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West Coast Conference on Aging
June 19 & 20, 2025
Pinnacle Hotel Harbourfront Vancouver
1133 West Hastings Street, Vancouver



Program At A Glance

Wellness, Strength, and Vitality in Aging

Registration Opens at 7:30 am | Conference Starts at 8:00 am

Day 1 Thursday, June 19	Day 2 Friday, June 20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Remarks • Presentation Overview of Aging in BC and Canada Evolving Demographics, Socioeconomic Experiences, Initiatives that Support Wellness Dan Levitt • Presentation Frailty and Dementia, Culturally Safe Care for Indigenous Peoples Dr Jennifer Walker • Presentation & Panel Discussion Supporting Older Adults who use Substances, Supported Living Environments including Assisted Living and Long-term Care, Supporting Choices where there may be Risks of Harm to Self/Others Karen Custodio, Jade Miller, Shelley West • Concurrent Sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Frailty, Sarcopenia, Rapid Identification and Interventions Dr. Kelley Picard ○ An Innovative Preventive and Rehabilitative Model of Care: The Independence Model (TIM) Indershini Pillay, Eduardo Naranjo ○ Transforming Long-term Care: Lessons from Implementing the Home for Us Model of Care Anastasia Tsatsanis, Vinnie Tang, Deb Chmelauskas ○ Nothing about us without us: Increasing Effective Engagement with Residents and Families in Long-term Care Lisa Dawson ○ Integrated Community Care 4All: Principles for Transforming Seniors Care in BC Dr. Amy Salmon, Sanja Simic ○ The Transformative Potential of Digital Storytelling for Understanding Seniors’ Well-being Jazmine Raine • Presentation Living Well with Dementia: The Power of Connection and Creativity Debra Sheets • Dialogue on Aging Presentation Ancestral Awareness: Indigenous Contemplative Practices and Healing Michael Yellow Bird 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Remarks • Presentation Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities, Fostering Strength and Wellness through Community Design and Organizations Anthony Kupferschmidt • Presentation Social Prescriptions and the Healthy Aging Journey Dr. Grace Park • Presentation & Panel Discussion Social Robots and Digital Innovations to Promote Social Connection Dr. Lillian Hung, Tyler Paetkau, Mario Gregorio • Concurrent Sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Transforming Care to Enhance Quality of Life: Early Findings from an Interdisciplinary Evaluation of Providence Living at The Views Dr. Amy Salmon ○ Seniors Quality Leap Initiative (SQLI) Jennifer Hartwick, Kevin Hunter ○ Transforming Care for Home Health Clients: A Journey to Standardize Malnutrition Screening Leila Goharian ○ Moving from Risk to Resilience: Targeted Skill-Building for Dementia Caregivers Dr. Elisabeth Drance, Beth McManus ○ Healthy Hearing, Healthy Aging Grace Shyng ○ Small Practices, Big Impact: Building Resilience in Dementia Caregivers Aaron Yukrich, Dr. Elisabeth Drance ○ Not Your Mother’s Menopause: Insights about Menopause from Younger Women with Ovarian Removal Lucy Muir • Closing Keynote: Around the World in 80 Days at 81! Living Life to the Fullest Dr. Sandy Hazelip, Eleanor Hamby
<p>Networking Opportunities Poster Presentations Vendor and Exhibitor Tables</p>	