

# GET TO KNOW THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**DR. ROBIN URQUHART, PhD**

Dr. Urquhart is the Canadian Cancer Society (Nova Scotia Division) Endowed Chair in Population Cancer Research and an Associate Professor in the Department of Community Health and Epidemiology.

Focused on cancer care, Dr. Urquhart studies access to and quality of care, patient and family outcomes and experiences, and how to more effectively move research evidence into clinical practice and healthcare policy.

Her research spans the entire cancer continuum, from primary prevention to survivorship and end-of-life care.

## FEATURING SELECTED TRAINEE TALKS!



**JAHANARA RAJWANI**



**LUC PROVENCHER**



**ROBAB JAMADI**



**KARYS HILDEBRAND**



**8TH ANNUAL  
RESEARCH DAY  
SYMPOSIUM**  
April 28, 2023

# SCHEDULE

8:30-9:00 am Registration desk outside Theatre 1

9:00-9:05 am Welcome address by **Dr. Doug Mahoney**, Associate Director, Basic & Translational Research, Charbonneau Cancer Institute

## KEYNOTE LECTURE

9:05-10:00 am **Dr. Robin Urquhart**, Associate Professor, Dalhousie University

***"Accelerating change in the cancer system: dispatches from the frontlines of research and practice"***

**SESSION 1** Chair: **Dr. Khara Sauro**

10:00-10:25 am **Dr. Nicolas Jacquilot**, Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

***"Harnessing Innate Lymphoid Cells in Cancer"***

10:25-10:40 am **Luc Provencher**, PhD Candidate Supervised by Dr. Aaron Goodarzi

***"The CHD6 chromatin remodeler has separate, cooperative DNA- and poly(ADP-ribose)-binding domains and supports DNA base lesion elimination"***

→ **Poster Session**

10:45-11:00 am Poster judges to pick up assignments from Carmen Outside **Theatre 1**

11:00-12:30 pm Poster Session in the **HRIC Atrium**

→ **Conference Lunch**

12:30-1:15 pm Registered attendees in **HRIC Atrium**

**SESSION 2** Chair: **Kate Ding**

1:30-1:55 pm **Dr. Fui-Boon Kai**, Research Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

***"Extracellular matrix-dependent regulation of breast cancer aggression"***

1:55-2:10 pm **Robab Jamadi**, PhD Candidate Supervised by Dr. Oliver Bathe

***"Molecular characteristics of skeletal muscle loss in renal cell carcinoma"***

2:10-2:25 pm **Karys Hildebrand**, PhD candidate Supervised by Dr. Michael Monument

***"STING Activation in Sarcoma: Assessing Translational Therapeutic Strategies"***

2:35-3:00 pm **Dr. Colleen Cuthbert**, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Nursing

***"Innovative Strategies to Improve the Experience of Those Living With and Beyond Cancer"***

→ **Break**

3:00-3:15 pm Afternoon snack outside **Theatre 1**

**SESSION 3** Chair: **Dr. Gareth Williams**

3:20-3:45 pm **Dr. Paola Neri**, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine

***"Tumoral and Immune dependent mechanisms leading to resistance to T cell Engagers in Multiple Myeloma"***

3:45-4:05 pm **Jahanara Rajwani**, PhD Candidate Supervised by Dr. Doug Mahoney

***"Oncolytic virus infection of non-cancer cells improves antitumor immunity by increasing tumor antigen presentation"***

3:45-4:05 pm **Dr. Susan Lees-Miller**, Professor, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

***"Visualization of a DNA Repair Machine: how proteins repair DNA double strand breaks"***

**Closing Remarks**

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**RECEPTION**

**AWARD**  
**PRESENTATIONS**



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