

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM JUNE 6 & 7, 2009 WINNIPEG CONVENTION CENTRE- WINNIPEC MANITOBA

This year, the *National Specialty Society for Community Medicine (NSSCM)* is pleased to offer an expanded program of Continuing Professional Development opportunities in our annual Symposium. Four separate workshops are being offered, three of which provide the opportunity for accreditation. This expanded program reflects the growing capacity of NSSCM to support its members in the area of continuous learning.

In response to the interests and concerns expressed by members, this year's offerings focus on three key topics: the use of research in leadership activities; policy development and advocacy using poverty as a public health issue; and working conditions for Community Medicine specialists. We are very pleased that the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation (CHSRF) is partnering with NSSCM to offer an accredited workshop on the role of research in leadership.

Together, these four workshops (described below) offer NSSCM members significant opportunities to learn, share knowledge and develop skills. We hope to see you there and to benefit from your expertise and commitment to public health in Canada.

National Specialty Society for Community Medicine

2009 ANNUAL EVENTS

Symposium, AGM and Society Dinner

| POLICY PERSPECTIVES ON |
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| POVERTY AND PUBLIC |
| HEALTH |

An Accredited Workshop

Saturday June 6 1300-1600

UPDATE ON THE INSITE SUPERVISED INJECTION PROGRAM

Saturday June 6 1600-1700

Sponsored by the Continuing Professional Development Committee, this workshop will explore frameworks for public policy analysis, identify primary barriers and facilitating factors in efforts to reduce rates of poverty and the impact of poverty upon health, and deepen participants' understanding of the role of information and the media in the policy process

Sponsored by the External Communications and Advocacy Committee of NSSCM, this one hour workshop will provide an update on the status of the Insite program and policy developments in relation to this case.

Society Dinner

RestoGare, Winnipeg

WORKING CONDITIONS FOR COMMUNITY MEDICINE

Sunday June 7

PHYSICIANS

900-1200

Saturday June 6 1900-2200

Sponsored by the External Communications and Advocacy Committee of NSSCM, this workshop will provide an opportunity for participants to engage in discussion of working conditions concerns as elicited through surveys of the membership and to contribute to the development of strategic actions to address working conditions issues.

MAKING EVIDENCE MATTER IN PUBLIC HEALTH MANAGEMENT, LEADERSHIP, AND POLICY MAKING

An Accredited Workshop Offered in Partnership with the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation (CHSRF)

Sunday June 7 1200-1600

Sponsored by CHSRF, this workshop is designed to help senior public health leaders effectively apply research evidence to public health management, leadership and policy making. The format includes an overview of the Executive Training for Research Application (EXTRA) program offered by CHSRF, and CHSRF experts will provide practical advice on locating and using research evidence, including what to look for, where to look and what to do with what you find.

NSSCM Annual General Meeting
Wine and Cheese Reception

Sunday June 7 1600-1700 from 1700-1800

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

POLICY PERSPECTIVES ON POVERTY AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Saturday June 6 1300-1600

Workshop Description

Public health has always been concerned about the health consequences of poverty. For over a hundred years, public health leaders have been at the forefront of social change to reduce poverty and ameliorate poverty's health impact. Recently certain jurisdictions have shown impressive reductions in the proportion of their citizens living in poverty. Northern European countries have reduced poverty to, by North American Standards miniscule levels. On the other hand, in 2005, 11% of all Canadians lived in poverty and nearly one-third of female-led single parent families lived in poverty. Canadian seniors had poverty rates above 20% until the 1970s. But the guaranteed annual supplement to the old age pension was introduced a few years later and in 2000, only 4% lived in poverty.

Community medicine physicians are drawn to policy debates about poverty. However, poverty is mainly determined by policy areas outside of health? What is the role for public health in dealing with poverty both at the service delivery and public policy level? How do we affect policy making in ministries of social services, housing, and most importantly, finance? What is the role for community medicine physicians and their association in poverty reduction?

This session includes a brief introduction of a policy analysis framework, followed by a panel presentation and interactive discussion, closing with a recap of the key theoretical points related back to the analytic framework. The panelists have been selected to provide as broad a perspective as possible on poverty and public health.

Workshop Objectives

- 1. Deepen our understanding of frameworks for public policy analysis
- 2. Identify the main barriers and facilitating factors for public health physicians when developing and implementing policies to reduce rates of poverty and the impact of poverty upon health.
- 3. Deepen the understanding of the role of information and the media in the policy process

| Workshop Format: 3 Hour Large Group Session | | | |
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| 1245 – 1300 | Registration and Coffee | | |
| 1300 – 1305 | Introduction To The Workshop & | Dr. Fran Scott | |
| | Introduction To Michael Rachlis | Chair, NSSCM CPD | |
| | | Committee | |
| 1305 – 1315 | Policy Analysis: A Re-Introduction | Dr. Michael Rachlis | |
| | Poverty And Public Health: An Introduction | | |
| 1315 – 1410 | Five Perspectives On Poverty And Public Health | | |
| | Dr. Cory Neudorf Chief MOH Saskat | toon | |
| | Dr. Penny Sutcliffe MOH Sudbury | | |
| | Dr. Marcia Anderson President, Indige | nous Physicians of | |
| | Canada | | |
| | Michael Mendelson Caledon Institute | | |
| | Andre Picard Public Health Rep | orter, Globe and Mail | |
| 1410 – 1430 | Discussion with Speakers | | |
| 1430 – 1445 | Break | | |
| 1445 – 1545 | Discussion with Audience | | |
| 1545 – 1555 | Wrap Up Of Poverty And Public Health Dr. Michael | | |
| 1555 – 1600 | Wrap Up Of The Workshop | Dr. Fran Scott | |
| REGISTRATION | Pre-Registration is required | <u>-</u> | |
| FEE FOR | NSSCM Members: \$100.00 | | |

| ATTENDING | Non-Members: | \$150.00 | |
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| Workshop | Residents: | \$25.00 | |
| WEBCAST | | | |
| WORKSHOP | This workshop will be webcast. | | |
| | Please note that there are technical requirements for accessing the webcast. For information on technical requirements and the compatibility of your computer, please email jdalgity@dalsen.com | | |
| | Fee for the webcast is | s \$50.00 CAD | |
| ACCREDITATION | Accreditation is availa | able through Queens University | |

UPDATE ON INSITE SUPERVISED INJECTION PROGRAM

SATURDAY JUNE 6 1600-1700

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

The Insite Controlled Injection Site program in Vancouver has been used as part of the policy development theme for community medicine specialists at the AGM for the last two years. This special session will provide participants with an update on the status of the Insite C including the current challenge to the program in the B.C. Supreme Court and an analysis of related policy developments. A proposed NSSCM position in the area of supervised infection has been developed and will be discussed as a component of the case study.

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

- 1. Provide participants with an update on the status of the Insite program
- 2. Engage participants in consideration of appropriate strategies NSSCM could undertake to promote harm reduction programs in Canada

| WORKSHOP FORMAT: 1 HOUR SMALL GROUP SESSION | | | |
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| 1600-1605 | Welcome and Introductions | Dr. Paul Hasselback Chair, NSSCM External Communications and Advocacy Committee | |
| 1605-1620 | Update on Insite Policy Analysis | Dr. Kathleen Dooling | |
| 1620-1630 | NSSCM Position on Supervised Drug Consumption | Dr. Paul Hasselback | |
| 1630-1700 | Discussion of Insite Policy analysis, NSSCM Process for Position Development, and Case Study in Policy Development | Resource Personnel: D. Michael Rachlis Dr. Kathleen Dooling Dr. Paul Hasselback | |
| REGISTRATION | Pre-registration is required | | |
| FEE | No fee is required | | |
| ACCREDITATION | Accreditation is available through Queens University | | |

WORKING CONDITIONS FOR COMMUNITY MEDICINE PHYSICIANS: A STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT FORUM

SUNDAY JUNE 7 900-1200

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

This workshop will provide participants to discuss key issues related to working conditions for Community Medicine physicians. Participants will break out into small groups to refine understanding of key working conditions issues as identified through a survey of NSSCM members and propose strategies to address adverse working conditions.

Workshop Objectives

- Provide information on working conditions issues of importance to NSSCM members
- Engage participants in expanding understanding of these issues
- Lay the foundation for development of NSSCM strategies to address adverse working conditions for Community Medicine physicians

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| WORKSHOP FORMAT: Open Space Format | | |
| 900-910 | Registration and Coffee | |
| 910-930 | Overview of Working Conditions Issues for Community Medicine Specialists | Dr. Paul Hasselback |
| | Community Medicine Specialists | Chair, NSSCM |
| | | External Communications & Advocacy Cttee. |
| 930-1000 | Summary of Responses to the 2009 NSSCM Working Conditions Survey | Dr. Paul Hasselback |
| 1000-1015 | Break | |
| 1015-1130 | Breakout Into Small Group Discussions Of Key Working Conditions Issues | Facilitators |
| 1130-1200 | Reports Back From Small Groups & Wrap-Up | Dr. Paul |
| | | Hasselback |
| REGISTRATION | Restricted to members of NSSCM. Pre-registration is required | |
| FEE | No fee is required | |

MAKING EVIDENCE MATTER IN PUBLIC HEALTH MANAGEMENT, LEADERSHIP, AND POLICY MAKING

Sunday June 7 1200-1600

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

This session sponsored by the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation is designed for senior public health leaders to effectively applying research evidence to public health management, leadership and policy making. It will include an overview of the Executive Training for Research Application (EXTRA) program, designed for selected health leaders to enhance skills and competencies to find, assess, interpret and apply research-informed evidence to improve management practices and health services delivery. CHSRF experts will provide practical advice in finding and using research evidence. Participants will learn what to look for, where to look and what to do with what you find to make a difference to the health of populations served. Participants will discuss concrete examples, important elements of effective public health leadership including persuasive communications, exploiting strategic moments, group and collaborative leadership and political leadership.

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

- Increase participants' understanding of the EXTRA program
- Increase participants' understanding of effective use of research in public health management, leadership & policy making
- Increase participants' understanding of how to locate, assess, interpret and apply research-informed evidence in senior level public health decision making

| WORKSHOP FORMAT 5 Hour Large Group Session | | | |
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| 1200-1245 | Buffet Lunch and Networking | | |
| 1245-1300 | Welcome, Introduction and Session goals | Dr. Fran Scott | |
| 1300-1315 | Overview of CHRSF's EXTRA Program | Dr. Terry Sullivan | |
| 1315-1400 | Research Use In Public Health Management | Dr. John Lavis | |
| | This session will provide practical pointers to | | |
| | finding and using research evidence when you're | | |
| | under pressure to move quickly on an issue. How | | |
| | can the problem be characterized and how can it | | |
| | be framed in ways that will engage different | | |
| | constituencies? What is known about viable | | |
| | policy and programmatic options for addressing | | |
| | the problem? What barriers to implementation | | |
| | are likely to be encountered and what strategies | | |
| | can best address the barriers? Each of these | | |
| | questions calls for different types of research | | |
| | evidence. Knowing what to look for, where to | | |
| | look and what to do with what you find can make | | |
| 1400 1415 | a big difference to the populations you serve. | | |
| 1400-1415 1415-1500 | Break | Dr. Tarry Cullivan | |
| 1415-1500 | Leadership Skills in Using Evidence to Drive Action in Public Health | Dr. Terry Sullivan | |
| | With the recent resurgence of public health | | |
| | following SARS and miscellaneous reports in | | |
| | Canada, an important challenge presents itself: | | |
| | How do leaders in public health advance better | | |
| | evidence and what are the skills which might | | |
| | lend themselves to this task? How do we develop | | |
| | this skill base? Drawing on concrete examples | | |
| | this session will cover important elements of | | |
| | effective public health leadership including | | |
| | persuasive communications, exploiting strategic | | |
| | moments, group and collaborative leadership and | | |
| | political leadership as areas for skill building. | | |
| 1500-1545 | Panel of EXTRA Fellows | Dr. Megan Ward | |
| | | Mr. Syvanus Thompson | |
| 4545.4700 | W H 10 L II D 1 | DR. PENNY SUTCLIFFE | |
| 1545-1600 | Wrap-Up and Concluding Remarks | Dr. Fran Scott | |
| REGISTRATION | Pre-Registration is required | | |
| FEE | No fee is required | | |
| Accreditation | This event is an Accredited Group Learning Activity. CME credits have | | |
| | been granted to the EXTRA program by the Royal (| | |
| | and Surgeons of Canada (MOCOMP) and the Collect | | |
| | of Canada (MAINPRO-M1). This program also quali | | |
| | MOC credits with the Canadian College of Health S | ervice Executives. | |

PRESENTERS POLICY PERSPECTIVES ON POVERTY AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Dr. Marcia Anderson President, Indigenous Physicians of Canada

Dr. Marcia Anderson graduated from the University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine in 2002, and completed two years of internal medicine residency here before transferring to the University of Saskatchewan. From Saskatchewan she moved to Baltimore and completed a Masters of Public Health at the Johns Hospital Bloomberg School of Public Health, concentrating predominantly on health disparities and health policy. She divides her time between working as a Medical Officer of Health in Northern Manitoba, general internal medicine clinics at the Grace Hospital, and research in Indigenous health. Research interests include improving the health measurement of Indigenous peoples in a way that respects the individual and collective rights of Indigenous peoples, and using health policy and healthy public policy as a tool in the prevention of chronic disease. Marcia is the current president of the Indigenous Physicians Association of Canada.

Dr. Kathleen Dooling Community Medicine Resident, University of Toronto

Kathleen Dooling is completing her final year in the Community Medicine Residency at the University of Toronto. She obtained her Masters of Public Health from Johns Hopkins in 2007 and her CCFP in 2006. She has practiced Family Medicine as a locum physician in the Northwest Territories and in Sexual Health clinics in Toronto. Her residency training has brought her from St. Johns to Vancouver Island to Iqaluit as well international electives in Geneva and Kenya.

Dr. Paul Hasselback Medical Officer of Health, Central and South Okanagan, Interior Health B.C.

Paul Hasselback is currently a Medical Health Officer for Interior Health in BC. He was the Senior Medical Health Officer from 2003 - 2007. Since 1990, he has also held Medical Health Officer positions in Southwestern Alberta, Calgary and Regina. He trained in Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal and was in family practice in rural Saskatchewan for four years. He has a Master's of Science in Epidemiology and is an Assistant Clinical Professor at UBC, and Adjunct Professor at UBC Okanagan. In 2000 he was awarded the Canadian Public Health Association Janssen-Ortho award for public health practice.

Dr. Michael MendelsonSenior Scholar, Caledon Institute of Social Policy Michael Mendelson has held senior public service positions in both Ontario and Manitoba: Deputy Secretary (Deputy Minister) of Cabinet Office in Ontario; Assistant Deputy Minister in Ontario's Ministries of Finance, Community Services and Health; Secretary to Treasury Board and Deputy Minister of Social Services in Manitoba. He is also a policy consultant for several Canadian governments and institutions.

Mr. Mendelson has published many articles on health, social, housing and fiscal policy, as well as books on the issue of universality and the administrative cost of income security programs. Some publications include: 'Aboriginal Peoples and Post Secondary Education in Canada' from the Caledon Institute of Social Policy; 'Financing the Canada and Quebec Pension Plans' published by the American Association of Retired Persons, Public Policy Institute (AARP: Washington); 'Timing it Right? Tax Credits and How to Respond to Income Changes' with Peter Whiteford

and Jane Millar, published by the JF Rowntree Foundation (York, UK); 'Measuring Child Poverty: Measuring Child Benefits' published by the Caledon Institute of Social Policy; 'Benefits for Children' in Family Matters (journal of the Australian Institute of Family Studies), Benefits for Children: A Four Country Study (ed. with Ken Battle) published by the Caledon Institute with support of the J. Rowntree Foundation in the UK, and 'The New Social Union' in the Canadian Review of Social Policy.

Dr. Cory Neudorf Chief Medical Officer of Health Saskatoon Health Region

Dr. Neudorf is the Chief Medical Health Officer for the Saskatoon Health Region. He received his medical degree from the University of Saskatchewan, a Master's of Health Science degree in Community Health and Epidemiology from the University of Toronto, and is a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada with Certification in the specialty of Community Medicine. He is the past president of the National Specialty Society for Community Medicine, Chair of the Canadian Public Health Association, and Chair of the Canadian Population Health Initiative Council. Dr. Neudorf is a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Community Health and Epidemiology at the University of Saskatchewan, College of Medicine.

His research interests include Health Inequalities, health status indicators and surveys, Health status monitoring and reporting, and integrating Population Health data and Geographic Information Systems into public health and health planning.

Andre Picard Public Health Reporter, Globe and Mail

André Picard is the public health reporter at The Globe and Mail and one of Canada's top public policy writers. He is the author of the best-selling books Critical Care: Canadian Nurses Speak For Change and The Gift of Death: Confronting Canada's Tainted Blood Tragedy. He is also the author of A Call to Alms: The New Face of Charity in Canada. André has received much acclaim for his writing, including the Michener Award for Meritorious Public Service Journalism, the Canadian Policy Research Award, and the Atkinson Fellowship for Public Policy Research. In 2002, he received the Centennial Prize of the Pan-American Health Organization as the top public health reporter in the Americas. In 2005, the Canadian Public Health Association named him Canada's first Public Health Hero. He is also a four-time finalist for the National Newspaper Awards – Canada's Pulitzer Prize. André has been the recipient of the Canadian Nurses' Association Award of Excellence for Health Care Reporting, the Nursing in the Media Award of the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario, the International Media Prize of Sigma Theta Tau (Nursing Honor Society), and the Science and Society Book Prize.

His advocacy work has been honoured by a number of consumer health groups, including the Canadian Mental Health Association, the Safe Kids Canada, the Canadian Alliance on Mental Illness and the Canadian Hearing Society. André has also participated in a number of academic endeavours, notably as a participant in the Governor-General's Canadian Leadership Conference and as a guest lecturer at a number of universities. In addition to his writing and speaking, André has participated in a number of professional organizations and non-profit groups. He is a former member of the advisory committees of the Canadian Institute for Child Health, Active Healthy Kids Canada, Centraide/United Way Montréal, and the Canadian Medical Association Journal.

DR. MICHAEL RACHLIS Health Policy Consultant

Dr. Michael Rachlis was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1951 and graduated from the University of Manitoba medical school in 1975. He interned at McMaster University in Hamilton and then practiced family medicine from 1976 to 1984 at the South Riverdale Community Health Centre in Toronto. He completed specialty training in Community Medicine at McMaster University from 1984 to 1988.

Dr. Rachlis practices as a private consultant in health policy analysis. He has consulted to the federal government, all ten provincial governments, and two royal commissions. He also holds associate professor appointments (part-time) with the University of Toronto Department of Health Policy, Management, and Evaluation and the Dalla Lana School of Public Health. Dr. Rachlis has lectured widely on health care issues. He has been invited to make presentations to committees of the Canadian House of Commons and the Canadian Senate as well as the United States House of Representatives and Senate. He is a frequent media commentator on health policy issues and the author of three national bestsellers about Canada's health care system. HarperCollins published his third book, *Prescription for Excellence: How Innovation is Saving Canada's Health Care System*, in paperback in March 2005.

Dr. Fran Scott Program Director, Community Medicine University of Toronto

Fran Scott is Program Director for the Community Medicine Residency Program, Associate Course Director for Determinants of Community Health in Undergraduate Medicine, Associate Program Director for MHSc in Community Health and Epidemiology and Associate Professor at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto.

Dr. Penny Sutcliffe Medical Officer of Health/Chief Executive Officer, Sudbury and District

Dr. Sutcliffe completed her Royal College Fellowship in Community Medicine in 1997 through the University of Toronto and trained previously at Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador. Dr. Sutcliffe obtained her medical degree in 1992 from the University of Toronto. Dr. Sutcliffe moved to Sudbury in 2000, relocating from Yellowknife where she served as the Medical Officer of Health and Deputy Chief Medical Officer of Health for the Northwest Territories. Her first position as Medical Officer of Health was with the Burntwood Regional Health Authority in northern Manitoba. Dr. Sutcliffe received a CHSRF EXTRA Fellowship in 2008. She has a strong interest in health status and population health, particularly for northern and First Nations' communities. She is a strong advocate for evidence-informed practice and for incorporating the social determinants of health into core public health programming.

Presenter Biographies

MAKING EVIDENCE MATTER IN PUBLIC HEALTH MANAGEMENT, LEADERSHIP, AND POLICY MAKING

Terry Sullivan, PhD President and CEO of Cancer Care Ontario

Terry Sullivan is a behavioural scientist with research and practice interests in prevention and health systems performance. He currently holds grants as a PI from CIHR, CHSRF and the US Commonwealth Fund Foundation. He served two successive First Ministers of Ontario as the Executive Director of Premier's Council on Health Strategy including a period as Deputy Minister. He previously played senior roles in the Ontario Ministry of Health, Cabinet Office and Intergovernmental Affairs. Prior to his work at Cancer Care Ontario he was President of the Institute for Work & Health. He holds faculty positions at the University of Toronto in the Departments of Health Policy Management and Evaluation and Public Health Sciences. He is the author/editor/coeditor of six recent books and numerous papers on health system management and prevention issues. As a volunteer, Dr. Sullivan sits on several Boards including the National Cancer Institute of Canada, Ontario Hospital Association, Canadian Association of Provincial Cancer Agencies, the Ontario Institute for Cancer Research, the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences, and the newly created Canadian Partnership Against Cancer.

John Lavis Canada Research Chair in Knowledge Transfer and Exchange, Associate Professor, McMaster University

John N. Lavis, MD PhD, is the Canada Research Chair in knowledge transfer and exchange, an associate professor (in both the department of clinical epidemiology and biostatistics and the department of political science), and a member of the Centre for Health Economics and Policy Analysis at McMaster University. His principal research interests include knowledge transfer and exchange in public policy-making environments and the politics of healthcare systems. He directs the program in policy decision-making, a research program affiliated with McMaster's Centre for Health Economics and Policy Analysis, and he wrote the report that underpins the chapter on "linking research to action" in the World Report on Knowledge for Better Health. He teaches an undergraduate course on the politics of healthcare systems for the bachelor of health sciences (honours) program at McMaster and he teaches a weeklong module on "Promoting the use of research-based evidence in healthcare organizations" for Canada's Executive Training for Research Application (EXTRA) program. He is president of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) advisory committee on health research and a member of the World Health Organization (WHO) advisory committee on health research. He is co-editor of the newly relaunched Policy Briefs series co-published by the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies and the WHO-sponsored Health Evidence Network. He is a member of the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research (AHSPR) scientific and technical advisory committee, the Cochrane Collaboration's Effective Practice and Organization of Care (EPOC) review group, and the WHO-sponsored Evidence-Informed Policy Network (EVIPNet) resource group. Dr. Lavis holds an MD from

Queen's University, a M.Sc. from the London School of Economics, and a PhD from Harvard University.

Penny Sutcliffe , MD, MHSc, FRCPC, Medical Officer of Health/Chief Executive Officer

Dr. Sutcliffe is the Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer for the Sudbury & District Health Unit. She completed her Royal College Fellowship in Community Medicine in 1997 through the University of Toronto and trained previously at Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador. Dr. Sutcliffe obtained her medical degree in 1992 from the University of Toronto. Dr. Sutcliffe moved to Sudbury in 2000, relocating from Yellowknife where she served as the Medical Officer of Health and Deputy Chief Medical Officer of Health for the Northwest Territories. Her first position as Medical Officer of Health was with the Burntwood Regional Health Authority in northern Manitoba. Dr. Sutcliffe received a CHSRF EXTRA Fellowship in 2008. She has a strong interest in health status and population health, particularly for northern and First Nations' communities. She is a strong advocate for evidence-informed practice and for incorporating the social determinants of health into core public health programming.

Megan Ward, MD, CCFP, FRCP

Dr Megan Ward is an Associate Medical Officer of Health for Peel Region in Ontario. She is a community medicine specialist with 20 years experience in local public health. She is co-leading a 10 year strategic initiative for Peel Public Health to further evidence-informed decision-making throughout her organization. In support of this work she received an EXTRA fellowship in 2008. Dr Ward has held various leadership positions, most recently in pandemic influenza planning and emergency preparedness. She is active in continuing medical education for medical officers of health and in resident education for both community medicine and family medicine residents.

Sylvanus Thompson, B.A.Sc (Hon.), M.Sc Food Science (Food Safety and Quality Assurance), Ph.D candidate: Public Health Administration, Walden University, USA.

Sylvanus' training and Qualification includes: Royal Society of Health Diploma, Diploma in Veterinary Public Health, BSc. in Environmental Health, MSc. in Food Science Certificate in Public Health Inspection, Canada. Sylvanus is Current PhD candidate

His work experience includes several years working experience in the field public health. He is currently the Quality Assurance Manager for Toronto Public Health and a member of the Special Graduate Faculty of the Food Science Department, University of Guelph. His professional affiliations include: Canadian Public Health Association, Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors, National Environmental Health Association, Association of Supervisors of Public Health Inspectors of Ontario and American Society for Quality. He is a recipient of several awards including: the Ontario Food Protection Association Award and the National Institute of Quality Gold Award for Public Sector Excellence.

Sylvanus presented at several conferences including the American Society for Quality 60th Anniversary Conference, the Jamaican Association of Public Health Inspectors Annual Conference, the ASPHIO Annual General Meeting and the Ontario Food Protection Association Annual Conference. Sylvanus has two publications on food safety – related issues.

GENERAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION FOR WORKSHOPS

To register for any of the workshops, please follow the links below to the registration website. There are **two separate registration sites**: one for individuals who are members of NSSCM but not members of the Canadian Public Health Association, and another for individuals who are members of both organizations (NSSCM and CPHA).

Registration for Members of NSSCM Only: http://register.cpha.ca/NSSCM

Registration for Members of NSSCM and CPHA:

http://register.cpha.ca/NSSCM-CPHA

You can also print off a registration from (located on the registration sites) and mail it in with a cheque or credit card information.

Return completed form with payment to: CPHA Conference Department 400 – 1565 Carling Avenue, Ottawa, ON K1Z 8R1

For information specific to the Symposium please contact Katrina Dumont at 613-725-3769 ext. 262. Any required reading will be provided to participants in advance.

REGISTRATION FOR SOCIETY DINNER & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual **Society Dinner** will be held on the evening of Saturday June 6th starting at 7 p.m. Information on the location of the dinner will be added shortly. Registration Fee for the Society Dinner: \$48.00

The NSSCM Annual General Meeting will take place Sunday June 7 from 4 to 6 p.m. There is no fee for this meeting, but pre-registration is required. You can register for both events at the links above.

CANCELLATION

A fee of \$40 will be charged for any cancellations. No refunds will be provided for registrants who do not provide cancellation notice prior to May 22, 2009.

The NSSCM reserves the right to cancel courses. Registrants will be notified at the earliest possible date in the event of a cancellation. The NSSCM will not be liable for any loss, damage, or other expenses that such cancellations may cause.

ACCOMMODATION

Blocks of rooms have been reserved for CPHA delegates at several hotels in downtown Winnipeg. To make your hotel reservation, contact the hotel directly and refer to the appropriate CPHA Group Code. Rates are guaranteed until May 1, 2009.

Room blocks have been reserved for CPHA conference delegates at the following hotels. These hotels are all located in downtown Winnipeg and are within a few blocks of the Winnipeg Convention Centre.

Delta Winnipeg

350 St Mary Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 3J2 Tel: 204-942-0551 Toll-free: 1-888-890-3222

CPHA Group Code: G9CPHA

Book online: http://www.deltawinnipeg.com/g9cpha

 Rates Delta Room
 \$179

 Delta Premier
 \$199

 Delta Deluxe
 \$214

 Signature Club
 \$239

 Suites
 \$299

The Fort Garry

222 Broadway, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 0R3 Tel: 204-942-8251 Toll-free: 1-800-665-8088

CPHA Group Code: 1005H3

Book online: https://reservations.ihotelier.com/onescreengroup.cfm?hotelid=14101&languageID=1

Rates Standard Room \$149 One Bedroom Suite \$229

Place Louis Riel All-Suite Hotel

190 Smith Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 1J8 Tel: 204-947-6961 Toll-free: 1-800-665-0569

CPHA Group Code: CPHA09

Book online:www.placelouisriel.com

Rates Deluxe Studio Suite \$155
Deluxe One Bedroom Suite \$165
Luxury Studio Suite \$195

Luxury One Bedroom Suite \$205 (one king size bed)
Luxury One Bedroom Suite \$215 (two double size beds)