

12<sup>th</sup> Annual Thomas and Alice Morgans Fear Memorial Conference

# Gender Equity and Shared Care: Bridging the Know-How Gap

Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 | Halifax Convention Centre



## Agenda

At the conclusion of the conference participants will:

1. Be able to incorporate appropriate gender-related language in health care to support patient centered-care.
2. Recognize the role health care provider gender has on outcomes for the patient and the system.
3. Be able to integrate appropriate surgical, psychological, and medical therapy for the Trans and Gender-Diverse community into their practice.

**8:15 – 8:30**

### **Welcome**

Krista Jangaard, MD, CEO IWK

David Anderson, MD, Dean of Medicine, Dalhousie University

Stephen Miller, MD, Associate Dean, Continuing Professional Development and Medical Education, Dalhousie University

**8:30 – 8:45**

### **Welcome**

Land Blessing

Elder Ann LaBillois, Elder in Residence, Dalhousie University

THEME 1	The Foundations of Gender Based Care
8:45 – 9:30	<b>Language of Gender in Medicine</b> Mariah Darling, ChromaNB
9:30 – 10:00	<b>What's in a Name: Being explicit about inclusivity in "Women's Health"</b> CJ Blennerhassett, Midwife IWK
10:00 – 10:30	<b>The Gender Pain Gap – Myth or Painful Truth?</b> Fariba Mohtashami, MD, Head, Division of Obstetrics and General Gynecology, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of British Columbia
10:30 – 10:45	<b>Theme 1 Discussion</b>
10:45 – 11:00	Break
THEME 2	Gender Disparities in Care
11:00 – 11:30	<b>Surgical Sexism in Canada</b> Michael Chaikof, MD, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Division of Urogynecology, University of Toronto
11:30 – 12:00	<b>Patient outcomes by Physician Gender: Why Does it Matter and Why Should We Care?</b> Christopher Wallis, MD, Department of Urology, University of Toronto
12:00 – 12:30	<b>Disparity in Black Women's Reproductive Health</b> Marjorie Dixon, MD, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Toronto
12:30 – 12:45	<b>Theme 2 Discussion</b>
12:45 – 1:30	Lunch

THEME 3

Essentials of Gender Affirming Care

- 1:30 – 2:15**      **The 5 Aspects of Care for trans and gender-diverse persons: outcomes evidence every provider must know**  
Sue Zinck, MD, IWK and Department of Psychiatry, Dalhousie University
- 2:15 – 2:40**      **Empowering Identities: Navigating Gender Affirming Surgery in Nova Scotia**  
Heather Cockwell, MD, IWK and Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dalhousie University
- 2:40 – 3:00**      **Gender Affirming Care: An Advocate and Educator's Voice**  
Veronica Merryfield, EDI Trainer and Consultant
- 3:00 – 3:25**      **Bridging Gaps in Care: Gender Affirming Medical Care in Diverse Patient Populations**  
Sarah Fraser, MD, Halifax Sexual Health Clinic and Continuing Professional Development and Medical Education, Dalhousie University and Athanasius Sylliboy, Wije'winen Health Centre, Kjiptuk and Pikangikum ON, through Indigenous Services Canada
- 3:25 – 3:35**      **Theme 3 Discussion**
- 3:35 – 3:50**      Break
- 3:50 – 4:50**      **Black and Indigenous Health and Gender Equity Panel**  
Athanasius Sylliboy, NP, Wije'winen Health Centre, Kjiptuk and Pikangikum ON, through Indigenous Services Canada, Chris Cochrane, Trans Public Speaker/Educator, Vincent Mousseau, MSc, TS/RSW
- 4:50 – 5:00**      **Closing Remarks**  
Jim Bentley, MD, Head, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dalhousie University