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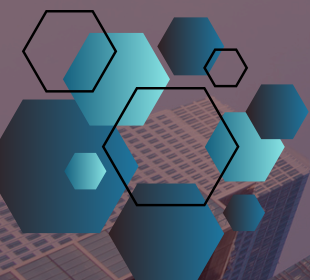


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- CHWC 2026 -

Call for Abstracts - June 25th

Are you interested in presenting in person or online for this year's Canadian Health Workforce Conference? CHWN invites you to submit an abstract for consideration by June 25, 2026.

Presenters will be notified of acceptance by September 1st and requested to confirm via registration by September 25th.





Announcements

Canadian Health Workforce Conference 2026

December 3-4, 2026



Join us for the 2026 Canadian Health Workforce Conference (CHWC), hosted by the Canadian Health Workforce Network in collaboration with the International Health Workforce Collaborative (IHWC).

This hybrid conference will bring together health workforce researchers, policy makers, practitioners, students, and leaders from across the country and around the world. The goal of the conference is to provide an opportunity to engage in knowledge exchange and meaningful discussion on a range of regional, national, and international health workforce issues and showcase the latest research and cutting-edge technology and innovation for health workforce policy, planning, management, and practice.

To submit an abstract for consideration, please fill out our [abstract submission form](#) by June 25, 2026.

To learn more, visit our [CHWC 2026 event page](#), where we will soon be sharing more information on registration, sponsors, and our program.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Support CHWC 2026 and connect with a national and international community of health workforce researchers, policymakers, practitioners, students, and leaders.

To learn more or view our sponsorship prospectus, please contact info@hhr-rhs.ca





Announcements

The Caring for Canadians Podcast

We are launching a podcast! The Caring for Canadians Podcast, hosted by Ivy Bourgeault, will give listeners an inside look at the lives, challenges, and passions of different healthcare workers across Canada. Each episode features candid conversations with professionals sharing their journeys, busting myths, addressing career realities, and telling the stories that shaped them.

Stay tuned. The first episode is on its way!



Health Policy Off Script Podcast

Tune into the Health Policy Off Script podcast!

This podcast, hosted by Steven Lewis, Ivy Bourgeault, and Dale McMurchy features candid interviews with policymakers, practitioners, thought leaders and patients about the Canadian Health System. Each episode explores barriers to progress and proposes realistic paths forward to a better system.

Latest from the podcast:

[Health Policy Off Script: Health Workforce - What's the Plan?](#) (Featuring Arthur Sweetman)

Stay tuned. An episode on primary care is on its way!





CAHSPR Highlights

Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research (CAHSPR) Conference 2026



Health Workforce Theme Group Events

In collaboration with the Canadian Health Workforce Network, the CAHSPR Health Workforce Theme Group organized a series of engaging events throughout CAHSPR 2026, bringing together researchers, policymakers, health system leaders, and trainees to explore current priorities in health workforce research and practice.

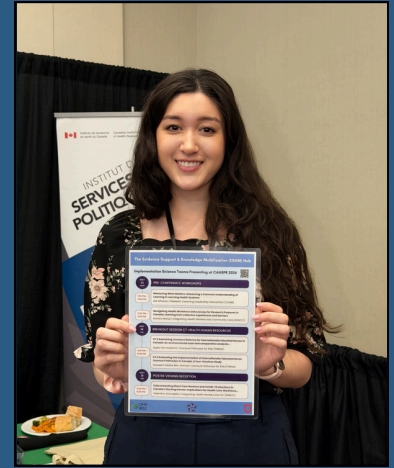
Featured events included:

- Pre-Conference Workshop on Navigating Health Workforce Data Access for Research Purposes in Canada: Learning from Collective Experiences of Barriers and Breakthroughs
- Health Workforce Theme Group Lunch
- Theme Group Workshop on Implementing Heart Knowledge as a Framework for Health Workforce Sustainability and Patient Dignity

Together, these events highlighted the importance of combining robust evidence, meaningful collaboration, and human-centred approaches beyond the data to advance health workforce research, policy, and practice.



CAHSPR Highlights



Showcasing the CIHR Implementation Science Teams (ISTeams)

Whether presenting in a workshop or concurrent session, presenting a poster, or engaging with others in and outside of sessions, our ISTeams made meaningful contributions to this year's CAHSPR Conference. Presenting ISTeams included:

Integrating Health Workers into Community Care (IHWCC):

- Navigating Health Workforce Data Access for Research Purposes in Canada: Learning from Collective Experiences of Breakthroughs and Barriers
- Poster Presentation on Subcontracting Direct Care Workers and COVID-19 Infections in Canada's Nursing Homes: Implications for the Health Care Workforce and Infection Control Policy

Pediatric Coaching Leadership Intervention (CLIMB):

- Measuring What Matters: Advancing a Common Understanding of Learning in Learning Health Systems

Licensure Pathways for IENs (P4IENs):

- Examining Licensure Reforms for Internationally Educated Nurses in Canada: An Environmental Scan and Comparative Policy Analysis of Implementation
- Evaluating the Implementation of Internationally Educated Nurse Licensure Pathways in Canada: A Four-Province Study





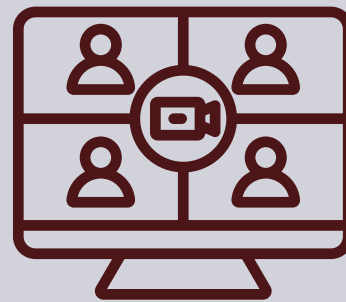
Evidence Support and Knowledge Mobilization (ESKM) Hub

ESKM Hub Webinar Series

The ESKM Hub is pleased to launch a new webinar series for the 2026-2027 academic year!

From October 2026 to June 2027, we will be featuring one to two CIHR ISTeams each month to share valuable insights and experiences from their projects. Topics may include implementation successes, challenges, lessons learned, emerging findings, and more. The series will be open to all, providing a unique opportunity to learn from implementation science initiatives taking place across Canada, connect with fellow researchers and partners, and explore innovative approaches to translating evidence into practice.

Additional details, including presenting ISTeams, webinar topics, and registration information, will be shared throughout the 2026-2027 academic year.



ISTeam Spotlight: CAREFORCE

CAREFORCE is a pan-Canadian, team-based training program delivered in partnership with Continuing Studies at the University of Toronto. Designed to strengthen workforce optimization capacity within cancer centres, the program combines education, coaching, practical project work, and implementation support.



On June 22, 2026, CAREFORCE celebrated the completion of its inaugural cohort. The event showcased the achievements of six participating teams and the innovative workforce optimization projects they have developed over the past year. [Visit their project page to learn more.](#)





New Open Access Resources & Publications

Preparing the Long-Term Care Sector for Future Health Crises: A Set of Practical Pandemic Management Staffing Strategies (Abughori et al., 2026)



Regulating in a Digital Age: Insights from a Mixed-Methods Study (Adams & Leslie, 2026)

Professional Governance Systems that Work: Managing risks and Ensuring Regulatory Effectiveness in a Global and Digital Age (Adams et al., 2026)



Breaking Barriers: A study protocol on unveiling gender, racial and other intersectional dynamics in post-secondary institutions and identifying solutions for advancing primary care and public health research (Aggarwal et al., 2026)

Developing a workplace mental health toolkit informed by an intersectional sex and gender perspective (Atanackovic et al., 2026)

Where Research meets Practice: Building academic-regulatory partnerships to drive evidence-informed professional regulation (Chiu et al., 2026)

Promising Practices in Implementing Interventions for Health Worker Burnout: Preventing and Addressing Burnout (Corrente et al., 2026)

Canada's oral health workforce: Using long-run trends to inform rising demand for dental services (Dark et al., 2026)

'Fend for Yourself': Nurses' experiences transitioning to Family Care Team practice settings in Newfoundland and Labrador (Devy-Burry et al., 2026)

What Matters Most When Visiting A Rapid Access Addiction Medicine Clinic in Canada for Alcohol Use Care: A National eDelphi Study (Dowson et al., 2026)

Analyse critique du « temps supplémentaire obligatoire » chez les infirmières du Québec : lorsque les pratiques de résistance se heurtent aux injustices épistémiques (Dufour et al., 2026)

Leaves of Absence and Presenteeism Among Canadian Teachers: Mental Health Challenges, Frequency, Impact, Facilitators, and Barriers (Ferguson et al., 2026)

More Indirect Patient Care Activities per Visit: 11-Year Analysis of Family Physician Electronic Health Records in Canada (Gallant et al., 2026)

Access to Primary Care for People with Chronic Pain: A Lived/Living Experience Informed Mixed Methods Study Protocol (Gooderham et al., 2026)



Translating Evidence into Practice: Developing Canada's first position statement on genomics-informed oncology (Gretchev et al., 2026)

Nurses' actions to Advance the Sustainable Development Goals: A Global Study
(Hawkins et al., 2026)

The Paradox of Nurse Burnout and Improved Quality of Care: A Longitudinal Survey Study of British Columbia Nurses (Havaei et al., 2026)

Psychiatric Care Systems Are Not Prepared for the Climate Crisis: A Call for Coordination and Evidence
(Kidd et al., 2026)

Standardizing Health Workforce Data in Canada: Legal and Regulatory Levers for Harmonized Collection and Sharing (Lyn et al., 2026)

Pandemic Preparedness Lessons for Family Physicians and other Primary Care Providers
(Matthews et al., 2026)

Factors Influencing Family Physicians' Willingness to Prescribe Opioid Agonist Therapy using Virtual Modalities: A Qualitative Analysis (Muñoz-Violant et al., 2026)

"It Could Bring a lot of Help to People that Aren't Getting Help Right Now": A Qualitative Analysis of the Impact of Virtual Care on Access to Primary Care for People with Opioid Use Disorder
(Narayan et al., 2026)

Factors Influencing Racial Discrimination and Prevalence of Major Depressive Disorder Among Black Canadian Youths (Oluwasina et al., 2026)

Critical Dialogues for Action: A Research Methodology for Transforming Engagement into Impact
(Sonnenberg et al., 2026)

Direct-to-Consumer Commercial Virtual Care: A Scoping Review (Spithoff et al., 2026)

Nurses' Contributions to Virtual Care Delivery in Primary Care: A Scoping Review (Vaughn et al., 2026)

Integrating Indigenous Data Sovereignty Principles Into Learning Health Systems: Survey of Canadian PBRLNs and Framework Analysis (Wood et al., 2026)





In the media



[Max Bell School of Public Policy: Video on the Canadian Health Act](#) (Featuring Mary Bartram)

[The Hill Times: Expanding the Indigenous Health Workforce offers the Federal Government Key Policy Wins](#) (Featuring Ivy Bourgeault & Kienan Williams)

[The DLSPH: Advancing Equity Through Collaboration: Highlights from the 2026 Global Oncology Conference](#) (Featuring Audrey Laporte)

[The Toronto Star: These Workers Support Us in Our Homes but Are Burnt Out and Underpaid. This Is How We Can Help Them](#) (Featuring Naomi Lightman)



Latest from the CHWN Blog

[Beyond the Data:](#)

[Implementing Heart Knowledge for Health Workforce Sustainability and Patient Dignity](#) (By Brenda Gamble & Kienan Williams)

Visit our [CHWN Blog](#) to explore entries written by members of our team and guest authors. We share a new entry each month!



Canadian Health Workforce Library

CHWN adds to its library of Canadian health workforce literature on an ongoing basis – please check out the new additions (info@hhr-rhs.ca)!





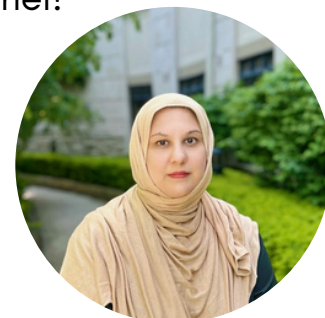
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