Conference: *Mesothelioma: from today’s challenges to tomorrow’s cure*
November 26, 2019

Auditorium, Lower Level
MaRS Discovery District
101 College St.
Toronto, ON

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**Conference objectives:**

- Provide information on early detection and innovative treatment for mesothelioma for general practitioners and specialists
- Identify the most promising research directions
- Engage key researchers and clinicians in Canada and internationally, including the CMF Scientific Advisory Committee
- Promote support in Canada for areas of interest in research, for a Canadian mesothelioma patient registry and a national mesothelioma health care network
- Link these efforts to the broader efforts to develop a comprehensive Canadian response to asbestos and asbestos disease

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**Agenda:**

8:00 am  Registration, coffee/continental breakfast

8:30 am  Dr. Eudice Goldberg, Chair Canadian Mesothelioma Foundation, Welcome

8:40 am  Dr. Paul Demers: *The incidence and prevalence of mesothelioma in Canada*

9:00 am  Dr. Dean Fennel: **Keynote Lecture**, *Stratified Therapy for Mesothelioma*

10:00 am  **Session 1: Advances in diagnosis and early detection of mesothelioma**
Moderator: Dr. Linn Holness

  **Dr. Erik Vakil**, *Screening for mesothelioma: when those exposed to asbestos should be investigated*

  **Dr. Geoffrey Liu**, *Serological and breathomic biomarkers in mesothelioma: the University Health Network experience*

  **Dr. Marc de Perrot**, *Circulating mesothelial precursor cells; a new opportunity to detect pleural damage and mesothelioma after asbestos exposure?*

10:55 am  Refreshment and networking break
11:15 am  Session 2: *Advances in treatment of mesothelioma (part one)*  
Moderator: Dr. Jocelyne Martin  
Dr. Penny Bradbury, *Immunotherapy – What is now?*  
Dr. Quincy Chu, *Immunotherapy – What is the future?*  
Dr. Andrea McCart, *Advances in the treatment of peritoneal mesothelioma*

12:25 pm  Buffet lunch and networking break

1:10 pm  Session 3: *Advances in treatment of mesothelioma (part two)*  
Moderator: Dr. Erik Vakil  
Dr. Camille Munro, *Advances in palliative care*  
Dr. John Cho, *New developments in hemithoracic radiation for mesothelioma*  
Dr. Marc de Perrot, *Targeting mesothelioma with radiation and immunotherapy*

2:20 pm  Session 4: *Panel Discussion - most promising research avenues and future directions*  
Moderator: Dr. Chris Lee  
Panel members: Dr. Dean Fennell, Dr. Andrea McCart, Dr. Marc de Perrot

3:10 pm  Refreshment and networking break

3:30 pm  Session 5: *Strengths and limitations of patient registries*  
Moderator: Alec Farquhar  
Dr. Paul Demers, *The Canadian cancer registry experience*  
Dr. Emanuela Taioli, *An international perspective on mesothelioma registries*

4:15 pm  Session 6: *In Summary and Beyond*  
Drs. John Cho and Chris Lee, *What we’ve learned so far*  
Any Keefe, *CMF’s Mesothelioma Health Network*  
Alec Farquhar, *Asbestos-Free Canada*

5:00 pm  Closing Remarks, Drs. Eudice Goldberg and John Cho, followed by  
Pre-theatre Reception with host bar and appetizers, performance by *Kith and Kin*

6:30 pm  Canadian Debut of “Breathless”  
*Introduction by Éric Jonckheere and filmmaker, Daniel Lambo, followed by Q&A*