



# READINESS & RESPONSE IN A CHANGING WORLD

Trauma Association of Canada  
Annual Scientific Meeting & Conference

April 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> 2026 • Calgary Hyatt Regency Hotel • Calgary AB

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM





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## Pre-Conference Day Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

### Time

0730-1600 ITNC (Interdisciplinary Trauma Network of Canada)\*  
TACPIC (TAC Performance Improvement Committee)\* (1500-1600)

0730-1600 TRISC (Trauma Registry Information Specialists of Canada)\*

### Committee Meetings

0900-1200 Research\*

1300-1500 Trauma, Medical & Operation Directors

1630-1730 Injury Prevention

1630-1730 Trauma Team Leaders (TTL)

1730-1930 Welcome Reception

Poster Judging

*\* Additional registration fee required*



# Conference Day 1 Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026



## Time

0700-0800

Industry Symposium & Breakfast

0800-0810

Welcome

**Cheryl Connors**, TAC Executive Director  
**Dr Andrew Beckett** (TAC Past President)  
**Nasira Lakha** (TAC President-Elect)

0810-0850

TAC President's Address

**Readiness and Response in a Changing World:  
Leadership, Adaptation and the Future of Trauma Care**

**Dr Jagadish Rao**, TAC President,  
Trauma Program Medical Director, Regina, SK

0850-0945

**Opening Keynote**  
(International Speaker)

**Health Systems for Armed Conflict and Hybrid Warfare:  
New Ways of Thinking about Health System Resilience Preparing**

**Margaret Bordeaux** MD MPH  
Director, Health Security Policy Academy at  
Division of Global Health Equity – Brigham &  
Women's Hospital, Assistant Professor,  
Department of Global Health &  
Social Medicine – Harvard Medical School

0945-1015

Visit Exhibits, View Posters & Refreshment Break



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## Invited Speaker Streams 1-3

| Time      | Stream 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Stream 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Stream 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| 1015-1115 | <p><b>Surgical 1</b></p> <p><b>Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) in Trauma:<br/>A 10-Year Update for the Trauma Association of Canada</b></p> <p><b>Jason Cheng</b> MD FRCPC<br/>Staff Intensivist &amp; ECMO Team Member, Royal Columbian Hospital, Fraser Health, New Westminster, BC, Past Fellow, Critical Care &amp; ECMO, Cardiothoracic ICU and Cardiac Surgery Unit, The Alfred Hospital &amp; Monash University, Melbourne, Australia</p> <p><b>The Evolution of Surgical Options in Traumatic Liver Injury:<br/>Has Technology Shifted the Paradigm?</b></p> <p><b>Ephraim S. Tang</b> MD MSc FRCSC<br/>HPB &amp; Transplant Surgeon, Minimally Invasive and Complex Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Surgery Program, Assistant Professor of Surgery and Oncology, London Health Sciences Centre, Western University, London, ON</p> | <p><b>Paediatrics</b></p> <p><b>Paediatric Blunt Chest Trauma</b></p> <p><b>Karl Phillips</b> BA BSc MD FRCPC<br/>Emergency Physician and Trauma Medical Director, Alberta Children's Hospital</p> <p><b>The Cost of Caring:<br/>Vicarious Trauma in Health Information Professionals</b></p> <p><b>Kyla Hoogers</b> BA CHIM<br/>Senior Trauma Data Analyst, Stollery Children's Hospital &amp; University of Alberta Hospital, Edmonton, AB</p> <p><b>Nicky Mathur</b> BSc CHIM<br/>Trauma Data Analyst, Alberta Children's Hospital, Calgary, AB</p> | <p><b>Performance Improvement</b></p> <p><b>Evaluation of the Alignment of Canadian Trauma Centres with American College of Surgeons Verification Standards:<br/>A Pan-Canadian Gap Analysis</b></p> <p><b>Panel: TBA</b></p> |



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## Invited Speaker Streams 4-6

| Time      | Stream 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Stream 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Stream 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| 1120-1220 | <p><b>Military 1</b></p> <p><b>AI-Driven Virtual Reality for Scalable, Data-Informed, and Mission-Ready Medical Training</b></p> <p><b>CWO Michael Fuentespina</b> MMM CD<br/>Strategic Health Services Reserve Chief Warrant Officer, Canadian Forces Health Services Group, Canadian Armed Forces</p> <p><b>The Role of the Combat Medic</b></p> <p><b>MWO David Miles</b><br/>MEDIC MES Implementation Res F SME, D H Svcs Pers, CAF Health Services Headquarters, Canadian Armed Forces</p> <p><b>The Role of the Paramedic</b></p> <p><b>WO JT Ferris</b></p> <p><b>The Role of Nursing in the Forward Aeromedical Evacuation (FWD AE)</b></p> <p><b>Maj Nadine Verwey</b></p> | <p><b>Nursing</b></p> <p><b>From Flames to Frontlines: Emergency Preparedness and Hospital Response After a Wildfire</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b><br/><b>Lori Quinn</b> MSN RN BSc ENC(C)</p> <p><b>Panel:</b></p> <p><b>Barb Hosang-Grant</b><br/>Alberta Health Services</p> <p><b>Tom Watts</b><br/>Emergency Disaster Management Director</p> <p><b>Katherine Severson</b><br/>Director, Emergency &amp; Protective Services (Banff)</p> <p><b>Dr Philip Dawe</b><br/>Acute Care and Trauma Surgeon, Trauma Services VGH, Medical Manager</p> | <p><b>TTA/TTL 1</b></p> <p><b>TTL Program – Stampede to Slopes: Advancing Trauma Care in Calgary</b></p> <p><b>Panel:</b><br/><b>Julianna Deutscher</b> MD MPH<br/>Emergency Physician</p> <p><b>Kelly Osinki</b> RN<br/>Alberta Health Services</p> <p><b>Charles-Antoine Vigneault</b><br/>Trauma Surgeon, University of Calgary</p> <p><b>Disposition of Brain Injured Patients in the ED: BIG Solutions</b></p> <p><b>Brian Lahiffe</b> MD CCFP (EM)<br/>Physician Trauma Lead, St. Paul's Hospital (Vancouver)</p> |
| 1220-1400 | Lunch & Visit Exhibits                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |



# Conference Day 1

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### Time

1400-1500 Open Paper Presentations Session 1

1500-1530 Visit Exhibits, View Posters & Refreshments

1530-1630 Open Paper Presentations Session 2

### Invited Speaker Streams 7 & 8

#### Stream 7

#### Military 2

1630-1730 TBI Markers in Trauma Care

**LCdr Jody Young** CD MD CCFP FRCPC  
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Specialist, CF Health Services Center  
(Ottawa), Canadian Armed Forces

**PARATUS:**  
*Advancing Canada's Whole-of-Nation Trauma Readiness  
Through Civil-Military Collaboration*

1730-1830 Paediatric Committee Meeting

#### Stream 8

#### ATLS

ATLS (Advance Trauma Life Support) Course Update

Panel: TBA

1830 Free Evening for Delegates



# Conference Day 2

## Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026



### Time

0730-0845

Industry Symposium & Breakfast

0845-0930

**Keynote**  
**Dr Murray Girotti Injury Prevention Lecture**

**Dr Ian Pike** PhD MSc  
Investigator Emeritus, BC Children's Hospital Research Institute  
Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Medicine, University of British Columbia

0930-0945

**Dr Charles Burns Award & Honourary Memberships** **Dr Jagadish Rao**

0945-1015

Visit Exhibits, View Posters & Refreshment Break



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## Invited Speaker Streams 9-11

| Time      | Stream 9                                                             | Stream 10                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Stream 11                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| 1015-1115 | <b>Pre-hospital &amp; Transport Medicine (PTM)</b><br><br><b>TBA</b> | <b>TTA/TTL 2</b><br><br><b>What Changed Adult Trauma Resuscitation in 2025? <i>Trauma Papers That Mattered (2025 Edition)</i></b><br><br><b>Dr Luis da Luz MD MSc</b><br>Surgeon, Sunnybrook Research Institute<br>Associate Professor, University of Toronto<br><br><b>Dr Christian Malo MD FRCP(EM)</b><br>Emergency Physician, CHU de Québec-Hôpital<br>Enfant-Jésus Clinical Professor, Laval Université<br><br><b>Advancing Paediatric Trauma Care: <i>Trauma Papers That Mattered (2025 Edition)</i></b><br><br><b>Dr Pierre-Alexandre LeBlanc MD FRCP(EM)</b><br>Emergency Physician, CHUL – Urgence<br>Clinical Professor, CHU de Québec<br><br><b>Dr Josh Ramjist MD MSc MBA FRCSC</b><br>Surgeon, Hospital for Sick Children<br>Assistant Professor, University of Toronto | <b>Surgical 2</b><br><br><b>New Horizons in Organ Retrieval: <i>What Changes Are Here, What Changes Are Coming, and What Are the Implications for Trauma Providers</i></b><br><br><b>Julie Kromm MD FRCP</b><br>Neurointensivist & Neurologist; Neurocritical<br>Care Specialist, Clinical Associate Professor,<br>Departments of Clinical Neurosciences & Critical<br>Care Medicine, Cumming School of Medicine,<br>University of Calgary Foothills Medical Centre /<br>Rockyview General Hospital, Calgary, AB<br><br><b>Can We Measure Physician Performance: <i>An Example from Sepsis</i></b><br><br><b>Christopher (Chip) Doig MD MSc FRCPC</b><br>Professor, Departments of Critical Care Medicine<br>and Community Health Sciences, Cumming<br>School of Medicine, University of Calgary<br>Intensivist, Foothills Medical Centre, Calgary AB |



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## Invited Speaker Streams 12-14

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| 1120-1220 | <p><b>Integrated Trauma Care</b></p> <p><b>Moderators:</b><br/><b>Dr Christian Malo, Dr Luis Da Luz &amp; Nasira Lakha</b></p> <p><b>Right Patient, Right Time:</b><br/><i>Trauma Team Activation from the Field to the Trauma Bay</i></p> <p><b>Panel:</b><br/><b>Johannes von Vopelius-Feldt</b> MD MSc<br/>DiplMC FRCEM FRCP<br/>TTL, St Michael's Hospital, Transport Physician, Ornge, Associate Professor, University of Toronto</p> <p><b>Robert Green</b> BSc MD DABEM FRCP FRCP(Edin)<br/>Professor, Dalhousie University, Senior Director, Nova Scotia Provincial Trauma Program</p> <p><b>Amanda McFarlan</b><br/>Quality Assurance Coordinator, Registry Team Lead, St Michael's Hospital, Toronto</p> <p><b>Sherry MacGillivray</b> RN BN<br/>Trauma Coordinator, Alberta Children's Hospital</p> <p><b>Lowyl Notario</b> MSc RN ENC(C)<br/>Advanced Practice Nurse, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Adjunct Lecturer, University of Toronto</p> <p><b>David C. Evans</b> AB MD CM MSc FRCSC FACS<br/>Trauma Surgeon, Vancouver General Hospital</p> | <p><b>Injury Prevention</b></p> <p><b>Moderators:</b><br/><b>Joanne Sadler &amp; Emma Schmidt</b></p> <p><b>Injury Prevention in a Changing World: Trends Shaping Trauma Readiness and Response</b></p> <p><b>Ian Pike</b> PhD<br/>BC Injury Research and Prevention Unit, University of British Columbia</p> <p><b>Brent Hagel</b> BPE MSc PhD<br/>Paediatrics and Community Health Sciences, Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary</p> <p><b>Carolyn Emery</b> PhD PT<br/>Faculty of Kinesiology, University of Calgary</p> <p><b>Brandy Tanenbaum</b> MPH<br/>Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Toronto</p> | <p><b>Surgical 3</b></p> <p><b>Trauma Surgeon In-House Call vs Home Call: A Surgical Debate Fueled by the ACS Committee on Trauma and the Trauma Association of Canada</b></p> <p><b>Jeremy Grushka</b> MD FRCSC<br/>Trauma Surgeon &amp; Surgical Intensivist, Montreal General Hospital / McGill University</p> <p><b>Lawrence M. Gillman</b> MD MMedEd FRCSC<br/>FACS, Acute Care &amp; Trauma Surgeon, Director of Simulation, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB</p> <p><b>Surgical Preparation for Mass Casualty Events: Lessons Learned and Future Directions</b></p> <p><b>Andrew Beckett</b> CD MD MSc FRCSC FACS<br/>Trauma Surgeon &amp; Critical Care Physician; Medical Director, Trauma Program, St. Michael's Hospital, Associate Professor of Surgery, University of Toronto, Lieutenant-Colonel (Royal Canadian Medical Service) with operational mass casualty experience</p> |



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## Time

1220-1330 Lunch & Visit Exhibits

1330-1400 TAC AGM

1400-1500 Open Paper Presentations Session 3

1505-1605 Open Paper Presentations Session 4

1610-1655 **Keynote**  
**Dr Fraser Gurd Lecture**

**Dr Emilie Joos** MD MSc FRCSC FACS  
Associate Medical Director, UBC Branch Global Surgical Care  
Program Director, UB Trauma & ACS Fellowship Program

1655-1700 **Presentation of Awards & Closing Remarks**

**Nasira Lakha**, *Incoming TAC President*

## REGISTER HERE!



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