CANADIAN HOSPICE PALLIATIVE CARE ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

Abstract Streams and Keywords:

We welcome abstract submissions for panel presentations, workshops, oral presentations, and posters in the following streams. You may have a maximum of two learning streams and up to two sub-themes for each stream.:

Clinical Practice *(e.g., symptom management, pain control, interprofessional collaboration, pharmacological and non-pharmacological interventions)*

Equity, Inclusion & Special Populations *(e.g., pediatrics, LGBTQ2S+, long-term care, prison populations, racialized communities, disability, rural & remote care)*

Indigenous Communities & Culturally Safer Care *(e.g., Indigenous-led models, culturally safe care, land-based healing, community engagement, traditional knowledge sharing)*

Health Systems & Models of Care *(e.g., workforce development, palliative care integration, public health, funding models, leadership, community-based care)*

Advance Care Planning *(e.g., legal & ethical considerations, family conversations, decision-making tools, ACP in diverse communities, advance directives)*

Grief, Bereavement & Psychosocial Support *(e.g., mental health, trauma-informed care, caregiver support, spiritual care, grief across the lifespan, cultural approaches to loss)*

Policy, Advocacy & Ethics *(e.g., human rights, MAID, legal & regulatory frameworks, health equity policies, access to palliative care, advocacy strategies)*

Innovation & Technology in Palliative Care (e.g., telehealth, AI, digital tools, emerging therapies, research advancements, virtual care models, assistive technology)

Clinical Practice Stream sub-themes

- Symptom management and pain control
- Pharmacological and non-pharmacological interventions
- Interprofessional and team-based care
- Care for complex and comorbid patients
- End-of-life options (e.g., treatment withdrawal, palliative sedation, MAID, etc.)

- Integrating psychosocial and spiritual support into clinical care (e.g., collaboration, referral models)
- Volunteer roles in clinical care settings
- Innovative clinical care models (e.g., home hospice, mobile units)
- Primary versus specialist palliative care delivery
- Clinician wellness and self-care (e.g., burnout prevention, compassion fatigue, resilience strategies)
- Care partners and caregiver collaboration (e.g., engaging caregivers as part of the care team, shared planning, clinical communication)
- Other

Equity, Inclusion & Special Populations stream sub-themes

- Equity in access to palliative care services
- Culturally safer care for diverse communities
- 2SLGBTQIA+ inclusive care approaches
- Palliative care and mental health integration
- Supporting people who use substances
- Care for people experiencing homelessness or unstable housing
- Disability- and neurodivergence-informed care
- Care in correctional and justice-involved settings
- Long-term care and palliative care service integration
- Rural, remote, and northern community care
- Palliative care in pediatric and adolescent populations
- Ethical considerations in equity-focused care delivery
- Other

Indigenous Communities and Culturally Safer Care stream sub-themes

- Indigenous-led palliative care and end-of-life care models
- Land-based, holistic, and community-centred healing practices
- Cultural protocols and knowledge sharing
- Engagement with Elders, families, and community leaders
- Education and training for culturally safer care
- Traditional knowledge, language, and ceremony in care delivery
- Shared decision-making and consent in Indigenous contexts
- Other

Health Systems & Models of Care stream sub-themes

- Integration of a palliative care approach in non–palliative care specialties (e.g., oncology, respirology, geriatrics)
- Public health models for palliative and end-of-life care
- Leadership development and workforce sustainability
- Strategic and organizational planning for sustainable palliative care delivery
- Organizational practices that support quality care delivery (e.g., clinical supervision, team meetings, early identification)
- System navigation, continuity of care, and transitions
- Volunteerism and informal caregiving in system design and policy
- Funding models, service delivery, and resource allocation
- Cross-sectoral collaboration (e.g., primary care, long-term care, acute care)
- Policy implementation and health system transformation
- Organizational approaches to workforce wellness (e.g., psychological safety, workload management, burnout prevention)
- Public engagement and building compassionate communities
- Other

Advance Care Planning stream sub-themes

- Serious illness and goals-of-care communication
- Tools and resources for planning and documentation
- Technology-enabled ACP
- Emotional, psychological, and cultural barriers to planning
- Legal and ethical issues related to ACP
- Implementation and system-level integration of ACP
- Public awareness and community education and engagement in ACP
- Other

Grief, Bereavement & Psychosocial Support stream sub-themes

- Grief literacy, public education, and building community capacity for grief support
- Psychosocial support for patients, families, and care teams
- Caregiver wellness and bereavement services
- Spiritual care and culturally appropriate grief support
- Trauma-informed grief and bereavement care

- Grief in specific populations (e.g., children, racialized groups, disenfranchised grief)
- Grief and bereavement following MAID
- Program development, evaluation, sustainability, and funding for grief and bereavement support
- Other

Policy, Advocacy & Ethics stream sub-themes

- Health and human rights in palliative care policy
- Legal and regulatory frameworks across jurisdictions
- MAID from a policy, legal, and ethical perspective
- Advocacy strategies to influence public and political discourse
- Public messaging and education campaigns to influence policy or societal awareness
- Economic impact, funding models, and value-based care in palliative care policy
- Ethics in clinical and community practice (e.g., consent, autonomy, decision-making)
- Organizational and equity-informed policy development and implementation (local, national, global)
- Other

Innovation & Technology in Palliative Care stream sub-themes

- Telehealth and virtual care delivery models
- Artificial intelligence and predictive tools
- Emerging technologies in communication, monitoring, and care
- Assistive technology for patients and caregivers
- Technology-enabled tools and platforms
- Technology for equitable access in rural or underserved communities
- Data infrastructure, interoperability, and digital systems
- Research, pilot programs, and digital tool evaluation
- Other

Keywords are suggestions only. If you have other relevant keywords that are not included in the above list and you wish to know if this is an eligible topic, please contact conference@chpca.ca