20 POGO 26 MULTIDISCIPLINARY SYMPOSIUM ON CHILDHOOD CANCER

Psychosocial Day
Morning Program
Thursday, November 19, 2026

9:30 am – 10:00 am **Registration & Breakfast**

10:00 am – 10:05 am
Opening Remarks/Reflective Land Acknowledgement
Denise Mills, MN, RN(EC), NP-Paediatrics, CPHON®, McMaster Children's Hospital

10:05 am – 10:35 am
Serious Illness Conversations
Bob Phillips, BM, BCh, PhD, Leeds Children's Hospital, Hull-York Medical School and University of York, UK

10:35 am – 11:20 am
Back to School and Beyond: School Re-Entry, Adaptation, and Long-Term Support After Pediatric Cancer
Vicky Wilton, RN, BPHE, Health Sciences North
Helen Antoniades, MSW, Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario (POGO)

11:20 am – 11:50 am
Assessing Fear of Cancer Recurrence in Pediatric Survivors
Brooke Russell, PhD, CPsych, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO)

11:50 am – 12:35 pm
The Right Way To Do The Tough Thing: Fast, Safe, and Finished
Caleb Tait, CCLS, The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids)

12:35 pm – 1:35 pm **Lunch**

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Afternoon Program
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1:35 pm – 2:20 pm	**The Anatomy of Burnout in the Caring Profession** **Jodi Ploquin,** MSc, CHE, CCIP, Medical Society of Prince Edward Island
2:20 pm – 3:05 pm	**Comedic Relief: Exploring the Therapeutic Power of Play and Humour in Pediatric Oncology** **Erica Gellert,** Dip & BA, Child & Youth Care, The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids)
3:05 pm – 3:20 pm	**Break**
3:20 pm – 4:20 pm	**A Guide to Assisting Newcomers: Navigating Canada's Healthcare and Legal Systems** **Rosemary Masemann,** BCL/LLB, The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) and Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital
4:20 pm – 4:50 pm	**Adapting Universal Protocols for Pediatric Oncology Patients with Complex Care Needs** **Nicole Sheppard,** M.ADS, R.B.A. (Ont), BCBA, McMaster Children's Hospital **Amanda Uwadiae (Hendry),** MA, RBA (ONT.), BCBA, McMaster Children's Hospital
4:50 pm – 5:00 pm	**Closing Remarks** **Denise Mills,** MN, RN(EC), NP-Paediatrics, CPHON®, McMaster Children's Hospital **Donna Johnston,** MD, FRCPC, FAAP, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO)
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	**The Connection Reception**

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