



19th Biennial International Conference on the Nurse's Role in the Criminal Justice System

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*Correctional and Forensic Health Care:
Contemplating Innovation, Justice, and Compassion*

A forum for celebrating innovations in practice, education, research and policy development in correctional and forensic health care in Canada and throughout the world.

October 1-3, 2025

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Introduction

The College of Nursing, University of Saskatchewan, in collaboration with Correctional Service Canada and other conference planning committee partners, is pleased to announce that the *19th Biennial Custody and Caring International Conference on the Nurse's Role in the Criminal Justice System* will be held October 1 – 3, 2025, at the Sheraton Cavalier Hotel in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

For over 35 years, the Custody and Caring conference has celebrated innovations in practice, education, research, and policy development in correctional and forensic health care in Canada and throughout the world. Many of the issues facing health care professionals working in correctional and forensic health care environments are universal in nature. The Custody and Caring Conference brings together practitioners, scholars, researchers, administrators, policy makers and students, and fosters capacity building within this specialized area of practice.

This October, we anticipate welcoming over 150 delegates from across Canada and around the world. We hope you will join us!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Cindy Peternelj-Taylor".

Cindy Peternelj-Taylor, RN, MSc, DF-IAFN
Professor Emeritus, College of Nursing, University of Saskatchewan
Custody and Caring Conference Planning Committee Chairperson



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Objectives

Conference participants will be able to:

- Discuss challenges and opportunities unique to the provision of correctional and forensic health care in institutional and community based settings.
 - Report innovations in program and policy development relevant to correctional and forensic health care practice, education, research, and leadership.
 - Consider clinical and ethical challenges and opportunities unique to correctional and forensic health care.
 - Promote correctional and forensic mental health care as specialized areas of practice.
 - Explore opportunities to address issues unique to health care professionals practicing within correctional and forensic health care environments.
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Sponsorship Packages

SPONSOR BENEFITS	PLATINUM	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	EXHIBITOR
Exhibitor booth *	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Logo/name on conference materials	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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Complimentary conference registration(s) **	4	3	2	1	
Acknowledgement on conference social media channels	✓	✓			
Verbal acknowledgement in conference opening remarks.	✓				
Keynote speaker sponsorship ***	✓				
	\$7000	\$5000	\$3000	\$1500	\$850

* Exhibitor booth – One representative only please. Does not include conference registration

** Complimentary conference registrations – Number of registrations provided to sponsor

*** Keynote speaker consent required

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If you would like to discuss a customized sponsorship opportunity, we look forward to hearing from you. Please contact our conference coordinator: selene.daniel.whyte@usask.ca.

Meet Our Keynote Speakers



- **Dr. Nathaniel Day, MD CCFP Dip. ABAM CHE**
 - Addiction Medicine Specialist
 - Chief Scientific Officer, Canadian Centre of Recovery Excellence
 - Alberta, Canada
 - **Guy Felicella**
 - Drug Policy & Addiction Support Advocate
 - British Columbia, Canada
 - **Dr Kristin Merss, PhD, RN**
 - Postdoctoral trainee, University of Wisconsin, Madison
 - Wisconsin, United States of America
 - **Dr. Holly Graham, PhD, R.D. Psychologist, RN, BA, BScN, MN**
 - Thunderchild First Nation
 - Assoc. Professor, College of Medicine, University of Saskatchewan
 - Saskatchewan, Canada
 - **Dr. Liz Walsh, PhD, MSc, BSc(hons), RN**
 - UK Professional Lead Nurse, Justice and Forensic Nursing, Royal College of Nursing
 - London, United Kingdom
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Dr. Nathaniel Day

MD CCFP Dip. ABAM CHE

Dr. Nathaniel Day is the Chief Scientific Officer at the Canadian Centre of Recovery Excellence, providing expert guidance on program evaluation and development. Dr. Day is an addiction medicine specialist with a medical degree from the University of Alberta, serving as the Provincial Medical Director of Addiction with Alberta Health Services. He also served as the medical director for the Centennial Centre for Mental Health and Brain Injury, and Alberta's Virtual Opioid Dependency Program (VOPD). With his team at Alberta Health Services, he conceptualized and developed the innovative Virtual Opioid Dependency Program. Dr. Day also served on the Minister's Opioid Emergency Response Commission and co-chaired the Recovery Expert Advisory Panel. His work has been recognized by provincial and national bodies.

Guy Felicella is an international public speaker and advocate for drug policy reform. Overcoming a two-decade substance use disorder, he has turned his life around after years of homelessness, gang involvement, and surviving overdoses in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

Now, Guy passionately promotes harm reduction, trauma therapy, and faster access to treatment, using his story of resilience and recovery to inspire others and push for compassionate drug policies and addiction support.



Guy Felicella

Addiction Support Advocate

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Dr. Holly Graham

PhD, R.D. Psychologist,
RN, BA, BScN, MN

Dr. Holly Graham is a member of the Thunderchild First Nation, SK. She has worked as a Registered Nurse (RN) in northern communities and various other health care environments since 1985. Currently, Holly is an Associate Professor in the College of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry at the University of Saskatchewan. She also maintains an active practice as a Registered Doctoral Psychologist, working primarily with individuals who have experienced trauma and symptoms of post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Holly's research is strength-based with a focus on Indigenous health, mental health, and wellness.

Dr. Kristin Merss is a postdoctoral trainee at the University of Wisconsin – Madison. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire and her PhD in Nursing at the University of Wisconsin – Madison. Dr. Merss' program of research explores the intersection of incarceration and health, particularly for older adults and people aging in the criminal legal system. Her dissertation research investigated how correctional officers understand and respond to age- and health related changes in the incarcerated population. Dr. Merss is focusing on advancing models of care in prisons by developing strategies to improve care for older adults while they are incarcerated and intersecting with health care services. Dr. Merss' research centers on the voices and experiences of impacted people, and she has formed strong collaborations with impacted populations from across the United States. For more than 5 years, Dr. Merss has also taught an interdisciplinary cultural health immersion experience with health sciences students from all levels, supporting education and experience within the criminal legal system.



Dr. Kristin Merss

PhD, RN

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Dr. Liz Walsh

PhD, MSc, BSc(hons), RN

Dr. Liz Walsh qualified as a Nurse in 1995 and has worked in and around justice settings ever since as a clinician, academic, researcher, inspector, and practice developer. She has been the UK Professional Lead Nurse for Justice and Forensic Nursing at the Royal College of Nursing since July 2021, where she supports nurses and nursing practice in all areas of justice and forensic healthcare. This includes police custody, courts, prisons, youth detention, immigration and removal centres, sexual assault referral centres and secure forensic mental health services. Liz is passionate about professional development and ensuring support for nurses working in justice and forensic settings. Her research and development activity focuses on understanding the emotional labour of working in justice and forensic settings, and the implications of it on staff and provision of compassionate practice. She promotes a multi-disciplinary approach to caring for people in justice settings and champions the use of effective reflective practice to manage the challenges of caring in these environments.





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