

**Canadian Congenital Anomalies Surveillance Network (CCASN)
5th Scientific Meeting**

**Congenital Anomalies Surveillance and Public Health
November 19-21, 2006
Ottawa, Ontario**

Program

DAY 1: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- 16:30 Meeting of the CCASN Working Groups.
- 18:00 Registration, reception and poster viewing.
- 19:00 Welcome to participants.
Jane Evans, Chair, CCASN.

DAY 2: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

08:00 Light breakfast.

Opening Remarks

08:30 *Maura Ricketts, Acting Director General, Office of Public Health Practice, Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC).*

Keynote Presentation

08:45 Setting up a public health agenda for congenital anomalies surveillance.
Adolfo Correa, Acting Chief, Birth Defects Branch, National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, CDC.

09:45 Refreshments and poster viewing

Socio-demographic Factors and Congenital Anomalies Surveillance

10:00 The impact of folic acid recommendations on neural tube defects: an international perspective. *Jane Evans, Professor, University of Manitoba and Chair, CCASN.*

10:45 The development of a tri-territorial birth outcomes registry.
Laura Arbour, Professor, University of British Columbia.

11:15 Highest Cost Hospital Users: Patients with Congenital Anomalies, British Columbia, 2004/05.
Leslie Foster, Consultant, British Columbia Ministry of Health.

12:00 Lunch.

Access to Prenatal Screening and Diagnosis

13:00 Targeted screening and surveillance from a health economic perspective.
Shoo K Lee, Professor, University of Alberta.

13:45 Access to prenatal screening.
Anne Summers, Medical Director, North York General Hospital.

14:30 Local lens on access to prenatal testing.
Ruth Kohut, Early Risk Assessment Coordinator, Southern Alberta Maternal Fetal Medicine Clinic.

15:15 Refreshments.

Presentation of submitted abstracts (7 x 15 minutes)

15:30 Fetal structural anomalies in women who undertook prenatal screening for Down Syndrome: an update.

Anne M. Summers & Tianhua Huang, Genetics Program, North York Hospital, Ontario.

Is antenatal practice evidence-based: Need for more data and standardized clinical guidelines?

Sulochana Shanmugathasan, The Hospital for Sick Children, Ontario.

Healthy immigrant effect and the risk of placental dysfunction.

Joel Ray, Department of Medicine, St. Michael's Hospital, Ontario.

Degree of congruence between Alberta Newborn Metabolic Screening Data and the Alberta Congenital Anomalies Surveillance System.

Lisa Jensen, Field Epidemiologist, Alberta Health and Wellness.

The impact of folic acid fortification on the prevalence of congenital anomalies other than neural tube defects.

Kimberly Godwin, MSc., Vancouver, British Columbia.

Fetal Alert Network: Benchmarking and linking conception to outcome.

Hazel Pleasants, The Hospital for Sick Children, Ontario.

Reorganization of the Canadian Congenital Anomalies Surveillance System: Proposal for a Clearinghouse.

R. Brian Lowry, Alberta Congenital Anomalies Surveillance System.

17:00 Meeting adjourns.

DAY 3: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

08:00 Light breakfast.

Population Surveillance Activities and Congenital Anomalies

08:30 Improving the quality of congenital malformations registry data through new technologies.

Philip K. Cross, Director, Congenital Malformations Registry, New York State.

09:15 Effects of neighbourhood income and maternal education on birth outcomes in population-based studies.
Russell Wilkins, Health Analysis and Measurement Group, Statistics Canada.

10:00 The impact of folic acid fortification on neural tube defects in Canada: results from a collaborative multicentre study.
Philippe de Wals, Institute national de santé publique, Quebec.

10:45 Refreshments.

Public Health Surveillance Panel Session: Experiences, challenges and opportunities of public health surveillance systems: what can be learned from each other?

11:00 *Panellists: Paula Stewart, Senior Medical Officer, PHAC
Russell Kirby, Professor, University of Alabama
Olayemi Agboola, Epidemiologist, PHAC*

Panel Chair: Philip K. Cross, Director, Congenital Malformations Registry, New York State.

12:10 **Closing remarks**
Jane Evans, Chair, CCASN.

CCASN Working Meeting

- 12:15 Working lunch.
This activity is for CCASN Advisory and Working Groups members only.
- 13:00 CCASN Working Groups presentations.
This activity is open to all.
- 14:00 Advisory Group meeting.
For CCASN Advisory Group members only.
- 15:00 Working meeting adjourns.

This event is an Accredited Group Learning Activity (Section 1) as defined by the Maintenance of Certification Program of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and approved by the Canadian Paediatric Society.

This event is also awarded with 10.5 credits (CECs) by the Recertification Review Committee of the Canadian Association of Genetic Counsellors (CAGC).