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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

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Pre-Conference Day
Wednesday, April 22nd, 2026

Time	
0730-1600	ITNC (Interdisciplinary Trauma Network of Canada)* TACPIC (TAC Performance Improvement Committee)* **(1500-1600)**
0730-1600	TRISC (Trauma Registry Information Specialists of Canada)*
	Committee Meetings
0900-1200	Research*
1300-1500	Trauma, Medical & Operation Directors
1630-1730	Injury Prevention
1630-1730	Trauma Team Leaders (TTL)
1730-1930	Welcome Reception Poster Judging

**** Additional registration fee required***

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Time		
0700-0800	**Industry Symposium & Breakfast**	
0800-0810	**Welcome**	**Cheryl Connors,** *TAC Executive Director* **Dr Andrew Beckett** *(TAC Past President)* **Nasira Lakha** *(TAC President-Elect)*
0810-0850	**TAC President's Address**	**Readiness and Response in a Changing World:** ***Leadership, Adaptation and the Future of Trauma Care*** **Dr Jagadish Rao,** *TAC President,* Trauma Program Medical Director, Regina, SK
0850-0945	**Opening Keynote** *(International Speaker)*	**Health Systems for Armed Conflict and Hybrid Warfare:** ***New Ways of Thinking about Health System Resilience Preparing*** **Margaret Bordeaux** MD MPH Director, Health Security Policy Academy at Division of Global Health Equity – Brigham & Women's Hospital,Assistant Professor, Department of Global Health & Social Medicine – Harvard Medical School
0945-1015	**Visit Exhibits, View Posters & Refreshment Break**	

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Invited Speaker Streams 1-3

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1015-1115	**Surgical 1**	**Paediatrics**	**Performance Improvement**
	Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) in Trauma: ***A 10-Year Update for the Trauma Association of Canada***	**Paediatric Blunt Chest Trauma**	**Evaluation of the Alignment of Canadian Trauma Centres with American College of Surgeons Verification Standards:** ***A Pan-Canadian Gap Analysis***
	Jason Cheng MD FRCPC Staff Intensivist & ECMO Team Member, Royal Columbian Hospital, Fraser Health, New Westminster, BC, Past Fellow, Critical Care & ECMO, Cardiothoracic ICU and Cardiac Surgery Unit, The Alfred Hospital & Monash University, Melbourne, Australia	**Karl Phillips** BA BSc MD FRCPC Emergency Physician and Trauma Medical Director, Alberta Children's Hospital	**Panel: TBA**
	The Evolution of Surgical Options in Traumatic Liver Injury: ***Has Technology Shifted the Paradigm?***	**The Cost of Caring:** ***Vicarious Trauma in Health Information Professionals***	
	Ephraim S. Tang MD MSc FRCSC HPB & Transplant Surgeon, Minimally Invasive and Complex Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Surgery Program, Assistant Professor of Surgery and Oncology, London Health Sciences Centre, Western University, London, ON	**Kyla Hoogers** BA CHIM Senior Trauma Data Analyst, Stollery Children's Hospital & University of Alberta Hospital, Edmonton, AB **Nicky Mathur** BSc CHIM Trauma Data Analyst, Alberta Children's Hospital, Calgary, AB	

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1120-1220	**Military 1** **AI-Driven Virtual Reality for Scalable, Data-Informed, and Mission-Ready Medical Training** **CWO Michael Fuentespina** MMM CD Strategic Health Services Reserve Chief Warrant Officer, Canadian Forces Health Services Group, Canadian Armed Forces **The Role of the Combat Medic** **MWO David Miles** MEDIC MES Implementation Res F SME, D H Svcs Pers, CAF Health Services Headquarters, Canadian Armed Forces **The Role of the Paramedic** **WO J T Ferris** **The Role of Nursing in the Forward Aeromedical Evacuation (FWD AE)** **Maj Nadine Verwey**	**Nursing** **From Flames to Frontlines: *Emergency Preparedness and Hospital Response After a Wildfire*** **Moderator:** **Lori Quinn** MSN RN BSc ENC(C) **Panel:** **Barb Hosang-Grant** Alberta Health Services **Tom Watts** Emergency Disaster Management Director **Katherine Severson** Director, Emergency & Protective Services (Banff) **Dr Philip Dawe** Acute Care and Trauma Surgeon, Trauma Services VGH, Medical Manager	**TTA/TTL 1** **Disposition of Brain Injured Patients in the ED: *BIG Solutions*** **Brian Lahiffe** MD CCFP (EM) Physician Trauma Lead, St. Paul's Hospital (Vancouver) **TTL Program Success** **Speakers: TBA**
1220-1400	**Lunch & Visit Exhibits**		

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1400-1500	Open Paper Presentations Session 1	
1500-1530	Visit Exhibits, View Posters & Refreshments	
1530-1630	Open Paper Presentations Session 2	
	Invited Speaker Streams 7 & 8	
	Stream 7	**Stream 8**
	Military 2	**ATLS**
1630-1730	**TBI Markers in Trauma Care** **LCdr Jody Young** CD MD CCFP FRCPC Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Specialist, CF Health Services Center (Ottawa), Canadian Armed Forces **PARATUS:** ***Advancing Canada's Whole-of-Nation Trauma Readiness Through Civil–Military Collaboration***	**ATLS (Advance Trauma Life Support) Course Update** **Panel: TBA**
1730-1830	Paediatric Committee Meeting	
1830	Free Evening for Delegates	

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0730-0845	**Industry Symposium & Breakfast**	
0845-0930	**Keynote** **Dr Murray Girotti Injury Prevention Lecture**	**Dr Ian Pike** PhD MSc Investigator Emeritus, BC Children's Hospital Research Institute Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Medicine, University of British Columbia
0930-0945	**Dr Charles Burns Award & Honourary Memberships**	**Dr Jagadish Rao**
0945-1015	**Visit Exhibits, View Posters & Refreshment Break**	

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1015-1115	**Pre-hospital & Transport Medicine (PTM)** **TBA**	**TTA/TTL 2** **What Changed Trauma Resuscitation in 2025? *A Critical Review of the Top 10 Papers OR Trauma Papers That Mattered (2025 Edition) (Adult)*** **Dr Luis da Luz** **Dr Christian Malo** **Advancing Paediatric Trauma Care: *The Top 5 Papers of 2025 OR Trauma Papers That Mattered (2025 Edition)*** **Dr Pierre-Alexandre LeBlanc** **Dr Josh Ramjist**	**Surgical 2** **New Horizons in Organ Retrieval: *What Changes Are Here, What Changes Are Coming, and What Are the Implications for Trauma Providers*** **Julie Kromm** MD FRCPC Neurointensivist & Neurologist; Neurocritical Care Specialist, Clinical Associate Professor, Departments of Clinical Neurosciences & Critical Care Medicine, Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary Foothills Medical Centre / Rockyview General Hospital, Calgary, AB **Can We Measure Physician Performance: *An Example from Sepsis*** **Christopher (Chip) Doig** MD MSc FRCPC Professor, Departments of Critical Care Medicine and Community Health Sciences, Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary Intensivist, Foothills Medical Centre, Calgary AB

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1120-1220	**Integrated Trauma Care** **Moderators:** **Dr Christian Malo, Dr Luis Da Luz & Nasira Lakha** **Right Patient, Right Time:** ***Trauma Team Activation from the Field to the Trauma Bay*** **Panel:** **Johannes von Vopelius-Feldt** MD MSc DipIMC FRCEM FRCPC TTL, St Michael's Hospital, Transport Physician, Ornge, Associate Professor, University of Toronto **Robert Green** BSc MD DABEM FRCPC FRCP(Edin) Professor, Dalhousie University, Senior Director, Nova Scotia Provincial Trauma Program **Amanda McFarlan** Quality Assurance Coordinator, Registry Team Lead, St Michael's Hospital, Toronto **Sherry MacGillivray** RN BN Trauma Coordinator, Alberta Children's Hospital **Lowyl Notario** Advanced Practice Nurse, Sunnybrook **David C. Evans** AB MD CM MSc FRCSC FACS Trauma Surgeon, Vancouver General Hospital	**Injury Prevention** **Moderators:** **Joanne Sadler & Emma Schmidt** **Injury Prevention in a Changing World:** ***Trends Shaping Trauma Readiness and Response*** **Ian Pike** PhD BC Injury Research and Prevention Unit, University of British Columbia **Brent Hagel** BPE MSc PhD Paediatrics and Community Health Sciences, Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary **Carolyn Emery** PhD PT Faculty of Kinesiology, University of Calgary	**Surgical 3** **Trauma Surgeon In-House Call vs Home Call:** ***A Surgical Debate Fueled by the ACS Committee on Trauma and the Trauma Association of Canada*** **Jeremy Grushka** MD FRCSC Trauma Surgeon & Surgical Intensivist, Montreal General Hospital / McGill University **Lawrence M. Gillman** MD MMedEd FRCSC FACS, Acute Care & Trauma Surgeon, Director of Simulation, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB **Surgical Preparation for Mass Casualty Events:** ***Lessons Learned and Future Directions*** **Andrew Beckett** CD MD MSc FRCSC FACS Trauma Surgeon & Critical Care Physician; Medical Director, Trauma Program, St. Michael's Hospital, Associate Professor of Surgery, University of Toronto, Lieutenant-Colonel (Royal Canadian Medical Service) with operational mass casualty experience

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1220-1330	Lunch & Visit Exhibits	
1330-1400	TAC AGM	
1400-1500	Open Paper Presentations Session 3	
1505-1605	Open Paper Presentations Session 4	
1610-1655	**Keynote** **Dr Fraser Gurd Lecture**	**Dr Emilie Joos** MD MSc FRCSC FACS Associate Medical Director, UBC Branch Global Surgical Care Program Director, UB Trauma & ACS Fellowship Program
1655-1700	Presentation of Awards & Closing Remarks	**Nasira Lakha,** *Incoming TAC President*

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