



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026 - SCHEDULE

<i>Morning Plenary Sessions</i>		
TIME	TOPIC/PRESENTATION	
08:00 - 09:15	Morning Symposium - TWEM - Krishna Anchala	
09:00 - 09:30	REGISTRATION OPENS - METROPOLITAN FOYER	
09:30 - 09:45 <i>Metroplitan C/W</i>	Welcome ~ Kevin Wasko	
09:45 - 10:05 <i>Metroplitan C/W</i>	Paul Hannam Lecture: 45 years and Counting - the Key to a Long, Happy and Successful Career in Emergency Medicine ~ Eric Letovsky <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify challenges in our career and ways to overcome them • Develop perspective of gratitude and compassion as an ED doc • Identify options for fulfilling complements to clinical practice in ED 	
10:05- 10:20 <i>Metroplitan C/W</i>	Little Patients, Big Cases ~ Sarah Foohy By the end of the presentation, the attendee will be able to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review challenging paediatric cases • Highlight the key medical management pearls from each • Consider strategies to improve personal and team preparedness for paediatric cases 	
10:20 - 10:50 <i>Metroplitan C/W</i>	EM Fast Pitch - Critical Cases in 30 mins ~ Mike Betzner & Katie Lin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review cognitive approaches to complex case management in real-time with EM critical experts • Understand how to operationalize principles of Crisis Resource Management (CRM) using real-world cases 	
10:50 - 11:00	<i>(move to breakout sessions)</i>	



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12:15 - 13:20	LUNCH BREAK - BUFFET LUNCH IN FRONTENAC BALLROOM	
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13:30 - 14:30	BREAKOUT SESSIONS (11:00-12:00, repeated 13:30-14:30) Attendees will attend one session	
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S01 (didactic)	Dispatch from the Sticks: Resourceful Resuscitations on the Frontier ~ Jesse Guscott <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop strategies for managing resource limitations in complex resuscitations • Recognize competing priorities in rural emergency management 	
S02 (didactic)	Think You Know POCUS?: POCUS Cases that Test Your Limits ~ Rob Simard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review cases where POCUS expertise made the difference • Review updated CPoCUS certification criteria and standards • Highlight how awesome and powerful POCUS can be 	
S03 (didactic)	We've Got Your Back: Clinical Pearls for Spinal Emergencies ~ Zoe Polsky <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anticipating clinical complications from traumatic spinal cord injuries • Red flags and risk stratifying atraumatic spinal emergencies 	
S04 (didactic)	Tales from the Courtroom: Disastrous ECG Cases ~ Amal Mattu By the end of the presentation, the attendee will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distinguish mimics of wide complex tachycardia from true ventricular tachycardia. • Reliably diagnose posterior STEMI. • List ECG findings that are highly suggestive of pulmonary embolism. 	



<p>S05 (didactic)</p>	<p>Ouchies and Opportunities: Turning Scary Cases into Stellar Care ~ Chelsea Billinkoff & Quang Ngo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop common clinical diagnostic and therapeutic approach to the acutely unwell infant/child across a range of commonly encountered presentations (respiratory emergencies, shock, procedural sedation) • Improve confidence in delivering resource-appropriate, guideline-aligned management plans for common pediatric conditions across diverse care settings by engaging in case based discussions. 	
<p>S06 (hands on)</p>	<p>Let's Get Digital: Approach to Hand Emergencies ~ Matt Distefano</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the procedures an Emergency Physician can do and which ones should be referred to the Plastic Surgeon • Demonstrate 3 important hand procedures that ED Physician can do 	
<p>S07 (hands on)</p>	<p>Urine in Good Hands: Mastering the Art of Urological Procedures ~ Alex Jiang & Noah Stern</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Troubleshooting difficult foley catheterization • Emergency management of priapism • Initial assessment of management of testicular torsion 	
<p>S08 (hands on)</p>	<p>Deliverance: Inside the ED's Most Heroic Procedure: Resuscitative Hysterotomy ~ Sarah Foohey, Nadia Primiani & Rajani Vairavanathan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • learn the unique differences in approach to resuscitation of a person in third trimester of pregnancy • understand the indications and procedure for resuscitative hysterotomy • Review and practice the guidelines for neonatal resuscitation 	
<p>S09 (hands on)</p>	<p>Sound Thinking: Integrating POCUS From Triage to Trauma Bay ~ Steve Socransky</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and recognize the indications for Trauma EDE/POCUS. • Perform the steps to generate determinate images for Trauma EDE/POCUS. • Recognize negative and positive Trauma EDE/POCUS images. 	



S10
(hands on)

Spin to Win: A Hands on Vertigo Workshop ~ Katie Lin, Curtis Newton, Elisha Targonsky

- Develop a systematic approach to different vertigo syndromes
- Use historical and exam features plus imaging to diagnose and risk-stratify your dizzy patients
- Get hands-on experience performing common and critical bedside exam maneuvers



Afternoon Plenary Sessions

14:30 - 15:00	HEALTH BREAK AND EXHIBITORS	
SESSION	TOPIC/PRESENTATION	
15:00 - 15:15 Metropolitan C/W	<p>Which P values: Placebo? Pitfalls? Pearls? ~ Justin Morgenstern</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To review the most interesting, important, or inane emergency medicine literature of the past year. To gain some insights into the process of critical appraisal. 	
15:15 - 15:35 Metropolitan C/W	<p>Management of the Imminently Dying Patient in the ED ~ Erin O'Connor</p> <p>At the end of this lecture, participants will have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A framework and language for difficult conversations in the ED The ability to identify and anticipate common symptoms present at end of life Pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic methods for managing the common symptoms at end of life. 	
15:35 - 15:55 Metropolitan C/W	<p>Pacemaker Nightmares ~ David Paré</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide an overview of some newer devices Discuss management troubleshooting 	
15:55 - 16:15 Metropolitan C/W	<p>Critical DKA ~ Anand Swaminathan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore the dangers of aggressive airway management in critical DKA patients. Investigate hypokalemia and its impact on DKA resuscitation. Learn the correct way to administer and titrate insulin in DKA. 	
16:15 - 16:30 Metropolitan C/W	<p>Amazing and Awesome Case ~ Kevin Wasko</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review approach to hemodynamically unstable patient presenting with Chest Pain Review pathophysiology of spontaneous pneumothorax Highlight the importance of leveraging expertise of specialty colleagues for hemodynamically unstable patients 	
16:30 Metropolitan C/W	Closing Remarks	



THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026 - SCHEDULE

Sessions on Thursday will be in the Metropolitan Centre/West

TIME	TOPIC/PRESENTATION	
08:00 - 09:15	Morning Symposium - ED Flow ~ Andrea Ennis & Kevin Wasko <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe an approach to process improvement in the emergency department Outline the essential elements of a high-functioning ambulatory care zone in the ED Share change management learnings and principles relevant to ED process improvement success 	
09:00 - 09:40	LIGHT BREAKFAST & EXHIBITS - METROPOLITAN EAST REGISTRATION OPENS - METROPOLITAN FOYER	
09:45 - 10:05	Lessons Learned from Military Medicine ~ Trevor Jain <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Understand team dynamics in highly stressful complex austere environment Lessons learned in Pre Hospital military HEMS medivac Medication and Resource allocation in critical injured patients 	
10:05 - 10:25	The Crashing Asthmatic ~ Anand Swaminathan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the management priorities in crashing asthmatic patients. Understand critical interventions to prevent intubation of the crashing asthmatic patient. Explore the pitfalls in management of the crashing asthmatic after intubation. 	
10:25 - 10:45	Infectious Disease Update ~ Isaac Bogoch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore new developments in infectious diseases relevant to the Emergency Department Update diagnostic algorithms and treatment regimens for common infections in the Emergency Department Outline emerging (and re-emerging) infectious diseases that may present to Canadian Emergency Departments 	
10:45 - 11:15	AM BREAK	



TIME	TOPIC/PRESENTATION	CanMEDs
11:15 - 11:35	Emergency Cardiology Articles You've Got to Know! ~ Amal Mattu By the end of the presentation, the attendee will... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnose and understand the significance of de Winter T waves • Describe the latest guidelines for managing acute coronary syndrome. 	
11:35 - 11:55	Dispelling Dogma in Laceration Care ~ Dennis Cho <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply a best-evidence based approach to lacerations and wounds, two of the most common conditions seen in the emergency department • Understand what wound care related-practices make a meaningful difference in outcomes 	
11:55 - 12:15	Eyes on the Prize: A Focused Approach to Visual Disturbance and Diplopia ~ Katie Lin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review a structured differential diagnosis for painless visual disturbances and diplopia • synthesize an organized approach to evaluating and risk stratifying undifferentiated visual and diplopia complaints 	
12:15 -12:35	Surviving the Mab-ness ~ Sean Caine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a review of key side effects/complications of immunotherapy for ED docs • recognize important presentations related to immunotherapy in ED patients 	
12:35 - 14:00	LUNCH BREAK (PLATED LUNCH IN FRONTENAC ROOM)	
14:00 - 14:20	Paediatric Emergency Medicine ~ Quang Ngo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critically appraise recent high-impact studies in pediatric emergency medicine and identify which findings are robust enough to influence frontline emergency care. • Translate key evidence from the latest pediatric emergency literature into practical decision-making for general emergency physicians, 	
14:20 - 14:40	Stop Over-Diagnosing Pericarditis: a Rant ~ David Paré <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • define relevant investigations • review most recent updates in expert consensus 	
14:40 - 15:00	Beyond Intelligence: The Quiet Wisdom of Asking for Help ~ Dr. Kylie Booth	
15:00 - 15:30	AFTERNOON BREAK	



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15:30 - 15:50	Pediatric Tonsil Bleeds in the rural ER- Airway, Breathing or Circulation? ~ Jesse Guscott <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the competing priorities in the child presenting with hemorrhage post-tonsillectomy • Develop strategies for management of the actively bleeding airway. • Review management of massive hemorrhage in the pediatric patient 	
15:50 - 16:10	Numb and Done? When ‘Local’ Becomes Systemic ~ Alexandra Hamelin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize the early neurologic and cardiovascular manifestations of local anesthetic systemic toxicity (LAST). • Develop a management approach for suspected LAST using resuscitation principles and lipid emulsion therapy. 	
16:10 - 16:25	Norepi Isn’t Working....Now What? ~ Justin Morgenstern <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop an approach to the diagnosis of refractory shock • Have a plan for the management of hypotensive patients not responding to first line vasopressors 	
16:25 - 16:40	Ortho in a Flash: Three Recent Cases, Three Solid Lessons ~ Arun Sayal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe key points in ordering and interpreting MSK x-rays. • Describe subtle clues with MSK patients that suggest seeking earlier surgical opinion. 	
16:40 - 16:55	Amazing and Awesome Case ~ Natalie Wolpert <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlight and understand a step-wise approach to complex patient management • Recognize the value of crisis resource management and high performing teams in the care of critically ill patients 	
16:55	Wrap Up / Closing Remarks	
17:00	EMU HAPPY HOUR -	



FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026 - SCHEDULE

<i>Morning Plenary Sessions</i>		
TIME	TOPIC/PRESENTATION	
08:00 - 09:15 Regatta	<p>Morning Symposium - AI in the ED ~ Nihal Haque & Rohit Mohindra</p> <p>Participants in this session will gain an understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AI-related technology that is likely to have an impact on ED care in the next 5 years • Positive, negative, and unexpected outcomes associated with these technologies • Change management strategies for the successful implementation of AI technology in the ED 	
09:00 - 09:45	<p>LIGHT BREAKFAST- METROPOLITAN EAST</p> <p>EXHIBITS & REGISTRATION OPENS - METROPOLITAN FOYER</p>	
09:45 - 10:05	<p>Fool Me Once Part 2 ~ Sarah Foohy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss emergency medicine cases where something was missed or misjudged • Review the core medical learning points from each • Consider the situational and psychological factors that can lead to errors in the ED 	
10:05 - 10:25 Metropolitan C/W	<p>Trauma Without a Trauma Team: High Impact Interventions for the Rural/Community ED ~ Andrew Petrosoniak</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify key principles of trauma care that can be applied in rural and community EDs without a dedicated trauma team • discuss high impact, resource efficient interventions that improve outcomes for critically injured patients in low-resource settings • apply evidence-based strategies for optimizing team performance during trauma resuscitations when staffing and resources are limited 	
10:25 - 10:45 Metropolitan C/W	<p>Approach to Liver Disease and Ascites in the ED ~ Walter Himmel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify critical issues in patients with liver failure and how they may present to the ED • understand the management of common acute presentations of complications of liver failure in the ED 	



10:45 - 11:00	<i>(move to concurrent sessions)</i>	
11:00 - 12:00	BREAKOUT SESSIONS (11:00-12:00, repeated 13:30-14:30) Attendees will attend one session	
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13:20 - 13:30	<i>(move to breakout sessions)</i>	
13:30 - 14:30	BREAKOUT SESSIONS (11:00-12:00, repeated 13:30-14:30) Attendees will attend one session	
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S11 <i>(didactic)</i>	Tactical Triage: High Stakes Care When Resources Run Low ~ Trevor Jain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • learn to utilize bedside assessment in managing patients in an under-resourced ED setting • review triage and assessment pathway for mass casualty incidents 	
S12 <i>(didactic)</i>	When Tox Hits the Fan: Three Ways Toxicology Patients Crash ~ Alexandra Hamelin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify high-risk agitation and hyperthermia in toxicology patients and initiate timely management and stabilization. • Review the management approach of toxin-induced seizures, including recognition of circumstances requiring targeted antidote therapy. • Interpret toxicologic ECG interval abnormalities and implement targeted interventions to prevent malignant dysrhythmias. 	
S13 <i>(didactic)</i>	Don't Miss a Beat: Mastering High-Stakes Cardiac Surgery Cases ~ Saswata Deb <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and manage common complications of valvular surgery presenting to the ED • Understand arrhythmia management in the post-op cardiac patient 	
S14 <i>(didactic)</i>	Beside GeriEM Tools: Elevate Your Care of Older Adults ~ Priyank Bhatnagar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appreciate the importance of recognizing frailty and delirium in older adults presenting to the ED • Understand how to use bedside tools for diagnosing/screening frailty and delirium • Learn how to integrate frailty and delirium screening into your ED workflow and management 	



<p>S15 (didactic)</p>	<p>Tales from the Pit: The Cases We'll Never Forget ~ Marc Lipkus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reignite a passion for the practice of emergency medicine by exploring the compelling narratives of unforgettable resident-managed cases. • To deliver a high-yield, evidence-based review of the critical diagnostic pearls and management strategies for the rare and complex conditions discussed. • To highlight the remarkable clinical reasoning and procedural skill demonstrated by residents when faced with once-in-a-career patient presentations. 	
<p>S16 (hands on)</p>	<p>Oh Baby! A Crash Course in Unexpected Deliveries ~ Modupe Tunde Byass & Kevin Wasko</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the basics of the imminent vaginal delivery • Provide an approach to common obstetrical complications associated with an imminent delivery • Provide the opportunity to practice hands-on simulation based training for vaginal deliveries in the emergency department 	
<p>S17 (hands on)</p>	<p>Cut to Cure: A Vision-Saving Procedure in the ED - Lateral Canthotomy ~ Kirby Ding & Chris Tsoutsoulas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the clinical signs and sonographic features of retrobulbar hematoma and orbital compartment syndrome in the emergency department. • Perform focused ocular point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS) to assess for retrobulbar hematoma. • Demonstrate the steps of performing a lateral canthotomy and cantholysis as an emergency vision-saving procedure. 	
<p>S18 (hands on)</p>	<p>A Cut Above: A Practical Guide to the Cricothyrotomy ~ Jamie Blicher & Sean Caine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review indications and contraindications for cricothyrotomy • Review the steps for a bougie assisted cricothyrotomy • Perform a bougie assisted cricothyrotomy on a model 	
<p>S19 (hands on)</p>	<p>The Good, The Bad and the Gag-Worthy: ENT Workshop ~ Hyoung Lho, Leeor Sommer & Osman Kahiye</p> <p>By the end of the session, participants will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate use of video and optical flexible Nasopharyngoscopy as an ED tool • Discuss the ED treatment of deep neck space infection • Describe a clinical pathway for emergent airway management 	
<p>S20 (hands on)</p>	<p>Between the Ribs: The Art and Science of Placing a Chest Tube ~ Negar Ahmadi & Gil Yehudaiff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hands-on practice inserting a pigtail percutaneous thoracostomy tube (with provided tips and tricks). • Hands-on practice inserting a surgical thoracostomy chest tube (with provided tips and tricks). • Brief review on chest tube indications. 	



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14:30 - 15:00	PM BREAK	
<i>Afternoon Plenary Sessions</i>		
15:00 - 15:20	Phenobarbital in Alcohol Withdrawal: Evidence and Emerging Practice ~ Zoe Polsky <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pathophysiology of alcohol withdrawal and pharmacology of Phenobarbital • Evidence overview: mechanical ventilation, ICU admission, safety outcomes, and ED discharge • A practical approach to Phenobarbital use in ED practice 	
15:20 - 15:40	Advancing Age, Advancing Practice - Extending the Life of Old Emerg Docs ~ Mike Betzner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discuss strategies important to maintaining competency as you age in your careers in Emergency Medicine • I will discuss the importance of findings ways to maintain physical and mental well while working in an increasingly difficult practice environment 	
15:40 - 16:00	Must Know Imaging Pearls for 2026 ~ Amit Shah <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand imaging test characteristics and performance in relation to clinical decision making in the ED • Understand risks and benefits of various imaging modalities eg radiation exposure, false negatives, etc. 	
16:00 - 16:20	Amazing and Awesome Case~ Elisha Targonsky <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review 2 clinical scenarios/vignettes of Atrial Fibrillation • Reflect on critical decision points that influenced patient outcome • Acquire new knowledge you can take to the bedside 	
16:20	Wrap Up / Closing Remarks ~ Kevin Wasko	

Overall Conference Objectives

- To provide updates on cutting-edge topics relevant to the practice of Emergency Medicine
- To gain hands-on experience in advanced airway techniques, advanced ultrasound applications, trauma resuscitation, urological procedures and many more.
- To provide a forum for interaction, networking and sharing of ideas for Emergency Medicine Physicians