2026 POGO Multidisciplinary Symposium on Childhood Cancer

Morning Program
Friday, November 20, 2026

8:00 am – 8:05 am

Opening 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)

8:05 am – 8:15 am

Land Acknowledgement
Stacey Marjerrison, MD, MSc, FRCPC, McMaster Children's Hospital

8:15 am – 8:20 am

CEO Remarks
Lauren Ettin, Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario (POGO)

8:20 am – 8:40 am

More than Medicine: A Patient Perspective
Melanie Austin

8:40 am - 9:25 am

Results & Note Release
Adam Yan, MD, MBI, FRCPC, FAAP, The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids)

9:25 am - 10:25 am

Evidence-Based Strategies to Protect Mental Well-Being Working in a Trauma-Exposed Profession
Jodi Ploquin, MSc, CHE, CCIP, Medical Society of Prince Edward Island

10:25 am – 10:40 am — **Break**

10:40 am – 11:40 am — **Breakout Sessions**

Session A: The Hospital is Larger Than Your Bed: Helping Children Move, Play & Participate During Cancer Treatment
Toria Vair, MScOT, McMaster Children's Hospital
Kalinda Ramsaran, PT, MScPT, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO)

Session B: Liquid Biopsy
Cynthia Hawkins, MD, PhD, The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids)
Rose Chami, MD, The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids)

Session C: One Team, One Child: Coordinating Naturopathic, Pharmacy, and Family Care in Pediatric Oncology
Dugald Seely, ND, MSc, Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine
Jane Hilliard, BScPhm, ACPR, RPh, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO)
Raffi Meyer-Wertman

Session D: When Mealtimes Change: Strategies to Recognize and Facilitate Conversations About Taste, Eating Enjoyment and Nutrition Challenges
Laura Collins, RD, McMaster Children's Hospital

11:40 am - 12:10 pm

Research Quick Hits
Amy Givogue, NP, MN, BScN, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO)
Ayesha Ahmad, McMaster University
Emily Anderson, McMaster University
Paula MacDonald, RPh, McMaster Children's Hospital
Rachel Howard, MD, FRCPC, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO)

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Afternoon Program
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12:10 pm – 12:30 pm — **Poster Viewing**

12:35 pm – 1:30 pm — **Lunch**

1:30 pm - 2:20 pm

Doing Ethics in a Messy World: A Toolkit for Cases

Dr. Michelle Mullen, MHP, PhD, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO)
Jane Cassano, MSW, RSW, McMaster Children's Hospital
Dr. Alexandra Zorzi, MD, FRCPC, London Health Sciences Centre
Moderator: Serina Patel, MD, MSc, FRCPC, London Health Sciences Centre

2:20 pm - 3:20 pm — **Breakout Sessions**

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Session B: Brain Tumor Update

Adam J. Fleming, MASc, MD, FRCPC, McMaster Children's Hospital

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3:20 pm - 3:35 pm — **Break**

3:35 pm - 4:15 pm

Artificial Intelligence in Pediatrics

Amy Zipursky, MD, MBI, The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids)

4:15 pm - 5:15 pm

The Next Chapter of Blinatumomab: Who Benefits, How We Deliver It, and Where We Go Next

Sue Zupanec, MN, NP, The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids)
Sumit Gupta, MD, PhD, The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids)

5:15 pm - 5:20 pm

Closing Remarks

Denise Mills, MN, RN(EC), NP-Paediatrics, CPHON®, McMaster Children's Hospital
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6:30 pm - 9:30 pm — **The Connection Reception**

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Morning Program
Saturday, November 21, 2026

8:00 am - 8:05 am — **Opening Remarks**

8:05 AM - 8:50 AM — **SSPedi Update - Dr. Lee Dupuis & Dr. Lillian Sung / Symptom Screening and Management: Why, How and the Future**

Lee Dupuis, RPh, ACPR, FCSHP, PhD, The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids)
Lillian Sung, MD, PhD, The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids)

8:50 am - 9:30 am — **Indigenous Patient Care**

Wendy Lariviere, BSW, Nipissing First Nation
Akumalik Tikivik
Moderator: Stacey Marjerrison, MD, MSc, FRCPC, McMaster Children's Hospital

9:35 am - 10:35 am — **Breakout Sessions**

Session A: Onco-dermatology: An Approach to Managing Skin Toxicities to Oncology Therapies

Rebecca Levy, MD, FRCPC, The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids)

Session C: Guideline Implementation

Bob Phillips, BM, BCh, PhD, Leeds Children's Hospital, Hull-York Medical School and University of York, UK

Session B: Treating Fear of Recurrence in Pediatric Oncology: Survivors and Parents

Brooke Russell, PhD, CPsych, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO)

Session D: From Consultation to Co-Leadership: Partnering with Patients and Families to Shape Pediatric Oncology Care

Shanika Abraham, RN, BScN, MHA, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO)
Allison Starr, The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids)
Dawn Pickering
Bonnie Davis

10:35 am - 10:50 am — **Break**

10:50 am - 11:30 am — **Oncology Medications: The Price Is Right**

Jennifer Drynan-Arsenault, BScPhm, RPh, ACPR, The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids)
Tejinder (TJ) Bains, BSc (Pharm), ACPR, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO)

11:30 am - 12:35 pm — **Affirming Care for 2SLGBTQIA Patients and Families in Pediatric and AYA Oncology**

Louise Guolla, MD, MSc, FRCPC, McMaster University
Bob Phillips, BM, BCh, PhD, Leeds Children's Hospital, Hull-York Medical School and University of York, UK

12:35 pm - 12:40 pm — **Closing Remarks**

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