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The Canadian Association of Nuclear Medicine
Association canadienne de médecine nucléaire

Patient Education and Advocacy Day

Updated program

Friday, October 2, 2026 | 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. ET
Fairmont Château Laurier, Ottawa

A national, patient-focused conversation about nuclear medicine, molecular imaging, radioligand therapy and equitable access to care across Canada.

8:30-8:50 a.m. **Registration, Refreshments & Patient-Organization Showcase**
Welcome coffee, registration and an opportunity to visit participating patient organizations.

8:50-9:00 a.m. **Welcome & Opening Remarks**
Setting the stage for a patient-centred morning of education, dialogue and advocacy.

UNDERSTANDING NUCLEAR MEDICINE · Education

9:00-9:20 a.m. **From Isotope Production to Patient Care**
How medical isotopes and radiopharmaceuticals are produced, prepared and delivered for patient use.
Speaker: Holly Bilton

9:20-9:45 a.m. **Inside a Nuclear Medicine Department**
The equipment and people behind patient care: nuclear medicine physicians, technologists and radiopharmaceutical scientists.
Speakers: Mary Dalipaj and Jaden Bardens

9:45-10:05 a.m. **Molecular Imaging: Seeing Disease Differently**
How nuclear medicine imaging is used in cancer and other conditions to guide diagnosis and care.
Speakers: Dr. Curtis and Dr. Dawson

10:05-10:30 a.m. **See It, Measure It, Treat It: Introduction to Radioligand Therapy**
How imaging connects to targeted treatment, what patients can expect from radioligand therapy, and where the field is heading.
Speakers: Dr. Curtis, Dr. Koumna and Dr. Juengling

THE PATIENT PERSPECTIVE · Lived experience

10:30-10:55 a.m. **A Patient's Journey Through Nuclear Medicine - Jean Krashevski**
A lived experience with cancer, molecular imaging, treatment decisions and radioligand therapy.

10:55-11:15 a.m. **Refreshment Break & Networking**
Patient-organization showcase continues.

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GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

11:15-11:35 a.m. **Strengthening Medical Imaging Worldwide: The WHO - WHA78.13 Resolution**
Dr. Prior

NATIONAL ACCESS DIALOGUE · Advocacy discussion

11:35 a.m.-12:40 p.m. **The Future of Nuclear Medicine: National Access Discussion**
A national discussion with patients, clinicians, advocacy organizations and government on current challenges, future opportunities and equitable access across Canada.
Moderator: Kurtis Billard
Panelists: Al Carl; Dr. Juengling; Dr. Koumna; Stephen Piazza; Jaden Bardens; Jacqueline Metzler

12:40-12:55 p.m. **Audience Questions & Key Takeaways**
Questions and perspectives from patients, advocacy organizations and participants.

12:55-1:05 p.m. **Closing Remarks**
Reflections and next steps.

1:05-1:30 p.m. **Networking Lunch & Patient-Organization Showcase**
Continue the conversation with patients, clinicians, advocates, government and partners.

Program subject to updates. Additional elected-official participation has not been confirmed.