

# RTi3 2026 Radiation Therapy Conference

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE



Friday, March 27, 2026		
9:00 – 9:01 AM	Cody Hall	<b>WELCOME &amp; LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT</b> Madette Galapin and Yat Tsang
9:01 – 9:05 AM		<b>UTDRO CHAIR WELCOME</b> Laura Dawson
9:05 – 9:10 AM		<b>CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRS OPENING REMARKS</b> Madette Galapin and Yat Tsang
9:10 – 10:00 AM (40 mins talk + 10 mins Q&A)		<b>INNOVATE KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b> <b>Innovative Patient Partnerships - From Concept to Co-production</b> Aileen Duffton ( <i>NHS Scotland</i> )  <i>Moderator &amp; Timekeeper: Yat Tsang</i>
10:00 – 10:30 AM (20 mins talk + 10 mins Q&A)		<b>TOP RANKED INNOVATE</b> <b>A Comparison of Clinical Outcomes from Oncologist vs Therapist-led MRI-guided Ultra-hypofractionated, Adaptive Prostate Radiation Therapy</b> Amanda Moreira ( <i>Princess Margaret/UHN</i> )  <i>Moderator &amp; Timekeeper: Vickie Kong</i>
10:30 – 11:00 AM		<b>MORNING COFFEE BREAK (30 mins)</b>
11:00 – 12:00 PM	Cody Hall	<b>PROFFERED SESSION 1</b> <b>Treatment Planning and Adaptive</b> <i>Moderator: Kenny Zhan</i> <i>Timekeeper: Saher Ali</i> (8 mins talk + 2 mins Q&A)
	Great Hall	<b>STUDENT SESSION</b> <i>Moderator: Natalie Rozanec</i> <i>Timekeeper: Rahul Mohla</i> (5 mins talk + 2 mins Q&A)
		<b>Radiation Therapist Patterns-of-Practice in Reirradiation Across Canada</b> Michael Velec ( <i>Princess Margaret/UHN</i> )
		<b>Workflow for image registration and dose accumulation in combined radiotherapy of cervical cancer using MIM Maestro V7</b> Esther Ke ( <i>McMaster University</i> )
		<b>'Is There a Difference': Can Bowel Gas be Ignored in Pelvic Radiation Therapy Planning?</b> Esther Lo ( <i>McMaster University</i> )
		<b>From Pilot to Practice: Radiation Therapist-Driven Integration of AI Auto-Contouring into Treatment Planning from an eHealth Perspective</b> Jeeun An ( <i>Juravinski/McMaster U</i> )
		<b>Feasibility of FDG PET-derived Metabolic Tumor Burden and Heterogeneity Parameters for Assessing Treatment Outcome Trends in Primary Mediastinal B-cell Lymphoma</b> Cassidy Byers ( <i>Michener/U of T</i> )
	<b>Kick It or Keep It?: Assessing the Merits of the Couch Kick in Tangential Breast Radiotherapy</b> Jasmine Ah Yong ( <i>McMaster University</i> )	
	<b>Evaluating Planning Target Volume Margins for Focal Boost Radiation Therapy in Localized Prostate Cancer</b> Jessica Oppermann ( <i>McMaster University</i> )	
	<b>One-Year Radiation Therapist Experience with CBCT-Guided Adaptive Radiation Therapy</b> Michael Velec ( <i>Princess Margaret/UHN</i> )	
	<b>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</b> Shimeng Lu ( <i>University of Toronto</i> )	
	<b>A Scripting-Based Approach to Standardizing and Streamlining Palliative Treatment Planning</b> Tyler Pestill ( <i>Stronach/Southlake Health</i> )	
	<b>Can Indexing Enhance Setup Reliability in Prostate IGRT? An Assessment of Interfraction Couch Long Variability</b> Maria Thea Agatha Carpio ( <i>Princess Margaret/UHN</i> )	
12:00 – 12:55 PM	Great Hall	<b>LUNCH (55 mins)</b>

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

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

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### Saturday, March 28, 2026

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

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

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