



Conference: *Mesothelioma: from today's challenges to tomorrow's cure*
November 26, 2019

Auditorium, Lower Level
MaRS Discovery District
101 College St.
Toronto, ON

Conference objectives:

- Provide information on early detection and innovative treatment for mesothelioma for general practitioners and specialists
- Identify the most promising research directions
- Engage key researchers and clinicians in Canada and internationally, including the CMF Scientific Advisory Committee
- Promote support in Canada for areas of interest in research, for a Canadian mesothelioma patient registry and a national mesothelioma health care network
- Link these efforts to the broader efforts to develop a comprehensive Canadian response to asbestos and asbestos disease

Agenda:

- 8:00 am** **Registration, coffee/continental breakfast**
- 8:30 am** **Dr. Eudice Goldberg, Chair Canadian Mesothelioma Foundation, Welcome**
- 8:40 am** **Dr. Paul Demers: *The incidence and prevalence of mesothelioma in Canada***
- 9:00 am** **Dr. Dean Fennel: *Keynote Lecture, Stratified Therapy for Mesothelioma***
- 10:00 am** **Session 1: *Advances in diagnosis and early detection of mesothelioma***
Moderator: Dr. Linn Holness
- Dr. Erik Vakil, *Screening for mesothelioma: when those exposed to asbestos should be investigated***
- Dr. Geoffrey Liu, *Serological and breathomic biomarkers in mesothelioma: the University Health Network experience***
- Dr. Marc de Perrot, *Circulating mesothelial precursor cells; a new opportunity to detect pleural damage and mesothelioma after asbestos exposure?***
- 10:55 am** **Refreshment and networking break**

- 11:15 am** **Session 2: *Advances in treatment of mesothelioma (part one)***
Moderator: Dr. Jocelyne Martin
- Dr. Penny Bradbury, *Immunotherapy – What is now?*
Dr. Quincy Chu, *Immunotherapy – What is the future?*
Dr. Andrea McCart, *Advances in the treatment of peritoneal mesothelioma*
- 12:25 pm** **Buffet lunch and networking break**
- 1:10 pm** **Session 3: *Advances in treatment of mesothelioma (part two)***
Moderator: Dr. Erik Vakil
- Dr. Camille Munro, *Advances in palliative care*
Dr. John Cho, *New developments in hemithoracic radiation for mesothelioma*
Dr. Marc de Perrot, *Targeting mesothelioma with radiation and immunotherapy*
- 2:20 pm** **Session 4: *Panel Discussion - most promising research avenues and future directions***
Moderator: Dr. Chris Lee
- Panel members: Dr. Dean Fennell, Dr. Andrea McCart, Dr. Marc de Perrot
- 3:10 pm** **Refreshment and networking break**
- 3:30 pm** **Session 5: *Strengths and limitations of patient registries***
Moderator: Alec Farquhar
- Dr. Paul Demers, *The Canadian cancer registry experience*
Dr. Emanuela Taioli, *An international perspective on mesothelioma registries*
- 4:15 pm** **Session 6: *In Summary and Beyond***
- Drs. John Cho and Chris Lee, *What we've learned so far*
Anya Keefe, *CMF's Mesothelioma Health Network*
Alec Farquhar, *Asbestos-Free Canada*
- 5:00 pm** **Closing Remarks, Drs. Eudice Goldberg and John Cho, followed by**
Pre-theatre Reception with host bar and appetizers, performance by *Kith and Kin*
- 6:30 pm** **Canadian Debut of “Breathless”**
Introduction by Eric Jonckheere and filmmaker, Daniel Lambo, followed by Q&A