



THE
CY FRANK
LEGACY LECTURESHIP



CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025
12:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

CY FRANK LEGACY LECTURESHIP PROGRAM

MC: Dr. Cheryl Barnabe

Welcome Lunch

12:00 P.M. - 12:45 P.M.

Lecture Introduction & Video

Speaker: Dr. Dianne Mosher

12:45 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Return on investment in biomedical research: What you measure is what you get

Speaker: Dr. Hani El-Gabalawy

1:00 P.M. - 1:40 P.M.

Early prediction of impaired fracture healing using systemic biomarkers

Speaker: Dr. Gareth Ryan

1:40 P.M. - 1:50 P.M.

Break

1:50 P.M. - 2:10 P.M.

Panel: Building on Cy Frank's Legacy

Moderator: Dr. Braden Manns

2:10 P.M. - 3:10 P.M.

Speakers:

Dr. Kristen Barton: Surgeons as leaders: Born or made?

Dr. Nick Mohtadi: The changing paradigm in orthopaedic surgery over the past 40 years: From objective to subjective and from compliance to adherence

Dr. Deborah Marshall: Driving impactful research to measure value and improve outcomes that matter to patients

Ms. Tracy Wasylak: Alberta's learning health system - The story of the SCNs

Panel Q&A

3:10 P.M. - 3:40 P.M.

Prescription without sustainable action: Canada's healthcare paradox

Speaker: Dr. Verna Yiu

3:40 P.M. - 4:20 P.M.

Closing Remarks

Speaker: Dr. Jason Werle

4:20 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.



SPEAKER BIOS



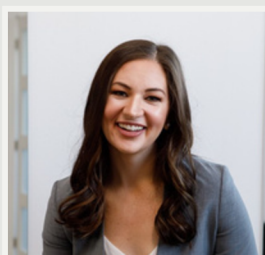
HANI EL-GABALAWY

Dr. Hani El-Gabalawy is a rheumatologist and professor of medicine and Immunology at the University of Manitoba, holding the Endowed Rheumatology Research Chair. A former scientific director of the CIHR Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis (IMHA), his research focuses on early inflammatory arthritis in Indigenous populations.



VERNA YIU

Dr. Verna Yiu is the provost and vice-president (academic) at the University of Alberta and a professor of pediatrics. Formerly president and CEO of Alberta Health Services, she led major innovations like Connect Care and Alberta's Covid-19 response.



KRISTEN BARTON

Dr. Kristen Barton is an orthopaedic surgeon-scientist and adjunct professor at Western University. Her research addresses the link between sports injuries and osteoarthritis.



NICK MOHTADI

Dr. Nick Mohtadi is an orthopaedic surgeon and clinical professor at the University of Calgary and co-medical director of the Sports Medicine Centre. A leader in orthopaedic sports medicine, he has developed patient-reported tools and conducted numerous clinical trials.



DEBORAH MARSHALL

Dr. Deborah Marshall is a professor and the Svare Chair in Health Economics, Value and Impact at the University of Calgary and scientific director at ACHRI. As a health economist, her research evaluates the value and socioeconomic impacts of healthcare programs.



TRACY WASYLAK

Tracy Wasylak is a senior policy advisor with Health Canada and holds adjunct roles at the University of Calgary. A leader in health system transformation, her research focuses on quality improvement and patient engagement.

THE CY FRANK RISING INNOVATOR AWARDEE

Established to mark the 10th anniversary of Dr. Cy Frank's passing, this award recognizes a trainee whose research reflects Dr. Frank's enduring legacy in musculoskeletal health. The award celebrates innovation, multidisciplinary collaboration, and translational impact.



GARETH RYAN

Dr. Gareth Ryan is an orthopaedic surgery resident at the University of Calgary. He is completing his PhD research on systemic biomarkers and fracture healing, particularly in patients with tibia and femur fractures. Dr. Ryan is also investigating accelerated fracture healing in polytrauma patients with traumatic brain injuries and aims to focus on orthopaedic traumatology and nonunion research in his career.

EVENT SPONSORSHIP

The Cy Frank Legacy Lectureship honours and commemorates the late Dr. Cy Frank, an internationally acclaimed visionary who championed the application of research to create solutions for patients. The lectureship showcases individuals who reflect his passion and commitment to health innovation.

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