

Wednesday June 12, 2024

AGENDA

8:00–9:00 am	Registration & Continental Breakfast	
9:00–10:00 am	<p>Keynote Speaker</p> <p>The Arc of a Life: Accompanying Parents of Children Living with Serious Medical Conditions</p> <p>Blyth Lord, founder and executive director of Courageous Parents Network, imparts perspectives and insights gathered over 10 years of interviewing parents of seriously ill children as well as palliative-minded clinicians caring for these families. Amplifying scientific evidence, the talk will explore key psycho-education concepts that orient and equip parents, and the role that all clinicians as well as primary palliative care can play in fostering ‘good parent’ beliefs.</p>	<p>Blyth T. Lord, EdM Founder and Executive Director Courageous Parents Network</p>
10:00–10:30 pm	REFRESHMENT BREAK	
10:30–12:00 pm	CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS	
	<p>Serious Illness Conversations in Pediatrics: Communicating compassionately and effectively with families when a child is seriously ill.</p> <p>The workshop will describe the rationale for a systematic approach to conducting conversations about patient values and priorities in serious illness. It will explore best practices in conducting therapeutic conversations with parents and family members of seriously ill children, using a structured,</p>	<p>Megan Doherty MD Paediatric Palliative Director – South Asia, Two Worlds Cancer Program Director, Palliative Care, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, Ottawa</p>

	<p>person-centered approach to explore parents' understanding, goals, worries, strengths, critical abilities, and trade-offs related to their child's illness.</p>	
	<p>Integrating Anticipatory Guidance for Caregivers of Children Living with Serious Medical Conditions: Tools to reduce parental isolation and empower and equip them as decision-makers and to create a shared learning environment for families and clinicians to explore care goals.</p> <p>Led by bereaved parent and palliative care advocate Blyth Lord, this session will begin with a quick overview of the invisible psycho-social and emotional impact of pediatric illness on parent caregivers and the vital role of anticipatory guidance to fortify caregivers. It will transition to a demonstration of CourageousParentsNetwork.org and NeuroJourney.</p>	<p>Blyth T. Lord, EdM Founder and Executive Director Courageous Parents Network</p>
	<p>Methadone in Pediatric Palliative Care</p> <p>Methadone is a powerful tool in advanced pain management. It has unique properties different from other opioid medications; these offer unique benefits to patients, but also require a unique approach to management. To be utilized safely, all involved providers require a baseline understanding of methadone and its activity. In this interactive workshop, we will discuss difficult-to-manage pain, the role of methadone, and work through cases from an interdisciplinary lens to increase all providers' familiarity and comfort with methadone.</p>	<p>Dave Lysecki, MD, FRCPC Division Head and Associate Professor Pediatric Palliative Medicine Department of Pediatrics, McMaster University Founder, Quality of Life & Advanced Care Program, McMaster Children's Hospital Medical Director, Keaton's House Children's Hospice Project.</p> <p>Robin Williams, MD, FRCPC Assistant Professor Department of Paediatrics, Western University Consultant Physician, Quality of Life and Advanced Care team at Children's Hospital, LHSC Examiner and Co-chair, Palliative Medicine Exam Board, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.</p>
<p>12:00–1:00 pm</p>	<p>NETWORKING LUNCH</p>	

1:00–2:30 pm	CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS (See above for descriptions)	
	SICG Workshop	Megan Doherty
	TBD Workshop	Blyth Lord
	Methadone Workshop	Dave Lysecki and Robin Williams
2:30–3:00 pm	REFRESHMENT BREAK	
3:00–3:15 pm	<p>SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER PRESENTATION</p> <p>The Pediatric Model of Care: A Roadmap to improve access to pediatric palliative care in Ontario.</p>	<p>Deanna Bryant, BAh, MPA Manager, Provincial Palliative Care Program</p>
3:15–4:30 pm	<p>ORAL PRESENTATIONS</p> <p>Brief descriptions of new and exciting work in the field of pediatric palliative care.</p>	
4:30	Wine and Cheese Reception	