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**ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE
CONGRÈS DE FORMATION ANNUEL**

PROGRAM

**September 25-28, 2024
Québec City, QC**

**25-28 septembre 2024
Ville de Québec, QC**



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This Conference has been approved by the Canadian Association of Genetic Counsellors (CAGC) for 21.50 CECs and the National Society of Genetic Counselors (NSGC) has authorized Canadian Association of Genetic Counsellors (CAGC) to offer up to 2.05 CEUs or 20.50 Category 1 contact hours for the activity Canadian Association of Genetic Counsellors (CAGC) - AECC. The American Board of Genetic Counseling (ABGC) will accept CEUs earned at this program for the purposes of genetic counselor recertification.

SHORT COURSE**Navigating Growth of the Person and the Profession****WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024****7:00am-3:00pm**
Grande Place Foyer**Conference Registration****7:00am-3:00pm**
Orleans**Nursing / Prayer Room Open****8:30am-8:35am**
Kent / St-Louis**Welcome***Speaker: Angela Bedard and Simina McDermott***8:35am-9:35am**
Kent / St-Louis**Plenary - Do I Belong Here? Imposterism in Genetic Counselling
Learners and Practitioners***Moderator: Alison Elliott**Speaker: Aviva Goldberg***9:35am-10:00am**
Grande Place Foyer**Refreshment Break****10:00am-11:30am**
Kent / St-Louis**Plenary - Defining Success: Moving from Imposter Syndrome to Realist***Moderator: Melanie Napier**Speakers: Emily Fox, Danna Hull, Susan Creighton, Alison Elliott,
Shannon Ryan***11:30am-1:00pm****Lunch on your own****1:00pm-2:30pm**
Kent / St-Louis**Plenary - Business Primer for GCs: How to Work Within and Outside
Systems to Make Change***Moderator: Shannon Ryan**Speakers: Nathalie Bolduc, Kirsten Bartels, Meaghan Doyle***2:30pm-3:00pm**
Grande Place Foyer**Refreshment Break****3:00pm-4:30pm**
Kent / St-Louis**Plenary - Encouraging Leadership Mindset to Inspire Change***Moderator: Emily Fox**Speakers: Melanie Napier, Shannon Ryan*

MAIN CONFERENCE – DAY 1

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

8:00am-9:00am

Palais

Coffee & Tea

8:00am-4:00pm

Grande Place Foyer

Conference Registration

8:00am-4:00pm

Orleans

Nursing / Prayer Room Open

8:45am-9:00am

Kent / St-Louis

Welcome

Speaker: Emma Blanche

9:00am-10:00am

Kent / St-Louis

KEYNOTE - Progress in Gene Therapy for Hereditary Disease: From Gene Delivery to Gene Correction

Moderator: Emma Blanche

Speaker: Jacques P. Tremblay

10:00am-10:30am

Palais

Refreshment Break

10:30am-12:00pm

Kent / St-Louis

PLENARY - Patient and Advocacy Panel

Moderator: Simina McDermott

Speakers: Stephanie Telesca, Jonathan Pratt, Sonia Gobeil, Betsy Trainor

12:00pm-2:00pm

Palais

Lunch

2:00pm-2:30pm

Kent / St-Louis

CAGC Research Award Presentation - Development of Genetic Assistant Competencies through Consensus Building

Moderator: Marie-Jacqueline Thomas

Speakers: Jessica Hartley, Angela Krutish

2:30pm-2:45pm

Kent / St-Louis

CBGC Updates

Moderator: Marie-Jacqueline Thomas

Speaker: Rachel Vanneste

2:45pm-3:30pm

Kent / St-Louis

PLENARY - Genetic Determinants of Hereditary Cardiomyopathies and Arrhythmias Associated with Sudden Cardiac Death

Moderator: Marie-Jacqueline Thomas

Speaker: Steffany Grondin

3:30pm-4:00pm

Palais

Refreshment Break

4:00pm-5:15pm

Concurrent Sessions:

Kent / St-Louis

BREAKOUT - Taking Action for Rare Diseases in Quebec: Lessons Learned from New Policies and Strategies

Moderator: Lily Frenette

Speakers: Anne-Marie Laberge, Karyn Latour, Karine Boisvert, Sébastien Lévesque, Jade Falardeau

Sainte-Foy / Portneuf **BREAKOUT - Mission: Possible - Learning to Write and Interpret Journal Articles**
Moderator: Amy Ho
Speakers: Larry Prensky, Salma Shickh

Courville / Montmorency **BREAKOUT - Cystic Fibrosis Across the Lifespan: An Update on CF care and Implications for Genetic Counselling**
Moderator: Danny Tremblay
Speakers: Sara Fernandez, Kelsey Kalbfleisch, Corey Filiaggi

5:15pm-6:00pm **Free Time**

6:00pm-8:00pm
Palais **Poster Presentations & Welcome Reception**

MAIN CONFERENCE – DAY 2

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

8:00am-8:30am
Palais **Coffee & Tea**

8:00am-4:00pm
Grande Place Foyer **Conference Registration**

8:00am-4:00pm
Orleans **Nursing / Prayer Room Open**

8:20am-8:30am
Kent / St-Louis **Welcome**
Speaker: Angela Bedard

8:30am-9:15am
Kent / St-Louis **Presidential Address & Leadership Awards**
Moderator: Angela Bedard
Speaker: Diane Myles Reid

9:15am-10:15am
Kent / St-Louis **Abstract Session**
Moderator: Angela Bedard
Speakers: Carol Cremin, Zoulikha Rezoug, Brittany Ngo, Tasha Wainstein

10:15am-10:45am
Palais **Refreshment Break**

10:45am-12:15pm
Kent / St-Louis **PLENARY - Opportunities for Advancing EDI: A Critical Look at Carrier Testing Practices in Canada**
Moderator: Laura Redondo
Speakers: Christopher Trevors, Laura Palma, Candice Jackel-Cram, Delaney Hines

12:15pm-2:00pm Sainte-Foy / Portneuf	AstraZeneca / Merck Lunch Symposium: The Evolution of Cascade Genetic Testing <i>Moderator: Angela Bedard</i> <i>Speakers: Jennifer Nuk, Kasmintan Schrader</i>
12:15pm-2:00pm	Lunch on your own
2:00pm-3:15pm	Concurrent sessions:
Kent / St-Louis	BREAKOUT - We Need to Calm Down! Managing Variants of Uncertain Significance in Cardiogenetics <i>Moderator: Marie-Jacqueline Thomas</i> <i>Speakers: Melanie Care, Laura Zahavich, Chelsea Roadhouse</i>
Sainte-Foy / Portneuf	BREAKOUT - A Genetic Counsellor's Guide to Genome-Wide Sequencing Consent <i>Moderator: Amy Ho</i> <i>Speakers: Olivia Moran, Caitlin Chisholm, Nicole SY Liang</i>
Courville / Montmorency	BREAKOUT - Enhancing Genetic Counselling Skills in Hereditary Hematologic Malignancies <i>Moderator: Danny Tremblay</i> <i>Speakers: Meghan Ferguson, Janet Malcolmson</i>
3:15pm-3:45pm Palais	Refreshment Break
3:45pm-5:00pm	Concurrent Sessions:
Kent / St-Louis	BREAKOUT - How Do You Implement New Models of Service Delivery in Clinical Practice? <i>Moderator: Angela Bedard</i> <i>Speakers: Salma Shickh, Laura Robb, Jessica Hartley</i>
Sainte-Foy / Portneuf	BREAKOUT - In Our Collaboration Era: How Partnering with Lab GCs Can Support Clinical Practice <i>Moderator: Simina McDermott</i> <i>Speakers: Vanessa Di Gioacchino, Alicia Scocchia, Carly Pouchet, Emma Hitchcock, Frédéric Coulombe</i>
Courville / Montmorency	BREAKOUT - Cell-Free Fetal DNA Testing and Suspected Maternal Malignancy Results: Preparing for the Unexpected <i>Moderator: Lily Frenette</i> <i>Speaker: Hana Sroka, Dawn Siciliano</i>
5:00pm-6:30pm	Free Time
6:30pm-10:00pm Il Teatro Club Lounge 972, Rue Sainte-Jean	CAGC Social Soirée <i>Tickets required</i>

MAIN CONFERENCE – DAY 3

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

8:00am-8:30am
Palais

Coffee & Tea

8:00am-10:00am
Grande Place Foyer

Conference Registration

8:00am-10:00am
Orleans

Nursing / Prayer Room Open

8:30am-9:00am
Kent / St-Louis

Welcome

Speaker: Simina McDermott

9:00am-10:30am
Kent / St-Louis

Abstract Session

Moderator: Simina McDermott

Speakers: Rachel Mills, Camille Varin-Tremblay, Emily Panousis, Kelvin Chang, Abigail Hansen, Kaitlin Stanley

10:30am-11:00am
Palais

Refreshment Break

11:00am-12:15pm
Kent / St-Louis

Plenary - Navigating Sponsored Genetic Testing in Canada: National Guidance and Local Experience

Moderator: Emma Blanche

Speakers: Kirsten Bartels, Rachel Vanneste, Spring Holter, Daena Hirjikaka, Claudia Carriles, Hana Sroka

12:15pm-12:30pm
Kent / St-Louis

Closing Remarks

Speaker: Emma Blanche

12:30pm

CAGC 2024 Conference Concludes

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CAGC AEC 2025: October 5 - 8 in Banff, Alberta