

RTi3 2026 Radiation Therapy Conference

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE



Friday, March 27, 2026		
9:00 – 9:01 AM	Cody Hall	WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT Madette Galapin and Yat Tsang
9:01 – 9:05 AM		UTDRO CHAIR WELCOME Laura Dawson
9:05 – 9:10 AM		CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRS OPENING REMARKS Madette Galapin and Yat Tsang
9:10 – 10:00 AM (40 mins talk + 10 mins Q&A)		INNOVATE KEYNOTE ADDRESS Innovative Patient Partnerships - From Concept to Co-production Aileen Duffton (<i>NHS Scotland</i>) <i>Moderator & Timekeeper: Yat Tsang</i>
10:00 – 10:30 AM (20 mins talk + 10 mins Q&A)		TOP RANKED INNOVATE A Comparison of Clinical Outcomes from Oncologist vs Therapist-led MRI-guided Ultra-hypofractionated, Adaptive Prostate Radiation Therapy Amanda Moreira (<i>Princess Margaret/UHN</i>) <i>Moderator & Timekeeper: Vickie Kong</i>
10:30 – 11:00 AM		MORNING COFFEE BREAK (30 mins)
11:00 – 12:00 PM	Cody Hall	PROFFERED SESSION 1 Treatment Planning and Adaptive <i>Moderator: Kenny Zhan</i> <i>Timekeeper: Saher Ali</i> (8 mins talk + 2 mins Q&A)
	Great Hall	STUDENT SESSION <i>Moderator: Natalie Rozanec</i> <i>Timekeeper: Rahul Mohla</i> (5 mins talk + 2 mins Q&A)
		Radiation Therapist Patterns-of-Practice in Reirradiation Across Canada Michael Velec (<i>Princess Margaret/UHN</i>)
		Workflow for image registration and dose accumulation in combined radiotherapy of cervical cancer using MIM Maestro V7 Esther Ke (<i>McMaster University</i>)
		'Is There a Difference': Can Bowel Gas be Ignored in Pelvic Radiation Therapy Planning? Esther Lo (<i>McMaster University</i>)
		From Pilot to Practice: Radiation Therapist-Driven Integration of AI Auto-Contouring into Treatment Planning from an eHealth Perspective Jeeun An (<i>Juravinski/McMaster U</i>)
		Feasibility of FDG PET-derived Metabolic Tumor Burden and Heterogeneity Parameters for Assessing Treatment Outcome Trends in Primary Mediastinal B-cell Lymphoma Cassidy Byers (<i>Michener/U of T</i>)
	Kick It or Keep It?: Assessing the Merits of the Couch Kick in Tangential Breast Radiotherapy Jasmine Ah Yong (<i>McMaster University</i>)	
	Evaluating Planning Target Volume Margins for Focal Boost Radiation Therapy in Localized Prostate Cancer Jessica Oppermann (<i>McMaster University</i>)	
	One-Year Radiation Therapist Experience with CBCT-Guided Adaptive Radiation Therapy Michael Velec (<i>Princess Margaret/UHN</i>)	
	A Retrospective Analysis of the Reported Near-miss and No-harm Incidents Using NSIR-RT Characterization within Breast Radiation Program in Peel Regional Cancer Centre Shimeng Lu (<i>University of Toronto</i>)	
	A Scripting-Based Approach to Standardizing and Streamlining Palliative Treatment Planning Tyler Pestill (<i>Stronach/Southlake Health</i>)	
	Can Indexing Enhance Setup Reliability in Prostate IGRT? An Assessment of Interfraction Couch Long Variability Maria Thea Agatha Carpio (<i>Princess Margaret/UHN</i>)	
12:00 – 12:55 PM	Great Hall	LUNCH (55 mins)

12:55 – 1:55 PM	<p>Cody Hall</p> <p>NATIONAL INNOVATION SNAPSHOT (in collaboration with CAMRT)</p> <p><i>Moderators & Timekeeper:</i> <i>Kenny Zhan, Madette Galapin, Shayne Allum</i></p> <p>(5 mins intro + 40 mins session (8 speakers x 5 mins each) + 15 mins Q&A)</p>	<p>Great Hall</p> <p>STUDENT PANEL</p> <p><i>Moderators: Faramehr Farahmand, Shafaq Masroor, Pak Hei Man, Dongha Kim</i></p> <p><i>Timekeeper: Rahul Mohla, Natalie Rozanec, Nawroz Fatima, Jennifer Dang</i></p> <p>(1 min introduction + 40 mins session (8 x 5 mins each) + 19 min Q&A)</p>
	<p>RadChase: Gamification of Practice Learning & Team-Building Caitlin Gillan (<i>BC Cancer</i>)</p>	<p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> APRT/CSRT – Devin Hindle (<i>Princess Margaret/UHN</i>) Adaptive and Research – Vickie Kong (<i>Princess Margaret/UHN</i>) AI – Brian Liszewski (<i>Ontario Health</i>) Treatment Planning – Rebecca Reinhart (<i>Odette/Sunnybrook</i>) MRI – Lisa McDaid (<i>The Christie NHS Foundation Trust</i>) Research – Michael Velec (<i>Princess Margaret/UHN</i>) Management – Natalie Rozanec (<i>University of Toronto</i>)
	<p>From Data to Dialogue: A Personality-Based Initiative to Enhance Engagement and Team Connection in Radiation Therapy Vanessa Wan (<i>Princess Margaret/UHN</i>)</p>	
	<p>Implementation of a Transfer of Accountability Tool for Radiation Patients Requiring Ad-Hoc Nursing Assessment Kate Borodina (<i>Durham/Lakeridge Health</i>) <i>*presenting on behalf of Laura Hodgson</i></p>	
	<p>Crystal Reports for Streamlining Operational Efficiencies: Automating Review Scheduling and Automatic Field Sequencing QA Shawn Binda (<i>Durham/Lakeridge Health</i>)</p>	
	<p>Your Symptoms Matter: A Quality Initiative to Improve Completion Rates of Symptoms Screening via Patient-Reported Outcome Measures among Radiation Therapy Patients at a Regional Cancer Centre Agnes Cheung (<i>Stronach/Southlake Health</i>)</p>	
	<p>A Sustainability Quality Improvement Approach to Reducing Examination Table Paper Use in Radiation Oncology Rachel Woo (<i>Stronach/Southlake Health</i>)</p>	
	<p>Empowering Radiation Therapists to Support Cancer Patients on Cannabis for Therapeutic Purposes Yvette Cometa (<i>Odette/Sunnybrook</i>)</p>	
	<p>The Impact of a Radiation Assistant Role During a HHR Crisis Claire-Marie Peck (<i>Hudson/RVH</i>)</p>	
1:55 – 2:00 PM	TRANSIT TIME BETWEEN SESSIONS (5 mins)	

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	Cody Hall PROFFERED SESSION 2 Advancing Practice <i>Moderator: Gillian Graham</i> <i>Timekeeper: Vickie Kong</i> (8 mins talk + 2 mins Q&A)	Great Hall PROFFERED SESSION 3 Training and Professional Development <i>Moderator: Nawroz Fatima</i> <i>Timekeeper: Claire-Marie Peck</i> (8 mins talk + 2 mins Q&A)
2:00 – 3:00 PM (8 mins talk + 2 mins Q&A)	Defining Pedagogical Principles for APRT Graduate Education: Evidence from a Multi-Phase Global Study <i>Maria Dimopoulos (Mount Sinai Health System)</i>	A Structured Support Tool to Advance Clinical Readiness in Radiation Therapy Students <i>Kristianne Nichol (Princess Margaret/UHN)</i>
	Creating a Master Plan for Radiation Therapists <i>Caitlin Gillan (BC Cancer)</i>	The Role of Clinical Competency-Based Education in Training in Radiation Science: A Scoping Review <i>Danielle McDonagh (Mount Sinai Health System)</i>
	Pediatric Proton Therapy in Ontario: Current Status and Future Directions <i>Tatiana Ritchie (Princess Margaret/UHN)</i>	New ‘Gizmos’: Use of an AI Tool as an Academic Resource for Learners in the Medical Radiation Sciences <i>Natalie Rozanec (University of Toronto)</i>
	Radiation Therapists’ Perspectives on Clinical Specialist Radiation Therapist Prescribing Medication and Ordering Imaging <i>Manar Al-Wazzan (McMaster University)</i>	Do Years of Experience Influence RTTs’ Intention to Execute Best Practices? <i>Jennifer Dang (Princess Margaret/UHN)</i>
	Beyond the Linac: Defining the Global Research Identity of the Radiation Therapist: A Systematic Review <i>Cynthia Eccles (The Christie NHS FT/University of Manchester)</i>	Radiation Therapists as Health Promotion Leaders: Integrating Lifestyle Medicine into Everyday Care <i>Belinda Lawrence (Stronach/Southlake Health)</i>
	Quantifying Non-Clinical Activities of CSRTs/APRTs: A Data-Driven Approach within a Canadian Community of Practice in Canada <i>Saher Ali (Odette/Sunnybrook)</i>	“All Aboard!” Assessing and Improving the Onboarding Processes for Newly Hired Radiation Therapists <i>Kayli Chen (Princess Margaret/UHN)</i>
	3:00 – 3:30 PM	AFTERNOON COFFEE BREAK (30 mins)
3:30 – 4:00 PM (20 min talk + 10 min Q&A)	Cody Hall TOP RANKED INSPIRE Strengthening Psychological Safety in Adaptive Radiotherapy: An Escalation of Concern Process <i>Fatima Hashmi (Odette/Sunnybrook)</i> <i>Moderator & Timekeeper: Lori Holden</i>	
4:00 - 4:50 PM (40 min talk + 10 min Q&A)	INSPIRE KEYNOTE ADDRESS Social Accountability and Radiation Therapy: From Lived Experience to Systemic Change <i>Amanda Bolderston (Queering Cancer)</i> <i>Moderator & Timekeeper: Madette Galapin</i>	
4:50 – 5:20 PM	RTi3 Awards Ceremony Pillar of RTi3 Award, Catalyst for Change Award Top Ranked Abstracts, Student Top Ranked Abstract <i>Moderator: Madette Galapin, Yat Tsang</i>	
5:20 – 5:30 PM	CO-CHAIR CLOSING REMARKS Madette Galapin and Yat Tsang	
5:30 – 8:00 PM	Great Hall SOCIAL EVENT [END OF DAY 1] <i>Moderators: Saher Ali, Lori Holden, Claire-Marie Peck, Jennifer Dang</i>	

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9:00 – 9:10 AM	Cody Hall	CONFERENCE CHAIRS OPENING REMARKS Madette Galapin and Yat Tsang		
9:10 – 10:00 AM (40 mins talk + 10 mins Q&A)	INTERPROFESSIONAL KEYNOTE ADDRESS Enabling Curative Radiotherapy Treatment for Cervical Cancer in Uganda Joda Kuk (<i>Waterloo Regional Health Network (WRHN) Cancer Centre; Road to Care</i>) <i>Moderator & Timekeeper: Saher Ali</i>			
10:00 – 10:05 AM	TRANSIT TIME BETWEEN SESSIONS (5 mins)			
10:05 – 11:05 AM (8 mins talk + 2 mins Q&A)	Cody Hall	PROFFERED SESSION 4 <i>Patient Experience and Supportive Care</i> <i>Moderator: Claire-Marie Peck</i> <i>Timekeeper: Gillian Graham</i>	Great Hall	PROFFERED SESSION 5 <i>Treatment Delivery</i> <i>Moderator: Edwin Chan</i> <i>Timekeeper: Kenny Zhan</i>
		Early Identification and Support for Anxiety for Patients using Thermoplastic Immobilization Riya Patel (<i>Odette/Sunnybrook</i>)		Development of an Audit and Feedback Program to Measure and Reinforce Radiation Treatment Delivery Practices Lyndon Morley (<i>Princess Margaret/UHN</i>)
		Optimizing Resource Utilization and Enhancing Patient Access to a Single Satellite Radiation Therapy Site Shayne Allum (<i>Durham/Lakeridge Health</i>) <i>*presenting on behalf of Brian Leung</i>		Evaluating Variables Associated with Inter-Fraction Bladder-Related Interruptions in Prostate and Prostate Bed Radiation Therapy Patrycia Sek (<i>Mount Sinai Health System</i>)
		Optimizing Timeliness of Inpatient Palliative Radiation Therapy (PRT): A Retrospective Analysis to Inform Practice Improvements Shawn Binda (<i>Durham/Lakeridge Health</i>)		Reducing Treatment Time Variability In Bladder Radiotherapy: A Comparison Of Image-Guided Radiation Therapy And Adaptive Radiation Therapy Workflows Vickie Kong (<i>Princess Margaret/UHN</i>)
		It Is Our Business: The Untapped Role of Radiation Therapists in Smoking Cessation Michele Cardoso (<i>Juravinski/McMaster U</i>)		Clinical integration of quantitative MRI in an MR-Linac Pathway: A single centre experience Lisa McDaid (<i>The Christie NHS FT/University of Manchester</i>)
		Mepilex Dressings in Managing Radiation-Induced Moist Desquamation in Head and Neck Cancer Madette Galapin (<i>Odette/Sunnybrook</i>)		Optimizing Radiation Therapy Setup Through Integrated Gantry-Based Display of Multimodal Setup Information Stephanie Sae (<i>Stronach/Southlake Health</i>)
		Applying Healthcare Design Thinking to Redesign Tertiary Care Head and Neck Cancer Triaging Jeeun An (<i>Juravinski/McMaster U</i>)		Improving IGRT Workflows in the Radiation Medicine Department Julie Kang (<i>Walker Family Cancer Centre</i>)
11:05 – 11:30 AM	MORNING COFFEE BREAK (25 mins)			
11:30 – 12:30 PM (50 mins talk + 10 mins Q&A)	PATIENT SESSION Karen Ann Johnson, Lisa Vanderkooy, Josie Clarke <i>Moderators: Saher Ali, Gillian Graham, Edwin Chan, Vickie Kong</i>			
12:30 – 1:15 PM	Great Hall	LUNCH (45 mins)		

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1:15 – 2:15 PM	<p>Cody Hall</p> <p>PROFFERED SESSION 6 Quality and Operations <i>Moderator: Jennifer Dang</i> <i>Timekeeper: Nawroz Fatima</i> (8 mins talk + 2 mins Q&A)</p>	<p>Great Hall</p> <p>VISUAL ABSTRACT (POSTER) <i>Moderator: Shayne Allum</i> <i>Timekeeper: Rahul Mohla</i> (5 mins present + 1 mins Q&A)</p>
	<p>Evaluating the Resource Burden of Radiation Therapy: Identifying Priority Disease Sites for Adaptive Radiation Therapy Implementation <i>Vickie Kong (Princess Margaret/UHN)</i></p>	<p>Empowering Patient Voices to Shape Diagnostic Imaging Services: A Practice Innovation Approach <i>Yasir Khalid (William Osler Health System)</i></p>
		<p>Enabling Interoperability and Safety in Radiation Therapy: Transitioning from IEC 60601 to IEC 61217 <i>Edwin Chan (Stronach/Southlake Health)</i></p>
	<p>The Name Game: Current State Adoption of Standardized Nomenclature in Radiation Therapy Treatment Planning Across Canada <i>Brian Liszewski (Ontario Health)</i></p>	<p>Implementing Quantitative MRI: RTT Requirements for Successful Translation from Research to Clinic <i>Lisa McDaid (The Christie NHS FT/University of Manchester)</i></p>
		<p>Chew on That: A Collaborative Approach to Establishing a Standardized Mouth Bite Cleaning Procedure <i>Claire-Marie Peck (Hudson/RVH)</i></p>
	<p>Improvement of Radiation Therapy Through Staff Scheduling Optimization <i>Anita Vloet (Princess Margaret/UHN)</i></p>	<p>Future-Proofing Sustainable Care in Radiation Medicine: Development of a Toolkit for Radiation Medicine Professionals <i>Natalie Rozanec (University of Toronto)</i></p>
		<p>Organ Preservation after Total Neoadjuvant Therapy in a Patient with Low Rectal Adenocarcinoma and Crohn’s Disease <i>Russell Leong (University of Ottawa)</i></p>
	<p>Opening up the West - Expanding Radiation Oncology services in Newfoundland and Labrador <i>Kenny Zhan (NL Health Services, WRMH)</i> <i>*presenting on behalf of Sarah Humber</i></p>	<p>Radiation Oncologists’ Perspectives on Clinical Specialist Radiation Therapists Prescribing Medications and Ordering Imaging. <i>Maggie Huang (McMaster University)</i></p>
	<p>The Other Problem with “Problem Type”: Improving Incident Reporting in Radiation Therapy <i>Brian Liszewski (Ontario Health)</i></p>	<p>The Essential Contribution of Radiation Therapists in the Development of Novel Techniques for Adaptive Radiotherapy <i>Devin Hindle (Princess Margaret/UHN)</i></p>
	<p>Beyond Standardization: A Clinically Governed Decision-Support Approach to Radiation Therapy Treatment Scheduling Using GrayOS <i>Edwin Chan (Stronach/Southlake Health)</i></p>	
2:15 – 2:30 PM	AFTERNOON COFFEE BREAK (15 mins)	

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<p>2:30 – 3:00 PM (20 mins talk each + 10 mins Q&A)</p>	<p>Cody Hall</p> <p>TOP RANKED INQUIRE</p> <p>The Practice Paradox: Radiation Therapists’ Perspectives of Person-Centred Care Caroline Marr (<i>Princess Margaret/UHN</i>)</p> <p><i>Moderator & Timekeeper: Madette Galapin</i></p>
<p>3:00 – 3:50 PM (40 mins talk + 10 mins Q&A)</p>	<p>INQUIRE KEYNOTE ADDRESS</p> <p>Therapist Profession Reimagined... Embedding Research into Practice Starting with Undergraduate Education Marcia Smoke (<i>McMaster University</i>)</p> <p><i>Moderators & Timekeeper: Lori Holden</i></p>
<p>3:50 – 4:00 PM</p>	<p>CLOSING REMARKS, LUCKY DRAW Madette Galapin and Yat Tsang</p>
<p>4:00 PM</p>	<p>END OF CONFERENCE</p>