



CRITICAL CARE BC
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BC Resuscitation Sciences Series

Organ Donation and Transplantation Symposium

SAVE THE DATE

May 12/13, 2025

VGH, Paetzold Auditorium

HYBRID EVENT

Highlights include:

Prof. Dale Gardner from the UK will discuss NRP practices and future direction

A panel discussion between several transplant recipients

Cutting edge advances in solid organ donation

Networking Reception on May 12th, 5:00PM- 6:30PM

Any questions, please contact us at criticalcarebc@phsa.ca



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DAY 1- MAY 12

“A mother’s story of donation” - **Ms. Jennifer Woolfsmith**

“The Mortem Triplets: Pre, Peri and Post” - **Professor Sam Shemie, McGill University**

“Organ Donation in Canada: Optimizing DCC and associated challenges” - **Professor Sonny Dhanani, University of Ottawa**

“Predicting death after withdrawal of life-sustaining measures: The Brain-to-Axis” - **Mr. Jordan Bird, University of British Columbia**

“Organ Donation after Medical Assistance in Dying” - **Dr. Matt Weiss, University of Laval**

“A wife and daughter’s story of donation” - **Mary Basas and Makenzi Harris**

“DCC Advances and Incorporating Patient Perspectives in Donation”

Panel Discussion – Sonny Dhanani, Matt Weiss, Jennifer Woolfsmith, Mary Basas, Jordan Bird

“The Physiology of Circulatory Arrest in Humans: Implications for Donation” - **Dr. Myp Sekhon, University of British Columbia**

“A son and his parents who ignited a research program through donation” - **David Boloten and Lora Peeler**

Pro-Con Debate: “When are you dead?” - Sam Shemie vs. Myp Sekhon

Where the gaps in death determination and Implications for organ donation

Session: “End of Life and Prognostication in ICU”

“Their Perils of Prognostication – Post-cardiac arrest prognostication” - **Dr. Julie Kromm, University of Calgary**

“Diagnosis of DNC: Pitfalls and Lessons Learned” - **Dr. Gordon Boyd, Queen’s University**

“Healthcare provider’s insights to end-of-life in ICU” - **Ms. Allana LeBlanc, Vancouver Coastal Health**

Afternoon Keynote: “Personalizing End-of-Life in ICU and The Three Wishes Project” - Professor Deborah Cook, McMaster University

DAY 2- MAY 13

“Normothermic Regional Perfusion – techniques, practices and future directions” - **Professor Dale Gardiner, United Kingdom**

“The Beneficence of NRP: Increasing heart donation and optimizing liver donation”

Panel Discussion: Margot Gooderham / Stephanie Chartier - Plante

“The Non-Maleficence of NRP: Honouring the Dead Donor Rule” - **Julie Kromm / Gordon Boyd**

“NRP – Go or No-Go – Considerations for Canada”

Panel: Dale Gardiner, Margot Gooderham, Stephanie Chartier-Plante, Sam Shemie

Cutting edge advances in solid organ transplant

“Precision matching for kidney transplantation” – **James Lan, UBC**

“Modulating the immune system in transplantation” – **Megan Levings, UBC**

“Infectious complications in solid organ transplant recipients” – **Sara Belga, UBC**

“Mechanical Cardiovascular bridging techniques” – **Margot Gooderham, UBC**

Transplantation: Patients, Perspectives and Challenges

“Telling Recipient Stories with Novel Methods” - **Dr. Suze Berkhout, University of Toronto**

Panel Discussion: Nick Kanaan / Kristi Coldwell / Suze Berkhout

“Bridging Donation and Transplantation Medicine”

“Pediatric Perspectives” - **Tom Blydt Hansen, UBC**

Panel: Sonny Dhanani, Matt Weiss, Gordon Boyd, Julie Kromm

Afternoon Keynote: TBA