

24th Canadian Health Economists' Study Group

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May 27–28, 2026



University of Victoria



University Club of Victoria,
West Campus Way, Victoria BC

Local Organizers: Chris Auld (University of Victoria)
Tiffanie Perrault (Grand Valley State University)

Day 1 – Wednesday, May 27, 2026

8:30–8:50 BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION

8:50–9:00 WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

9:00–9:40 **Quazi Nazmus Sakib**, NORDIK Institute

Do Financial Incentives Affect Rural Physician Supply in Canada? Empirical Evidence from a Natural Experiment

Discussant: Arthur Sweetman, McMaster University

9:40–10:20 **Yihong Bai**, University of Manitoba

The Impact of Universal Credit on Mental, Physical, and Financial Well-Being: Longitudinal Evidence from the UK Household Longitudinal Survey

Discussant: Martin Farnham, University of Victoria

10:20–10:50 **Rahimatou Memboup Ngoupayou**, Université Laval

Ozone Pollution and Dementia

Early career researcher / student presentation

Discussant: Alexandra Chapdelaine, Université Laval

10:50–11:05 BREAK *Sponsored by Broadstreet HEOR*

11:05–11:45 Yanhao Wang, University of Alberta

Agreeing to Disagree: Political Partisanship and Team Performance in Healthcare

Early career researcher / student presentation

Discussant: Mehdi Ammi, Carleton University

11:45–12:15 Alejandra Benitez, University of Pennsylvania

Waiting Time and Demand for Elective Surgery: Evidence from Chile

Early career researcher / student presentation

Discussant: Erin Strumpf, McGill University

12:15–13:15 LUNCH

KEYNOTE SESSION

13:15–14:15 Beate Sander, University of Toronto

Infectious Disease, Economics, and the Limits of Cost-Effectiveness

We are grateful to Analysis Group for their support of Dr. Sander's talk.

14:15–14:55 Casey Chu, University of Toronto

The Impact of Seeing Public and/or Private Mental Healthcare Providers on Work-Related Absenteeism in Ontario, Canada

Early career researcher / student presentation

Discussant: Stephenson Strobel, McMaster University

14:55–15:35 Mehdi Ammi, Carleton University

Can Primary Care Team Models Mitigate Health System Shocks? Evidence on Quality-of-Care Trade-Offs in Ontario, Canada

Discussant: Catherine Deri Armstrong, University of Ottawa

15:35–15:50 BREAK

15:50–16:20 Tong Liu, University of Calgary

Unintended Consequences of Public Insurance Coverage: Effects on Utilization of Privately Insured Prescription Drugs

Early career researcher / student presentation

Discussant: Emmanuel Guindon, McMaster University and Rose Gagnon, McMaster University

16:20–16:50 Kisho Hoshi, University of British Columbia

Pricing the Unobservable: Time-Based Physician Payment and Virtual Care

Early career researcher / student presentation

Discussant: Elisabeth Gurgl, University of Victoria

16:50–17:20 CANADIAN HEALTH ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION MEETING

17:20–17:30 BREAK

17:30–18:30 MENTORING SESSION

19:30–21:30 DINNER  *Craft Victoria Harbour, 450 Swift St, Victoria* ([CLICK HERE FOR !\[\]\(f276343e5e0d2402c20fdc9e8443c0dd_img.jpg\)](#))

Day 2 – Thursday, May 28, 2026

8:30–9:00 BREAKFAST

KEYNOTE SESSION

9:00–10:00 Flavio Toxvaerd, University of Cambridge

Economic Epidemiology: Lessons Learnt and the Path Ahead

10:00–10:40 Jennifer Stewart, Carleton University

Does Medical Assistance in Dying Reduce Regular Suicide?

Discussant: Jill R. Horwitz, Northwestern University

10:40–11:10 Celine Teo, McMaster University

Rational or Reactive? Examining End-of-Life Preferences Using Canada's MAiD Reforms

Early career researcher / student presentation

Discussant: Javad Moradpour Taleshi, BC Centre for Disease Control & University of British Columbia

11:10–11:30 BREAK

11:25–12:05 Pierre-Carl Michaud, HEC Montréal

Optimal Long-Term Care Provision and Insurance with Heterogeneous Preferences and Risks

Discussant: Janet Burlacu, University of Victoria

12:10–12:50 James Ji, Université de Sherbrooke

Nature Heals: Mangroves, Mental Health, and Cognitive Functions

Discussant: Tiffanie Perrault, Grand Valley State University

12:50– LUNCH AND FAREWELL *Sponsored by Broadstreet HEOR*

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