

Workshop Agenda

Building a Dialogue Towards a National Strategy for Children's Health and Environment in Canada

This two-day workshop will explore the research base for children's environmental health in Canada in order to inform Canadian policy development.

Day I — Wednesday, April 18, 2007

- 8:30 **Introduction and Welcome** — Tonya Surman, NPC Facilitator and CPCHE Partnership Director and Kathleen Hunter, Senior Advisor, Health Canada – Alberta Region
- 8:45 **Setting the Stage and Providing the Context for Children's Health and Environment** — Dr. Lynn Marshall, Co-chair, Environmental Health Committee, Ontario College of Family Physicians
- 9:00 **Roundtable Introductions**
- 9:30 **Current State of Children's Environmental Health Research in Canada at CIHR and Beyond** — Dr. Michael Kramer, Scientific Director, Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR), James McGill Professor, Department of Pediatrics and Epidemiology and Biostatistics, McGill University, The Montreal Children's Hospital
- 9:45 **Question and Discussion Period**
- 10:00 **Current Activities in Tracking**
Chair: Dr. Terry Klassen, Professor and Chair, Department of Pediatrics, University of Alberta
US Longitudinal Study — Dr. Kenneth C. Schoendorf, Medical Officer, National Children's Study, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health
Surveillance, Indicators and Bio Monitoring — Doug Haines, Manager, Environmental Health Surveillance, Health Canada
- 10:30 **Questions and Discussion Period**
- 11:00 **Health Break**

- 11:20 **Insights from Researchers in Canada**
Chair: Dr. Terry Klassen, Professor and Chair, Department of Pediatrics, University of Alberta
Drinking Water and Children's Environmental Health: Translating Research into Policy, An Illustrative Tale — Dr. Steve E. Hrudehy, Associate Dean, School of Public Health, University of Alberta
Effects of Exposure to Toxicants: From the Gamete to the Child — Dr. Barbara Hales, Professor, Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, McGill University
A Paediatrician's Perspective on Research: Clinical Research at the Paediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit — Dr. Irena Buka, Associate Clinical Professor of Paediatrics, Paediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit, University of Alberta
- 12:05 **Question and Discussion Period**
- 12:30 **Lunch**
- 1:30 **Children's Environmental Health Research: An Industry Perspective** —
 Dr. R. Jeffrey Lewis, Advanced Scientific Associate, Epidemiology and Health Surveillance Section, ExxonMobil Biomedical Sciences Inc.
- 1:50 **Children's Environmental Health Research: Challenge and Opportunity** —
 Dr. Kevin Keough, President and CEO, Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research
- 2:10 **Weight of Evidence: Implications for Setting Policy** — Kathleen Cooper, Senior Researcher, Canadian Environmental Law Association
- 2:30 **Question and Discussion Period**
- 3:00 **Health Break**
- 3:15 **Breakout Group Sessions**
- 4:00 **Cracker Barrel***
Maternal Infant Research Project, Sainte Justine Hospital — Dr. Tye Arbuckle, Senior Epidemiologist and Research Scientist, Health Canada
Special Populations — Dr. Jack Bend, Professor, Department of Pathology, Siebens-Drake Medical Research Institute, Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Western Ontario
COPD & Asthma Network of Alberta (CANA) — Eileen Gresl, Manager COPD & Asthma Network of Alberta (CANA)
Alberta Biomonitoring Project, Alberta Health and Wellness — Dr. Stephan Gabos, Disease Prevention and Control, Alberta Health and Wellness
- 4:50 **Closing Thoughts and Adjourn** — Tonya Surman, NPC Facilitator and CPCHE Partnership Director

A reception will follow from 5:00 to 6:30 pm at the Royal Suite, Sutton Place Edmonton.

** The Cracker Barrel consists of small group interactions with a series of presenters. The groups move around the room and spend time with every presenter.*

Day 2 — Thursday, April 19, 2007

- 8:30 **Welcome and Recap from Day 1** — Ken Ogilvie, Executive Director, Pollution Probe and Tonya Surman, NPC Facilitator and CPCHE Partnership Director
- 8:50 **Ministerial Welcome** — Honourable Rob Renner, Alberta Minister of the Environment
- 9:00 **Moving Children’s Environmental Health Policy Forward** — Dr. Nick Bayliss, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Alberta (*retired*)
- 9:15 **Talk Show** — How Research Informs Policy
Chair: Tonya Surman, NPC Facilitator and CPCHE Partnership Director
1. Sue Milburn-Hopwood, Director, Risk Management Bureau, Health Canada
 2. Nancy Reynolds, Executive Director and CEO, Alberta Centre for Child, Family and Community Research
 3. Randy Angle, Senior Manager, Environmental Policy Branch, Alberta Environment
 4. Ken Ogilvie, Executive Director, Pollution Probe
- 10:30 **Health Break**
- 11:00 **Open Space** — Tonya Surman, NPC Facilitator and CPCHE Partnership Director and Kathleen Hunter, Senior Advisor, Health Canada – Alberta Region
1. What is needed to ensure a strong research base?
 - a. *Longitudinal Study Group*
 - b. *Coordinating our research efforts*
 2. What is needed for research to effectively inform policy?
 - a. *How much evidence is enough before action*
 3. Space for other ideas to be brought into conversation
- 12:15 **Report Back to Plenary**
- 12:45 **Closing Thoughts and Adjourn** — Tonya Surman, NPC Facilitator and CPCHE Partnership Director
- 1:00 **Lunch**