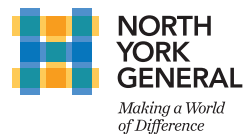




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# Emergency Department Administration Conference (EDAC) 2023

November 21, 2023



Join us for Canada's leading Emergency Department (ED) Administration Conference, presented by the Schwartz/Reisman Emergency Institute (SREMI).

This year's conference features an interactive virtual conference providing updates on issues of importance to leaders and administrators in emergency services, presented by internationally renowned speakers.

Our Plenary Speaker this year will also give our "WEDOC Address" (Western ED Operations Conference) - Dr. Aleks Chochinov will speak on CAEP's National Advocacy Strategy and the future of emergency medicine in Canada.

The focus of the other sessions will be a variety of topics of interest to ED administrators in urban, community, and rural settings. Cathy Cattaruzza, Joy McCarron & Carolyn Farquharson will discuss the Ontario Health Emergency Nursing Strategy. Kylie Booth and Michael Austin will speak on strategies and programs to offer remote help to emergency services providers in both the ED and EMS settings. Finally, David Dushenski, Rohit Mohindra, Tajinder Kaura & Marisa Vaglica will discuss different models of care within the ED and their impact on departmental flow.

Lastly, we will be hosting a Networking Dinner with EDAC speakers, committee members, and other ED leaders which is available to all EDAC attendees. This dinner will provide an exciting opportunity to network and further discuss issues important to ED administrators across Canada.



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REGISTER**

11:30 am Welcoming Remarks & State of the Union  
Howard Ovens

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12:00 pm **ANNUAL WEDOC ADDRESS**

Slaying Canada's Healthcare Hydra - Coordinated Mission or Mission Impossible?  
Alecs Chochinov

Moderator: Howard Ovens

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12:45 pm **NURSING PANEL**

Ontario Health Emergency Nursing Strategy and Panel  
Joy McCarron, Carolyn Farquharson & Cathy Cattaruzza

Moderator: Nana Asomaning

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2:15 pm **BREAK**

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2:30 pm **HELP CAN BE FAR AWAY - AND STILL BE EFFECTIVE!**

Peer 2 Peer Update & The Future of Small Hospital EDs  
Kylie Booth

Moderator: Bjug Borgundvaag

3:00 pm **Real Time Paramedic Support - Strategy to Ease Pressure on EMS and EDs**  
Michael Austin

Moderator: David Dushenski

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3:30 pm **MODELS OF CARE PANEL**

Different Models of Care in the ED Panel & Discussion  
Tajinder Kaura, David Dushenski, Rohit Mohindra & Marisa Vaglica

Moderator: Andrea Ennis

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5:00 pm WRAP UP & END OF CONFERENCE

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6:00 pm **NETWORKING DINNER**

The Faculty Club, University of Toronto

41 Willcocks St.  
Toronto, ON

Facilitators: Kevin Wasko & Andrea Ennis

By registration only

## Dr. Howard Ovens



Dr. Howard Ovens is an emergency physician and Chief Medical Strategy Officer of Sinai Health. At the University of Toronto he holds the rank of Full Professor at the Dept. of Family and Community Medicine and is a Senior Fellow in the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation. He is the Ontario Expert Lead for Emergency Medicine; in that capacity he chairs the Emergency Services Advisory Committee. He is also a member of the Public Affairs Committee of the Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians; he tweets about issues in the administration of and public policy related to emergency services using the handle @HowardOvens and his blog "Waiting to be seen" is hosted on the Emergency Medicine Cases website.

## Dr. Aleks Chochinov



Dr. Chochinov is Professor of Emergency Medicine at the University of Manitoba and an emergency physician at St Boniface Hospital in Winnipeg. Until 2020, he was university department head and Specialty Lead for EM in MB. His research/policy interests are in hypothermia, drowning, ED operations and health systems. He also maintains an active interest in health HR planning, as former Chair of the CMA Council on Education and Workforce. Dr. Chochinov is currently Chair of CAEP's EM:POWER task force on the future of emergency care. He intends to retire just as soon as he saves the Canadian healthcare system.

## Joy McCarron



Joy is an RN with 25+ years of ED experience as a nurse, educator and manager in both large and small community EDs. Joy was the Clinical Lead for eCTAS in Ontario, bringing together the clinical and technical teams to develop and implement an electronic decision support tool for triage nurse use in 129 EDs province wide. Joy is the Chair of the NENA Triage Committee and Co-Chair of the CAEP NENA CTAS National Advisory Committee. Joy is a CTAS Instructor / Instructor Trainer.

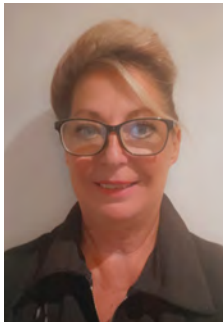
## Carolyn Farquharson



Carolyn Farquharson joined OH in Summer of 2023 as the first Provincial Director of Emergency Services. She and her team are responsible for providing strategic leadership for the program focused on emergency care across Ontario.

Carolyn has been a Registered Nurse since 1982 with the majority of her career spent in acute care hospitals. At least 30 of those years has involved working in emergency departments as a front line emergency/triage nurse, nurse educator, clinical nurse specialist, nursing administrator and senior director. As well as her emergency background she has extensive experience in leading acute care flow as the director of flow at Sinai Health.

Cathy Cattaruzza



Cathy Cattaruzza is a Vice President in the Clinical Institutes and Quality Programs Portfolio at Ontario Health supporting improved cardiac, vascular, stroke, and emergency care in Ontario. She brings decades of experience as an Emergency Department nurse to her consulting and leadership roles and is dedicated to high-quality care for all Ontarians. Cathy is leading key Emergency Department strategic initiatives across the province, including the Emergency Department Peer-to-Peer Program.

Dr. Kylie Booth



Dr. Kylie Booth is the Medical Advisor for the new Ontario Health Peer-to-peer program, and Ontario Health ED Lead for Central West. She is a full-time emergency physician in Collingwood, ON and is active in undergraduate and post-graduate medical education. She is an instructor with CASTED, and holds academic appointment at McMaster University. Dr. Booth has received awards for teaching excellence and continues to present at various professional meetings in Emergency Medicine with a particular focus on low-resource settings, trauma and transport medicine.

Dr. Michael Austin



Dr. Michael Arthur Austin, a distinguished MD, FRCPC, and esteemed Medical Director of RPPEO, holds the crucial role of ACT Foundation National Medical Director, passionately working towards the organization's vision of ensuring that all Canadians are equipped and prepared to respond to life-saving emergencies. His remarkable journey encompasses a thrilling 14-year stint as an Intensive Care and Wilderness Helicopter Paramedic. Currently serving as the Prehospital and Transport Medicine (PTM) Diploma Program Director at the University of Ottawa, he leaves an indelible impact on the field. Dr. Austin's dedication extends beyond his roles as he advocates for and staunchly supports the paramedic profession. He fervently champions the cause of patients, ensuring their well-being is at the heart of every medical decision. With his expertise, research contributions, and international recognition, he stands as a leading figure in pre-hospital medicine. Beyond the medical realm, Dr. Austin indulges his passion for cycling, participating in Canadian Tour Paramedic Rides and Muddy Angel Rides in the USA. As paramedics engage his counsel, they quickly recognize his signature sign-off, "Austin like Texas," assuring them of an exceptional experience.

Dr. Tajinder Kaura



Dr. Tajinder Kaura, MD CCFP(EM), is an Emergency Physician and Site Chief for the Urgent Care Centre at Peel Memorial Center for Health and Wellness. After completing medical school at Université De Montreal, Dr Kaura completed his residency at McGill University. He is also an active member of the South Asian Community Health Taskforce.

## Dr. David Dushenski



Dr. David Dushenski is the Chief of Emergency Medicine at Sinai Health System, and has been in full time emergency practice since 1995. He is an Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto Department of Family and Community Medicine and a Clinician Teacher. He is faculty at the Schwartz Reisman Emergency Medicine Institute, as well as the DFCM's Supplemental Emergency Medicine Experience program, and has interests in administration, quality improvement, and department design.

## Dr. Rohit Mohindra



Dr. Rohit Mohindra is an emergency medicine doctor and researcher focusing on refugee health, cardiac arrest care in marginalized populations, and AI in emergency medicine. His goal is to help people get the best care they need when they need it most. As the site lead for SREMI at NYGH he is also heavily involved in building research infrastructure and networks to improve the success of our research projects.

## Marisa Vaglica



Marisa is a registered nurse with almost 30 years of experience clinically and administratively. She obtained her nursing degree from Toronto Metropolitan University, formerly Ryerson University and completed her Graduate studies at the University of Toronto in Women's Health. Marisa holds certification in Green Belt Lean Methodology Training, as well as been involved in 3 separate large-scale Hospital Redevelopment Projects.

Currently, Marisa is the Director of Interprofessional Practice, Research and Education, and Interim Director, Centre for Quality and Design, People-Centred Care and Care Transitions at NYGH. The focus of her role is program strategic planning and operations for the Quality Portfolio, as well as to enhance practice across the organization, build a strong Professional Practice model as a foundation for practice and professional development at NYGH, while working collaboratively with Academic and Community Partners external to North York General Hospital. Most recently, Marisa holds an Adjunct Lecturer position at the Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing, University of Toronto and will be commencing her Doctor of Nursing, with a focus on Leadership at the University of Calgary this coming January.



### Nana Asomaning



Before becoming the Manager in the ED, Nana was the Manager of the Acute Care for Elders/General Medicine unit at Sinai. Nana originally started in the ED in 2009 as the Geriatric Emergency Management (GEM) NP/Clinical Nurse Specialist supporting the care of complex older adults. Nana has a Masters of Nursing/Nurse Practitioner from the University of Toronto and completed her Bachelor's of Nursing Science at McMaster University

### Dr. Bjug Borgundvaag



Dr. Bjug Borgundvaag is the Director of the Schwartz/Reisman Emergency Medicine Institute (SREMI) at Sinai Health. He is a Professor of Emergency Medicine and a Clinician Scientist in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Toronto. Prior to his medical training, he completed a PhD in Pharmacology at the University of Toronto and has been the Chair of the Sinai Health System's Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee since 2017. He has spent the last two decades doing ED based clinical research aimed at finding better ways to care for patients in emergency departments. Dr Borgundvaag practices emergency medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto.

### Dr. Kevin Wasko



Dr. Kevin Wasko is the Chief of Emergency Medicine and Program Medical Director at North York General Hospital in Toronto, ON. Prior to joining NYGH, he was a practicing emergency physician with Trillium Health Partners in Mississauga, ON. He served as the Physician Executive for Integrated Rural Health with the Saskatchewan Health Authority from December 2017 until June 2022, holding joint responsibility for the delivery of healthcare services across rural Saskatchewan. Dr. Wasko is a graduate of the University of Calgary's Cumming School of Medicine. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Dalhousie University, a Master of Arts in political science from the University of Calgary, and a certificate of added competence in Emergency Medicine (CCFP-EM).

### Andrea Ennis



Andrea has spent the past 23 years working in the Emergency Department where she has held a variety of different positions; Nurse, Educator, Manager and her current role as the Director of the Emergency Services Program, Nursing Resource Team, and Co Chair of Emergency Preparedness at North York General Emergency Department. She has a Bachelor in Science and a Masters in Nursing and recently has been appointed as an Adjunct Lecturer, Lawrence & Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing University of Toronto. Andrea is the co-director of Emergency Medicine Update. In her spare time Andrea is also part of the Toronto Maple Leaf's and Toronto Blue Jays Roger's Centre Medical Team.

## HOW TO REGISTER

Please register for this event online at [www.SREMI.ca/EDAC](http://www.SREMI.ca/EDAC)

Please note: space is not guaranteed unless payment is received prior to the event.



## REGISTRATION FEE

Virtual EDAC event: \$450 + HST  
per person

Networking Dinner: \$175 + HST  
per person

Networking Dinner registration must be received by November 14th, 2023.

## PAYMENT METHOD

Payment can be made by Credit Card (American Express/VISA/Mastercard). Payments must be made by November 17, 2023.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

No cancellations. Registrations may be transferred to another person at no cost. Please contact [mahima.sethi@sinaihealth.ca](mailto:mahima.sethi@sinaihealth.ca) to make the change.

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