

Draft Program

Calgary National Conference

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19 SEPTEMBER 2026
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM



WESTIN CALGARY
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Registration & Welcome

07:30 – 09:00

Attendee check-in, badge distribution, and opening.

Breakfast and Day-1 Welcome – Hall D

07:30 – 08:30

Donna Hartlen, Executive Director

Keynote Conversation – No one Rides Alone – Hall D

08:35 – 09:05

Clive Philips and Pamela Stoikopoulos

Diagnostic Pathways – Hall D

09:10 – 9:40

Dr. Chris White

Condition Overview – Breakout Session

09:50 – 10:30

Presentation and Management

GBS and variants – Hall D

Dr. Douglas Zochodne

CIDP and variants – Hall C

Dr. Gord Jewett

MMN – Hall B

Dr. Katherine Beadon

Coffee Break – Hall D

10:30 – 10:50

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Practical Stretching Exercises for those living with GBS, CIDP, and MMN – Hall D

10:50 – 11:10

Andrew Schmidt

Select a Session: Immunoglobulin – Hall C

11:15– 12:00

Part A: Subcutaneous Ig – Crystal Allan, RN

Part B: Managing the Side effects of IVIg – Kate Kain, RN

Proposed: AI in the Canadian Health System – Hall D

TBA

Lunch

12:00 – 13:00

Clinical Trials and Innovation in Inflammatory Neuropathies – Hall D

13:00 – 13:45

Hans Katzberg, MD

Proposed: Pain Management in Neuropathies – Hall D

13:45 – 14:30

TBA

Coffee Break and Mindfulness Exercise

14:30 – 15:00

Getting better Sleep with Chronic Conditions

15:00 – 15:30

Dr. Andrea Loewen

Select a Session:

15:35 – 14:05

Patient Panel: Practical tips for those living with GBS, CIDP, and MMN – Hall D

Caregiver Panel: Practical tips for those caring for someone with GBS, CIDP, and MMN – Hall C

Ask the Experts

16:10 – 17:00

Open Q&A Session

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Breakfast and Day-2 Welcome

08:00 – 09:05

Pam Stoikopoulos, Board Vice President

Sexual Health and Chronic Disease – Men Only Session – Hall D

09:10 – 9:55

Dr. Ben Jespersen

Sexual Health and Chronic Disease – Women Only Session – Hall C

Candine Blackbeard

Practical Strengthening Exercises for those living with GBS, CIDP, and MMN – Hall D

10:00: – 10:30

Andrew Schmidt

Coffee Break and Mindfulness Exercise

10:30: – 11:00

Dietary Strategies in Neuroimmune Conditions – Hall D

11:05 – 11:55

Mathew Embry – MS Hope

Closing

11:55 – 12:00

Darryl Bedford, Board President

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No One Rides Alone – Documentary – Hall A

Screening schedule posted outside of Hall A

Sep 19, 08:00 – 21:00

Sep 20, 08:00 – 12:00

Calgary Conference Walk and Roll

Location: Westin Calgary Airport Hotel

Sep 19, 17:00 – 18:30

Mix and Mingle – Hall D

Social gathering and Silen Auction

Sep 19, 18:30 – 21:00



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