

GNABC CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

March 30th - 31st 2017

Thursday, March 30th, 2017

7:00pm - 9:30pm: Conference Registration & Welcome Reception

Friday, March 31st, 2017

7:30am: Conference Registration Opens

7:30am – 8:15am: Continental Breakfast (available until 9:00am) & Exhibitor Tables

8:15am - 8:30am: Welcome & Opening Remarks by GNABC Provincial President,
Catrin Brodie RN, MN, GNC(C)

8:30am - 9:30am: Continence care & the older adult
Naomi Wolfman BScN, NCA, GNC(C), PRCP, BCB-PMD

Canada's first International Board Certified Pelvic Floor Biofeedback Practitioner, Naomi is also one of the country's BCIA-certified practitioners with sEMG Biofeedback training. She received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree (BScN) from the University of Victoria. Upon hearing Continence Nursing pioneer Phyllis Hunt speak at a Vancouver public forum, Naomi found her career's inspiration and focus: to empower people with bladder challenges and improve the quality of their lives through education, behaviour modifications and researched clinical measures. Naomi's passion for continued learning carried her to McMaster University where she completed the Nurse Continence Advisor program which enables Naomi to change lives for the better. She is the founder of Embrace Continence Solutions Ltd (www.embrace-cs.ca) which focuses on prevention and treatment of incontinence.

9:30am - 10:30am: Healthy aging in later life: What can centenarians tell us?
Shannon Freeman PhD

Dr. Freeman is an Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Northern British Columbia, Co-President of the British Columbia Psychogeriatric Association and current Vice President of the International Association on Geriatrics and Gerontology Coalition of Student Organizations, and an interRAI Canada researcher. She holds a PhD in Health Studies and Gerontology (Aging, Health, and Well-being Program) from the School of Public Health and Health Systems at the University of Waterloo and has a MSc degree from Tohoku University School of Medicine (Internal Medicine and Rehabilitation) in Sendai Japan.

Dr. Freeman's research interests focus on the health and well-being of vulnerable populations with specialization in the areas of technology and aging, hospice palliative care, informal caregiving, and longevity. Dr. Freeman has published 25 peer reviewed articles and took an active role in the creation of the interRAI Palliative Care Clinical Assessment Protocols. Dr. Freeman is currently leading work examining clinical need for long-term care in rural and northern communities and is working to develop a safe transition program for residents to return to community based setting of care in partnership with the Northern Health Authority. Dr. Freeman is also actively involved in research focused on: measuring quality of telehealth services in northern BC, intergenerational digital storytelling in the Nak'azdli First Nations community, and technology in later life in rural communities. Dr. Freeman is a Director of the Prince George Hospice Society and takes an active role in research examining on hospice palliative and end-of-life care.

10:30am - 11:00am: Refreshment Break, Exhibitor Tables & Door Prizes

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11:00am - 12:00pm: Who makes health care decisions in the aging context?

Ray Leclair, Regional Manager for the Interior/North Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee, & Colleagues TBA

It is often unclear who gets to make which health care decisions and what should be taken into consideration in doing so - regardless of where the adult is living or located when a health care decision is needed. This session will outline BC's legal framework in which complex practice issues arise and will focus on key issues faced by gerontological nurses in a variety of settings. The presentation will focus on a practical application of BC's health care consent law using case studies relevant to living and dying well.

12:00pm - 1:15pm: Buffet Lunch & Annual General Meeting (AGM 1215-1315)

1:15pm - 2:15pm: Title TBA

Davina Banner-Lukaris PhD, RN

Davina is an Associate Professor and Coordinator of Undergraduate Programs in the School of Nursing at UNBC. Davina moved to UNBC from the UK in 2007 where she undertook a postdoctoral research fellowship in rural and northern practice and a second postdoctoral fellowship with the CIHR-funded Future Program for Cardiovascular Nurse Scientists. She has been a Registered Nurse since 1999 and prior to her move to Canada worked as a nurse in the cardiothoracic intensive care field and as a Cardiac Surgery Research Specialist. Davina was awarded her doctorate in 2007 from the University of the West of England, Bristol, UK. Her thesis explored women's experiences of coronary artery bypass graft surgery. She currently teaches in the undergraduate and graduate programs and teaches research and clinical care. Davina also supervises graduate students (MSc/PhD) from a range of health disciplines, including nursing, health sciences and psychology.

Davina's research interests include cardiovascular care, patient and provider experiences and rural and northern health service delivery. Davina has received research funding from many of the major health research funders, including the Canadian Institutes for Health Research.

2:15pm - 2:45pm: Refreshment Break, Exhibitor Tables & Door Prizes

2:45pm - 4:15pm: The current status of medical assistance in dying in Canada: What has happened since June 2016?

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Catharine is licensed as a Registered Nurse and Lawyer in both British Columbia and Ontario. She is currently an Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Northern British Columbia, teaching both undergraduate and graduate degree nursing students about health care law, bioethics and nursing leadership.

In February 2015, the Supreme Court of Canada (SCC) decided the *Carter v. Canada (Attorney General)* case, which radically changed the end-of-life care landscape. This groundbreaking decision legalized physician-assisted suicide for competent adults who consent to their termination of life and who are experiencing intolerable suffering as the result of a grievous and irremediable medical condition. The federal government passed its legislative response to the *Carter* decision, Bill C-14, in June 2016. Since that time, both the healthcare community and the legal community have struggled to ensure that the implementation of Bill C-14 requirements occur in a fair, legally-compliant, patient-centered manner. This presentation will discuss the impact of the *Carter* decision and Bill C-14 since June 2016. It will highlight the key achievements toward effectively implementing medical assistance in dying in Canada as well as some of the key challenges that have been encountered along the way.

4:15pm - 4:30pm: Closing Remarks & Evaluations