translation	Rose Finlay
11:45 AM-12:15 PM	Building Accountable EDI Frameworks for Cannabis Research	Ika Washington
12:15-1:30 PM	**Lunch**	
1:30-2:30 PM	Panel: Lived experience perspectives on cannabis research priorities	Panelists: Laura Jamieson; Rose Finlay; Isaiah

		Kicknosway Moderator: Justin Matheson
2:30-3:00 PM	From Grant to Zine: Queer and Trans Youth Leadership in Cannabis Research	Kira London-Nadeau
3:00-3:30 PM	**Coffee and Networking**	
3:30-4:00 PM	Developing a Novel Scale Based on the Transtheoretical Model of Behavioural Change to Assess Individual Readiness to Engage with Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in STEM	Kim Hellemans
4:00-5:00 PM	Wrap Up and Knowledge Synthesis Discussion	Catharine Mielnik, Justin Matheson, and Christina Pereira

6:00-8:00 PM	**Public Event** **Cannabis Chats: Your Questions, Expert Answers, Community Dialogue**
	Free to attend with registration Location: Peter Gilgan Centre for Research and Learning, 686 Bay St, Toronto, ON Panelists: Hance Clarke, Kim Hellemans, and Matthew Hill Co-Moderators: Lauren Kelly and Robert Laprairie

Thursday, May 28, 2026
Conference Day 1

Location: Chestnut Conference Centre Ballroom

8:30-9:00 AM	**Coffee and Registration**	
9:00-9:05 AM	Welcome and Updates	Matthew Hill
9:05-9:30 AM	Cannabis Research Priorities in Canada	Shea Wood and Robert Gabrys
9:30-9:45 AM	Preparing Canadian Pharmacists for Expanded Cannabis-Related Care: Insights from a National Survey and Qualitative Interviews	Jennifer Donnan
9:45-10:00 AM	Peril-Shreds: A Framework for Ethical Cannabis Research Partnerships - Identifying Needs, Gaps and a Path Forward	Daniel Bear
10:00-10:15 AM	The Development of an AI-Assisted Medical Cannabis Evidence Reasoning Instrument: Improving the Translation of Cannabinoid Science	Ron Shore
10:15-10:35 AM	**Coffee & Networking Break**	

10:35-10:55 AM	Creating a Cannabis Clinical Research Infrastructure: Lessons Learned, Mistakes Made and the Path Ahead	Hance Clarke and Karim Ladha
10:55-11:10 AM	Endocannabinoid-Based Strategies for Preventing and Reversing Opioid-Induced Allodynia	Steven Kinsey
11:10-11:25 AM	Cannabidiol to Reduce Persistent Postsurgical Pain Following Total Knee Arthroplasty: A Pilot Randomized Controlled Trial	Kim Madden
11:25 AM - 12:10 PM	Sex Differences, Pain and Cannabinoids	Ziva Cooper
12:10-1:10 PM	Lunch	
1:10-2:14 PM	**Data Blitz 1**	
1:10-1:18 PM	Development of a Medical Cannabis Adverse Events Reporting Toolkit (MEDCART) for Children and Adults	Sepideh Mahboobishoorjeh
1:18-1:26 PM	Prenatal Cannabis Exposure Impairs Placental Development and Fetal Growth in Mice	Cristina Monaco
1:26-1:34 PM	Investigating the Relationship Between Childhood Trauma, Response to Social Stress, and Brain FAAH Levels in Individuals with Social Anxiety Disorder Using the PET Tracer [C-11]CURB	Christina Pereira

1:34-1:42 PM	Adolescent Cannabis Use and Psychological Distress from 2013 to 2023: A Population-Based Study in Ontario, Canada	Andre McDonald
1:42-1:50 PM	Enduring Dose and Sex-Dependent Alterations of Adolescent Edible ∆9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Associated with Mesocorticolimbic dysregulation	Marieka DeVuono
1:50-1:58 PM	Help-Seeking in Youth With First-Episode Psychosis and Cannabis Use Disorder: Insights From The Back to Reality Video Game Series	Aisling Martins-Ezeifeaku
1:58-2:06 PM	Exploring Medicinal Cannabis Disclosure in Primary Care Among Sexual and Gender Minority Young Adults	Tahmina Amini
2:06-2:14 PM	Health-Related Quality of Life in Young Adults Who Report Medicinal Reasons for Cannabis Use	Nicole Dimitrova
2:14-2:29 PM	Mucopentrative Intranasal Cannabinoid Nanoparticles as a Steroid-Sparing Approach for Chronic Rhinosinusitis	Mehdi Nouraei
2:30-3:30 PM	**Coffee and Poster Session 1**	
3:30-4:15 PM	Cannabinoids in the Context of Pain and Palliative Care for Children	Tim Oberlander
4:15-5:00 PM	Cannabis Oils for Cancer-Related Symptoms: An Aggregate of n-of-1 Clinical Trial with Implications for Clinical Use and Future Study Design	Pippa Hawley

5:00 PM	DAY 1 Wrap Up	Jibran Khokhar

Friday, May 29, 2026
Conference Day 2

Location: Chestnut Conference Centre Ballroom

8:30-9:00 AM	**Coffee & Registration**	
9:00-9:05 AM	Day 2 Welcome and Updates	Lauren Kelly
9:05-10:05 AM	**Panel Discussion: Opportunities and Challenges for Cannabis Researchers in Canada**	Panelists: Iris Balodis, Patricia Conrod, Karim Ladha, James MacKillop and Victor Tang Moderated by Hance Clarke
10:05-10:35 AM	The Effects of THC Edibles on Simulated Driving	Bernard LeFoll and Patricia DiCiano
10:35-10:50 AM	The Impact of Cognitive Fatigue on Motion Coherence Perception in Regular Cannabis Users and Non-Users: A Pilot Study	Jeffrey Jones
10:50-11:50 AM	**Coffee and Poster Session 2**	
11:50-12:38	**Data Blitz 2**	

11:50-11:58 AM	The Role of the Endocannabinoid System as a Neural Correlate of Impulsivity in Neuropsychiatric Disorders	Miray Youssef
11:58 AM-12:06 PM	Feasibility, Acceptability and Adherence to Oral Cannabinoid Treatment in Multiple Sclerosis, an inflammatory Neurologic Disease	Kanza Alami Marrouni
12:06-12:14 PM	Behavioral Economic Cannabis Demand Following Recreational Cannabis Legalization: Six Year Findings from an Observational Cohort Study of Community Adults in Canada	Sophie Coelho
12:14-12:22 PM	Distinct Trajectories of Cannabis Use Frequency and Disorder Severity over 8 Years: Findings from a Community-Based Longitudinal Cohort	Amanda Doggett
12:22-12:30 PM	Recreational Cannabis Legalization and Interpersonal Violence in Canada: Evidence from Population-Based Interrupted Time Series Analyses	Edward Wang
12:30-12:38 PM	Back to Reality: Using Serious Gaming to Support Culturally Affirming Psychosis and Cannabis Education in Medical Learners	Suzanne Archie
12:38-1:50 PM	**Lunch**	
1:50-2:35 PM	From Placenta to Behavior: The Neurodevelopmental Impact of Prenatal Cannabis Exposure	Yasmin Hurd
2:35-2:55 PM	Perinatal Cannabis Use in Canada: Behaviors, Perceptions, and Public Health Implications	Justine Renard
2:55-3:10 PM	"1,2,3, Release": Cannabis Consumption, Mental Health and Well Being During Pregnancy, Lactation and Parenthood	Saara Greene and Rochelle Maurice

3:10-3:30 PM	**Coffee & Networking Break**	
3:30-3:50 PM	The DeGroote Centre for Medicinal Cannabis Research: A Translational Platform for Advancing the Science of Cannabis	James MacKillop
3:50-4:35 PM	Cannabis Clinical Trials in Canada: An Update from the Canadian Medical Cannabis Trials Network (CMCN)	Jason Busse and Lauren Kelly
4:35-4:50 PM	BudTalks: The Cannabis Messaging Reset	Iris Balodis and Deirdre Querney
4:50-5:00 PM	Announcement of Trainee Presentation Awards and Closing Remarks	Robert Laprairie
5:00 PM	CONGRESS CLOSES	

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