

A Conjoint Symposium



A-LINE-ING Best Practice

October 24 & 25, 2024

Who should attend this educational symposium?

We aim to bring you a dynamic symposium with experts covering infection prevention & control (IPAC) and vascular access, and how these specialties can align in practice. We also dive into patient safety and driving positive change in healthcare organizations. Attendees will benefit from engaging sessions, practical workshops, and networking opportunities. Those interested in this symposium may include IPAC professionals, vascular access professionals, clinical policy leads, change managers, healthcare leaders and healthcare professionals across the spectrum of settings.

Accommodations:

Glengarry Best Western
150 Willow Street, Truro, NS
Toll free: 1-800-780-7234; Local: 902-893-4311
www.bestwesterntruro.com

How do I register?

<https://register.onitevents.ca/event/group.aspx?EventName=IPACNS24>

One-Day Only Ticket (either date) \$125
IPAC/CVAA Member 2 Day Ticket \$200
Non-Member 2 Day Ticket \$225

Registration is non-refundable but is transferrable.
Submit alternate attendee requests to Michelle Nash
at Michelle.Nash@nshealth.ca

Thursday, October 24 Workshop: Redefine, Realign and Ignite!

Positively Driving Change in Organizations

Andrea Samchyk, Director of Operational Readiness at Nova Scotia Health, will share her insights and experiences on effectively driving positive change within healthcare organizations. Drawing from experience in facility activation and operational change management, this session will leave attendees with practical tools and actionable insights to drive positive change within their organizations, fostering a culture of innovation and excellence in healthcare.

Rewiring Our Approach to Safety

While improving patient safety has been a priority for over 20 years, harm continues to occur. In this full-afternoon session, Anne MacLaurin will explore the Canadian experience of applying an established safety framework and participants will explore the question “how safe is your care?” and “are you safe or just lucky?”.

Race against the clock at the “Diagnoses Decoder” Escape Room



On Thursday evening, put on your best detective hat and get ready to solve some mysteries!

Keynote Speakers

Project Alena: Turning a Tragic Accident into a Passion for Change -Project Alena was created when Karen Mueller sat at her daughter Alena's bedside watching her fight for life in an intensive care unit. Karen will tell us her personal story through the eyes of a nurse, a committee member of the 2019 Vascular Access and Infusion Therapy Guidelines and a vascular access medical device expert. What happens when all that you have learned is put into clinical practice on your own child?

An Ounce of Presence - Jason Flinn is an educator with over 22 years' experience. He has been a well-respected teacher, department head, consultant and vice principal in Halifax until he recently embarked on a new journey as the owner of Vault Life Coaching, specializing in grief and loss recovery and building mental and emotional resiliency. In an empowering session, Jason will draw upon his extensive background in education and coaching to explore the profound impact of presence in our daily lives. Whether in the workplace, or our personal lives, the power of presence can be transformational.

Symposium Schedule

Thursday, October 24, 2024

0945-1100 Registration

1100-1115 Opening Remarks

1115-1200 Positively Driving Change in Organizations - Andrea Samchyk

Lunch Break

1300-1600 Rewiring Our Approach to Safety
Anne MacLaurin

Mix, mingle and network this evening at our Wine & Cheese Social and Escape Room

Friday, October 25, 2024

0800-0830 Registration

0830-0845 Opening Remarks

0845-0945 Project Alena-Karen Mueller

Break with Vendors

1015-1115 Concurrent Sessions

- CVAA Skills Lab
- The New Paradigm for Prevention & Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases: the Earth is One Country - Dr. Joanne Langley

1120 - 1220 Concurrent Sessions

- Navigating the Procurement Process for FF&E with an IPAC lens - Kiran Persaud and Bridget Maxwell
- Best Practices in CASI prevention- Daphne Broadhurst

Lunch with Vendors

1320 - 1420 Concurrent Sessions

- Bugs of Concern - Dr. Jeanette Comeau
- Can't Touch This! Peripheral Intravenous Catheter Insertion using Aseptic Non-Touch Technique (ANTT®) - Bonnie Onyschuk

1445 - 1545 An Ounce of Presence - Jason Flinn

1545 - 1600 Silent Auction Draws and Wrap Up

Friday, October 25

The New Paradigm for Prevention & Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases: the Earth is One Country - Dr. Joanne Langley. This session will provide the attendee with a vaccinology perspective to preventing disease from local through to international perspectives.

Navigating the Procurement Process for Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment (FF&E) with an IPAC lens - Kiran Persaud and Bridget Maxwell - Construction and renovation are a constant in the healthcare landscape. Kiran and Bridget will explore the intricate intersection of procurement practices and IPAC requirements when it comes to FF&E and designing a new space.

Best Practices in Catheter-Associated Skin Infection Prevention - Daphne Broadhurst - In this session, Daphne will discuss best practices in CASI prevention, with a goal of providing practical tools and strategies to enhance patient outcomes.

Bugs of Concern: Hot Topics in Infectious Diseases. Dr. Jeannette Comeau. Wondering what's causing a stir in the Infectious Diseases world? Dr. Comeau will be discussing current and emerging trends that impact our practice.

Can't Touch This! Peripheral Intravenous Catheter Insertion using Aseptic Non-Touch Technique (ANTT®) - Bonnie Onyschuk - implementing ANTT into PIV procedures requires proper training and adherence to best practice guidelines. Bonnie will be discussing implementing this process in clinical settings.

During the symposium, there will be fundraising to contribute a donation to Brigadoon Village! Brigadoon Village offers the magic of camp to children, youth and families living with health conditions and other life challenges living in Atlantic Canada - "giving extraordinary kids a chance to be ordinary!" Look for our ticket auction during the symposium events.

