

Conference Schedule

8:30 am
Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:45 – 9:30 am
Welcome and Epilepsy Toronto's AGM

9:30 – 10:30 am
Session 1

Epilepsy Research...Impacting Lives

Hear updates from Eplink researchers on their current research initiatives geared towards improving the lives of those with epilepsy.

Dr Taufik Valiante, Monitoring and Modulation for Epilepsy
Dr Marylou Smith, Interventions to Help Cope with Depression and Memory

Dr. Mac Burnham, The Evolution of Epilepsy Genetics

Moderator: Dr. Mac Burnham

10:30 – 10:45 am
Break

10:45 – 11:30 am
Session 2

Connecting Families to Resources...Planning for a Good Life

Learn about how Partners 4 Planning assists families with practical strategies, and sustainable solutions to managing transitions, accessing housing and community services, and planning for the future

Carolyn Fast, Manager of Outreach & Partnerships, P4P

Moderator: Brooke Barrington, Social Worker Adult Services

11:30 – 12:30 pm
Breakouts

Supporting your Child with Epilepsy in the School System

Learn how epilepsy can impact children's behaviour and academic performance, and how parents can better navigate the school system and access the services their child needs.

Dr. Elizabeth Kerr, Impact of Epilepsy on School Performance

Miriam Richies, Navigating the School System

Moderator: Katie Lundy, Director of Children & Youth Services, E.T.

Treatments for Adults with Drug Resistant Epilepsy Who are Not Candidates for Surgery

Learn answers to the most frequent questions about VNS and the ketogenic diet for adults, including eligibility, patient expectations and follow up.

Cameron Finlay, Vagus Nerve Stimulation

Dr. Eduard Bercovici, Ketogenic Diet

Moderator: Irene Elliot, Conference Committee Co-Chair

12:30 – 1:15 pm
Lunch/View Displays

Please visit our display booths:

EPLINK • Krembil Research Institute • Partners4Planning • LivaNova • Southern Ontario Epilepsy Clinic • Epilepsy Toronto

1:15 – 1:45 pm
Awards and Scholarship presentation

Brandon Fairley, Directors of Development, Epilepsy Toronto

H.O.P.E. Awards (Helping Out People with Epilepsy) given to individuals or organizations who have made significant contributions to the field of epilepsy.

Ade Adegbite Scholarship awarded to two students who have demonstrated effort, resilience and dedication to academic achievement while living with the challenges of epilepsy.

Presented by: Jolly Abrakasa

Michelle Edwards Bursary for women of colour, living with epilepsy, to be used towards furthering their education and/or their career.

Presented by: Peter Boisseau

1:45 – 2:30 pm
Session 3

Isabella's Story

Ontario's Epilepsy Guidelines: Knowing Your Treatment Options

Dr. Singh will discuss how knowing the recommended diagnosis, treatment and referral pathway can help people with epilepsy find the right treatment at the right time. She will also highlight current recommendations related to the management of epilepsy.

Dr. Amaya Singh

Moderator: Geoff Bobb, Executive Director, E.T.

2:30 – 3:30 pm
Session 4

Medical Cannabis ...Access...Research, Implications

Hear updates on the current status of cannabis research in adults and children, insights into the developing cannabis industry and how to navigate the medical cannabis system.

Dr. Mac Burnham, Cannabis Extract for Adults with Uncontrolled Seizures

Maria Zak, Oral Cannabis Treatment in Kids with Severe Epilepsy

Alex Repetski, System navigation and Advocacy Update

Moderator: Geoff Bobb, Executive Director, E.T.