

CAIRE Research Symposium Agenda 2024

Background

The CAIRE 2024 Research Symposium will be held in November in Ottawa, in conjunction with the biennial Canadian Immunization Conference (CIC). This year's theme will be on Equity Considerations in Immunization Research, Evaluation, and Education. The objective of the meeting is to discuss how to better incorporate equity considerations in vaccine research, including how to measure and use equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) data across different study designs, how to embrace EDI on research teams, and how to ensure our research integrates community perspectives of under-represented populations. Speakers will include researchers with diverse methodological approaches and/or experience working with diverse communities, as well as community representatives with experience working with researchers.

The symposium will be attended by experts in all fields from immunology, vaccine development, the pharmaceutical industry, clinicians, public health experts, social scientists and community members. Attendees will have opportunities to discuss equity gaps in conducting and disseminating vaccine research, exchange relevant sociodemographic data from laboratory and clinical studies, and interact with researchers and community representatives to ensure different perspectives are considered in developing strategies for future immunization programs in Canada. The interactive symposium will provide participants with new insights to refine protocols and approaches to advance EDI across the immunization research spectrum.

Objectives

The overall symposium objectives are for participants to:

1. Explore strategies for measuring and using EDI data in different study designs
 - Attendees will gain insights into collecting and analyzing EDI data in different types of studies, such as in survey studies, randomized control trials, qualitative studies, and more. Participants will also learn about best practices for incorporating equity considerations when developing their research methodologies.
2. Identify mechanisms for promoting EDI on research teams
 - Attendees will discover strategies to build and support diverse research teams, including in recruitment of teams, dynamics and leadership, and collaboration approaches that prioritize EDI.
3. Learn ways to ensure research integrates community perspectives of under-represented populations
 - Participants will learn techniques for engaging under-represented communities in immunization research. This includes methods for creating community/patient advisory committees, implementing participatory research practices, and integrating community perspectives into study designs and outcomes.

Location: Shaw Centre, Ottawa ON - Room 214

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830	Breakfast	
930	Welcome and introductions	Shannon MacDonald
1000	Plenary	Ananya Banerjee
1030	Q&A	All
1100	Coffee break	
1115	Panel 1: How to incorporate and measure EDI data in different study designs/equity considerations in study design	Julie Bettinger Susitha Wanigaratne Lawrence Mbugaw Devon Greyson
1205	Q&A	All
1245	Lunch	
1330	Panel 2: How to work with community partners and/or incorporate community perspectives into research; what are equity considerations for working with diverse populations	Sean Hillier Shaza Fadel Muluba Habanyama Michael Kwag
1400	Rotating table conversations with speakers – Community engaged research approaches	All
1530	Wrap up	
1600	End of program	