Who Should Attend

- Family Physicians
- Nurses/Nurse Practitioners
- Pharmacists
- Allied Health Professionals
- Specialists
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Join us for this popular conference designed to provide physicians, pharmacists, nurses, and other health professionals with up-to-date, evidence-based, practical information on prescription drug therapy.

Lectures will provide reviews of best evidence for therapeutics in geriatrics, diabetes, infections, and more.

Small group workshops use interactive case-based discussion focused on practical approaches to common therapeutic problems, data and Cochrane review interpretation, and deprescribing.

Comments from previous years:
“Unbiased speakers who strongly believe in practicing evidence-based medicine.”
“Always an excellent course!”
“Probing questions make you examine your beliefs and how you practice.”

Note that this conference is not supported by industry funding.
0800  Breakfast & Registration Open  Chairs:  Tom Perry & Aaron Tejani

0830  Essential Medicines: Should We Have a National Formulary or Drug Benefit Plan?  Nav Persaud

0845  Depression, Dementia, Delirium in Older Patients
- Do antidepressants work in the elderly?
- If a dementia drug is stopped, will the patient get worse?
- When/how is it OK to use antipsychotics in nursing homes?  Tom Finucane

0915  Refreshment Break

1035  Diabetes 2
- What have we learned about DM2 since last year?
- What outcomes are we trying to achieve?  Tom Finucane & Cait O'Sullivan

1135  The Story of Diclectin: We Often Don’t Know the Real Story  Nav Persaud

1200  Q&A and Discussion Period

1215  Lunch

1315  Why is Domperidone So Heavily Used for Breastfeeding in BC? Is it Safe or Effective?  Lorri Puil

1330  Hepatitis C: Does SVR = Cure?  Robin McKenzie

1345  Searching for Evidence for Atorvastatin 80mg Post Stroke  Ruth Campbell & Cait O'Sullivan

1400  Short-Course Treatment for Common Infections  Robin McKenzie

1440  Don’t Rush to Triple Therapy for COPD  Aaron Tejani

1500  Is Evolocumab or Ezetimibe Indicated?  Jim Wright

1515  Q&A and Discussion Period

1530  Refreshment Break

1545  Workshops - select 1

A  Practical Deprescribing
- Case-based  Tom Perry & Rita McCracken

B  Stopping PPI and Other Specific Drugs  Tom Finucane

C  Learning to Read a Cochrane Systematic Review
- Bring your own example!  Vijaya Musini & Aaron Tejani

D  New Perspective on CV Risk Assessment and Statins  Jim Wright

E  Understanding Hazard Ratios and Kaplan-Meier Curves in Clinical Trial Reports - Cancelled

1715  Conference Ends; Complete Evaluations
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