



Tuesday, May 5, 2026, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. ET

Virtual via MS Teams

Co-chairs:

- Dr. Doris Grinspun RN, BScN, MSN, PhD, LLD(hon), Dr(hc), DHC, DHC, FAAN, FCAN, O.ONT, Chief executive officer, Registered Nurses’ Association of Ontario (RNAO)
- Veronica Segbedzie RN, NP-PHC, MPH (Nursing), CNE, BSc(Psych), SHBScN, PhD candidate, NPIG Chair

About the NP Institute:

The objectives of this event are to:

- inspire NPs to lead health-system transformation
- highlight the role of NPs in advancing clinical outcomes
- showcase how NPs strengthen care and drive positive change across sectors
- enhance NP practice skills to deliver care to diverse and specialized populations
- illustrate the impact of NP-led research and quality improvement on policy and practice

Time	Event
9 – 9:20 a.m.	<p>Land acknowledgement NP Lhamo Dolkar, RN(EC), MN, CCN, RNAO president</p> <p>Welcoming remarks from RNAO and NPIG Dr. Doris Grinspun, RNAO CEO NP Lhamo Dolkar, RNAO President Veronica Segbedzie, NPIG chair</p>
9:20 – 10 a.m.	<p>Updates from NPIG executive and RNAO Veronica Segbedzie, NPIG chair</p>

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	<p>Morgan Hoffarth (she/her), RN BScN, MScN Director, Membership and Services</p> <p>Carrie Edwards Senior Membership & Services Coordinator, Membership Services</p>
10 – 11 a.m.	<p>HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Keynote speaker: Patrick O'Byrne NP, PhD Professor of Nursing, School of Nursing, University of Ottawa Nurse Practitioner, Ottawa Public Health, Sexual Health Clinic</p> <p>Moderator: Veronica Segbedzie, NPIG chair</p>
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.	<p>Nurse Practitioner Fellowship in Complex Malignant Hematology Kari Kolm RN, MN, NP CON (C) Nurse Practitioner, Fellowship Lead, Malignant Hematology, Juravinski Hospital and Cancer Centre</p> <p>Cassandra Cotic (she/her) RN(EC), MSc, NP-PHC Nurse Practitioner Malignant Hematology, Juravinski Hospital and Cancer Centre</p> <p>Moderator: NP Lhamo Dolkar, RNAO president</p>
12 – 1 p.m.	Lunch
1 – 2 p.m.	<p>It Takes a Village: Developing an NP Role in Neurobehavioral Pediatrics</p> <p>Meena Kadiwal NP Extensive Needs Service</p> <p>Tamara Milicevic Clinical Operations Manager, Extensive Needs Service</p> <p>Moderator: NP Lhamo Dolkar, RNAO president</p>
2 – 3 p.m.	<p>Youth Wellness Hubs Ontario Michelle A. Peralta (she/her) NP-PHC, RP, Post MN NP-Dip., MN, BScN, BHSc Hon. Primary Care Lead, Youth Wellness Hubs Ontario Provincial Office, CAMH</p>

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	<p>Adjunct Lecturer, Lawrence Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing, University of Toronto</p> <p>Hannah Smith (she/her), MScN, PHCNP Nurse Practitioner Sudbury District Nurse Practitioner Clinics/Youth Wellness Hub</p> <p>Michelle Hermans, NP Nurse Practitioner Northumberland Youth Wellness Hub</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Alanna Coleman (she/her), BN, MN, NP-PHC, DNP, FNPAC RNAO associate director of nursing and health policy</p>
3 – 4 p.m.	<p>NPs Advancing Research and Quality Improvement – Concurrent Sessions</p> <p>Room 1 Nurse Practitioner Prescribing in Ontario Long-Term Care Homes Chantal Backman RN, MHA, PhD</p> <p>Advancing Health Outcomes for Uninsured Populations: The Role of Nurse Practitioners in Community-Based HIV Primary Care Eileen Murphy, BScN, MScN, PHC-NP</p> <p>Moderator: Jameela Bonnick, NPIG policy and political action</p> <p>Room 2 Reducing Emergency Department Visits Through a Nurse-Led Outreach Team Kelsang Choeden NP</p> <p>NP-Led Antipsychotic Reduction in a Long-Term Care Home Yvonne Tsui NP, MN, BScN, CPMHN(C), GPA Coach</p> <p>Moderator: Ola Babalola, NPIG social media</p>
4 – 4:30 p.m.	<p>Closing remarks from RNAO and NPIG Dr. Doris Grinspun, RNAO CEO NP Lhamo Dolkar, RNAO President Veronica Segbedzie, NPIG Chair</p>