



All times are in Vancouver local time
All sessions are held in the Harbourfront Ballroom

Monday, October 26, 2026

7:30 am	Registration and buffet breakfast
8:30 am	Opening remarks <u>Speakers:</u> Howard Chertkow, Elder Wayne Seward, Jane Rylett
9:30 am	More than numbers: Engaging people with lived experience in dementia research <u>Speakers:</u> Patrick Archambault, Juanita-Dawne Bacsu, Sherry Carroll, Ngozi Iroanyah, Sathya Karunanathan, Marie Laflamme, Brigitte Leger <u>Moderators:</u> Kelly Beaton, Robin Casey, Arlene Todd
10:30 am	Break (Foyer) Visit our sponsors' and exhibitors' booths during breaks Sponsors: • Canadian Institutes of Health Research (IA, ICH and IGH) • Eli Lilly (Platinum) • Roche (Platinum) • Eisai (Gold) • AGE-WELL • Alamar • Alzheimer Society of Canada / Alzheimer Society of BC and Yukon • Bentham Science Publishers • CLEAR Foundation • Réseau québécois de recherche sur le vieillissement • Simon Fraser University Department of Gerontology / Gloria Gutman Gerontology Research Centre Exhibitors and Artist: • Lisa Shepherd (artist) • EPLED • LORIS • CAN-THUMBS UP • COMPASS-ND
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11:00 am	Queens of the stage: Equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility (EDIA) in Indigenous brain health research <u>Speakers:</u> Jessy Dame, Pamela Roach <u>Moderator:</u> Jennifer Walker

12:00 pm	Lunch session sponsored by Lilly and Roche Diagnostics More than a number: Interpreting and applying blood-based biomarkers in clinical decision-making <u>Speakers:</u> Zahinoor Ismail and Adrian Budhram (plated lunch served in Harbourfront Ballroom)
1:15 pm	Trainee poster session (list of posters at the end of the program) <u>Presenters:</u> Stand by your poster from 1:15pm
2:45 pm	Tik-Talk session – COMPASS-ND <u>Moderator:</u> Bruna Seixas-Lima
	• Phase III operations and Open Science / COMPASS-ND, LORIS, and Neuroimaging Platforms • Examining associations between brain health food guide adherence, allostatic load, and cognitive performance in the COMPASS-ND cohort / Alexandra Fiocco • Generation and preliminary analysis of NULISA data for COMPASS-ND / Jennifer Cooper • Peripheral and neuroinflammation markers show distinct links to neurodegeneration and cognition / Bruna Seixas-Lima • Lifelong and current engagement as predictors of cognitive-motor performance in Mild Cognitive Impairment: Results from the COMPASS-ND and SYNERGIC studies / Eden Mancor • Choroid plexus enlargement and MRI markers of vascular brain injury in neurodegenerative disease / Manpreet Singh
4:15 pm	Break Visit our sponsors' and exhibitors' booths Visit EPLED's art exhibit
4:45 pm	Keynote talk by Dr. Jessica Finlay: The geography of brain health: advancing cognability <u>Moderator:</u> Danielle D'Amico
6:00 pm	Trainee dinner (Harbourfront Ballroom) Join us for Developing Your Research Identity in a Large Network: From Project to Purpose, an interactive trainee workshop. Hear from former CCNA trainees about their research and career journeys, take part in an informal fireside chat, and connect with fellow trainees as you reflect on your own research identity and how to make the most of the CCNA network. Participants will explore what drives their research, the unique perspectives they bring to their work, and opportunities to build meaningful collaborations across disciplines. Dinner will be provided to those registered for this session.

Tuesday, October 27, 2026

7:30 am	Registration and buffet breakfast
8:30 am	Tik-Talk session – Mechanisms of dementia and basic science <u>Moderator:</u> Hayley Shanks - Cholinergic synaptic plasticity shapes resilience and vulnerability to tau / Kate M. Onuska - Absolute quantitation of the whole brain proteome in mouse models of Alzheimer's disease utilizing the SysQuan platform / Elyssa N. Baker - An individualized approach to studying regional vulnerability in Alzheimer's disease / Hayley Shanks - Lower cerebral blood flow and higher oxygen extraction fraction are associated with adiposity / Filip Morys - Age and sex influence of anti-nucleosome autoantibody levels in the 3×Tg-AD mouse model of Alzheimer's disease / Margaret Fahnestock
9:30 am	Tik-Talk session – Quality of life of people living with dementia and care partners <u>Moderator:</u> Ranuki Onara Hettiarachchige - Implementation and perceived impact of the DELIGHT program for people living with dementia and care partners / Laura Middleton - The technological frontier in fall management for older adults with dementia: a scoping review of prediction, detection, and prevention systems / Asmi Khanna - Applying best practices for meaningful engagement: learnings from the Alzheimer Society of BC and Yukon's Lived Experience Partner Program / Kimberly McKercher and Jim Mann - Naturalistic driving behaviour and cognitive performance in older adults with mild cognitive impairment: a mixed-methods study / Ranuki Onara Hettiarachchige - Single versus multidomain exercise interventions: a network meta-analysis of the effects on memory of older adults / Rebeca Hernandez-Gamboa
	Break
10:30 am	Visit our sponsors' and exhibitors' booths Visit EPLED's art exhibit
11:00 am	Tik-Talk session – Inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility in brain health and dementia <u>Moderator:</u> Stéfanie A. Tremblay - Supporting health equity in aging and dementia research / Natasha Rajah - A Canadian guidance framework for integrating social determinants of health in aging and Alzheimer's disease research / Stéfanie A. Tremblay - Collaborative minds: co-created resources to support dementia-inclusive biomedical research practices / Sarah A. Wu - Finding the way: dementia care navigation among Chinese immigrant families in Québec / Yun Winda Hao

	Promoting health equity among people living with dementia and care partners in ethno-racial communities: a participatory action research approach / Carrie McAiney
12:00 pm	Lunch (buffet lunch served in the Foyer)
1:00 pm	Poster session
	Break
2:30 pm	Visit our sponsors' and exhibitors' booths Visit EPLED's art exhibit
3:00 pm	Tik-Talk session – Diagnosis and treatment of dementia Moderator: Jonathan Gallego Rudolf
	- Tear biomarkers for early Alzheimer's detection: a proof-of-concept study / Printha Wijesinghe - Prediction of mild cognitive impairment progression using time-sensitive multimodal biomarkers / Jonathan Gallego Rudolf - Evaluation of Elecsys® pTau217 assay performance across care settings (primary and secondary/tertiary) and cognitive statuses for Alzheimer's disease diagnosis / Alonso Montoya - Circulating and tissue microRNA dysregulation in Alzheimer's disease: translational implications from a systematic review / Sana Arora - Frontotemporal dementia due to MAPT mutations: how different is it from other forms of FTD? / Robert Laforce
4:00 pm	Reception 4:00 pm – “Laughter for the health of it” – Laugther yoga with Sylvie Dagenais-Douville, Laughter Institute 4:40 pm – Get to know your table 5:00 pm – Mingling, drinks, food, art exhibit
7:30 pm	Battle of the Brains – A CCNA Trivia Night – Join us for an evening of trivia, informal networking, and friendly competition. Hosted by the Training and Capacity Building program, participants will be placed in interdisciplinary teams and compete in rounds covering general knowledge, neuroscience, Canadian culture, music, images, and CCNA conference content. No specialized neuroscience knowledge is required. There will be light refreshments and prizes!

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

7:30 am	Buffet breakfast
8:30 am	Tik-Talk session – Dementia risk reduction and prevention Moderator: Julian Schechter • Priming for prevention: can exercise make brain stimulation more effective at delaying cognitive decline? / Julian Schechter • Effects of a virtual exercise and diet intervention on executive function: preliminary effects in the Lifestyle, Exercise And Diet (LEAD) 2.0 randomized controlled trial / Nicole Anderson • Does a research-based community centre reduce dementia risk and improve cognition? 1-year follow-up data from the Kimel Family Centre for Brain Health and Wellness / Danielle D'Amico • Effects of different types of exercise training on intraindividual variability in cognitive performance in older adults with Mild Cognitive Impairment / Vrinda Dimri • CAN-THUMBS UP and Brain Health PRO update / Haakon B. Nygaard
9:30 am	Tik-Talk session – Sex and gender differences in dementia and brain health Moderator: Talia Salzman • Hormone-replacement therapy may protect against cognitive decline / Cassandra Morrison • Effects of biological sex and perceived sleep on hippocampal structure, medial temporal lobe functional connectivity, and memory across cognitive aging / Alana Brown • Sex differences in the association between processing speed and brain age gap in older adults with Mild Cognitive Impairment / Talia Salzman • Sex differences in navigating the long-term care home placement process in Ontario among people living with dementia / Aaron Jones • Cognitive changes after bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy / Amanpreet Kaur
	Break
10:30 am	Visit our sponsors' and exhibitors' booths Visit EPLED's art exhibit
11:00 am	Keynote talk by Dr. Marie-Ève Tremblay: From stressed microglia to lifestyle medicine Moderator: JoAnne McLaurin
12:00 – 12:30 pm	Closing session: Thank you and competition prizes

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