Access to health care for the uninsured in Canada

SEEKING SOLUTIONS SYMPOSIUM

ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE FOR THE UNINSURED IN CANADA

LINKING ETHICS, RESEARCH EVIDENCE AND POLICY-PRACTICE CHANGE

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The Hospital for Sick Children, Women’s College Hospital and Ryerson University welcome you to a two-day health ethics, research evidence and knowledge translation symposium in Toronto, Ontario.

The Seeking Solutions Symposium brings together ethicists, legal experts, researchers, practitioners, policy analysts, and community members to address access to care for individuals living in Canada without health insurance. Expert presentation syntheses and workshop discussions will examine ethical and legal debates, present emerging research evidence, share policy and practice experience, and develop concrete guidelines, recommendations and action plans to address this pressing health care and service delivery need.

The objectives of the symposium and roundtable workshops are:

1) To collectively examine and discuss ethics, rights, legalities and economics associated with the extension of universal health care provision to the uninsured

2) To pool and synthesize available research data regarding the health status, access to care, service delivery, and health care outcomes of diverse uninsured populations

3) To jointly identify and help formulate effective solutions to the health care access issue, by developing practice guidelines and policy recommendations for uptake by practitioners and decision makers and formulating concrete action plans
### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Collecting Information and Sharing Strategies**

**February 21, 2012 – Day One**

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| 8:30 - 8:35 | **Welcome and Opening Address**  
Usha George, PhD, Dean of the Faculty of Community Services, Ryerson University  
Joanna Anneke Rummens, PhD & Angela Robertson – Symposium Co-Chairs |
| 8:35 - 9:00 | Listening to the Voices of the Medically Uninsured – “Your Money Or Your Life” ichannel documentary video excerpt  
**Keynote Address**  
Dr. David McKeown, Medical Officer of Health, City of Toronto |
| 9:00 - 9:30 | **What Do We Know?**  
Who doesn’t get care and why?  
How do the uninsured get care when they do?  
What are the consequences of this system?  
Michaela Hynie, PhD  
Luin Goldring PhD  
Patricia Landolt PhD |
| 9:30 - 10:25 | **Plenary Session 1**  
What Can We Do?  
What are our legal obligations and policy challenges?  
What are relevant moral and ethical considerations?  
How do we shift policy and public perception?  
What can we learn from other successful health care initiatives?  
**Moderator:** Anthony Mohamed  
**Presenters:** Sally Bean  
Michele Landsberg  
Nikki Bozinoff - Health for All  
Lisa Forman, PhD |
| 10:25 - 10:45 | Refreshments                                                              |
| 10:45 - 11:30 | **Plenary Session 1**  
What Can We Do? (Q&A Discussion)  
Sally Bean  
Michele Landsberg  
Nikki Bozinoff - Health for All  
Lisa Forman, PhD  
Notisha Massaquoi  
Dr. Meb Rashid |
| 11:30 - 12:30 | **Plenary Session 2**  
Alternative Health Care Models from Other Jurisdictions  
What is being done in other provinces?  
What is being done in other countries?  
What can we learn from other successful health care initiatives?  
**Moderator:** Bob Gardner, PhD  
Viewing of short film “UNDOCUMENTARY”  
**Presenters:** Kadri Soova, PICUM – Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants  
Francesca Meloni, PhD (c.)  
Dr. Paul Caulford |
| 12:30 - 1:30 | Lunch – Networking, Poster Presentations, Information Tables             |
| 1:30 - 3:00 | **Concurrent Workshop Sessions:**  
Plans for Action by Topic For each session:  
**A)** Women’s Health:  
Dr. Lea Rosster & Kristen Coccheto RN  
Facilitator: Ayesha Adhami  
Classroom: ENG LG6  
**B)** Child and Maternal Health:  
Joanna Anneke Rummens, PhD & Manavi Handa RM  
Classroom: ENG LG3  
**C)** Mental Health:  
Soheila Pashang, PhD  
Facilitator: Branka Agic  
Classroom: ENG LG4  
**D)** Chronic Disease:  
Lisa Brown  
Facilitator: Simone Atungo  
Classroom: ENG LG13  
**E)** Migrant Workers:  
Lilian Magalhães PhD & Christine Carrasco  
Facilitator: Dr. Abeer Majeed  
Classroom: ENG LG2  
**F)** Three Month Wait:  
Axelle Janczur & John Wellner  
Facilitator: Cathy Tersgini  
Classroom: ENG 103 Auditorium  
**G)** Homelessness:  
Dr. Stephen Hung & Kate Mason  
Facilitator: Kapri Rabin  
Classroom: ENG LG12 |
| 3:00 – 3:30 | Refreshments                                                              |
| 3:30 – 4:25 | **Summary Report Back**  
Bob Gardner, PhD |
| 4:25 – 4:30 | **Closing & Thanks**  
Joanna Anneke Rummens, PhD & Angela Robertson |

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Pre-release viewing of this short film “Undocumentary” has been made possible courtesy of the Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM) based in Brussels, Belgium. This web documentary will shortly be launched on the PICUM website and may be accessed via www.picum.org. For further information contact Alex Pirlot de Corbion at alex@picum.org

“Your Money or Your Life”: Excerpt from documentary currently in production at Stornoway Communications about the struggle people in Canada face accessing health care. Documentary will be broadcasted on ichannel in Fall 2012. For more information contact: Kevin O’Keefe at kokeefe@ichannel.ca or visit www.ichannel.ca
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### Uninsured Children, Youth and Pregnant Women

**February 22, 2012 – Day Two**

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| 9:00 - 9:05 | Welcome – Joanna Anneke Rummens PhD  
Listening to the Voices of Uninsured Youth and of Uninsured Pregnant Women  
Learning from Health Care Provider Perspectives |
| 9:05 - 9:30 | The International Context  
“Access to Health Care for Undocumented Children, Youth and Pregnant Women in Europe”  
Liliana Keith MA, PICUM |
| 9:30 - 10:00 | The Canadian Context  
Keynote Address  
“Migratory Status and Children’s Access to Care: A Systemic Challenge”  
Cecile Rousseau MD |
| 10:00 - 10:30 | What Do We Know?  
What are the health care challenges experienced by uninsured children, youth and pregnant women?  
What does research evidence reveal?  
Panel Presentation - Interdisciplinary Research Evidence  
Jim O’Neil MPH, Moderator  
Health Status, Needs and Outcomes; Access to Care Experiences; Health Provider Perspectives  
• Uninsured children and youth  
• Pregnant women and newborns  
Joanna Anneke Rummens PhD • Teresa Grimbos PhD • Sharon Chakkalackal MPH and Alexandra Ricard-Guy PhD (c.)  
Karline Wilson Mitchell RM RN MSN |
| 10:30 -11:00 | Refreshments – Networking, Information Tables |
| 11:00 - 11:45 | What Are We Doing?  
How is our health care system responding to the needs of uninsured children, youth and pregnant women?  
What can practice knowledge contribute?  
Panel Presentations and Plenary Discussion  
Jan Lackstrom MSW, RSW, Moderator  
Health Care Provision for Uninsured Children and Pregnant Women  
What are the challenges? What are the possibilities?  
What are the barriers, obstacles, pathways, and solutions?  
Anna Banerji MD • Cliff Ledwos MA • Jennifer D’Andrade RN • Manavi Handa RM RN MSN |
| 11:45 - 12:30 | What Should We Do? What Can We Do?  
What are the ethical and moral issues?  
What are our legal obligations?  
What are the challenges/constraints, possibilities/levers?  
What has been the experience in different jurisdictions?  
What are some possible solutions for Ontario and for Canada?  
Panel Presentations and Plenary Discussion  
Sheila Braidek MA, Moderator  
Access to Health Care for Uninsured Children and Pregnant Women  
What are the Issues? What are our Responsibilities?  
Ethical and Moral Considerations -  
Identification of key ethical and moral debates  
Legal Responsibilities and Policy Contexts  
Examination of professional, institutional, governmental, international obligations regarding the rights of the child  
Discussion and Synthesis of challenges/constraints, possibilities/levers  
Mojisola Adurogbanba MPH MA • Emily Chan LLB • Lee Ann Chapman JD |
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Toronto Charter on Access to Health Care for Uninsured People in Canada.

DRAFT for discussion, review and acceptance

February 2012

Introduction
On February 21, 2012, over 300 health system leaders, front-line health workers, researchers and community members met in Toronto to identify concrete solutions to improve access to health for people who are uninsured in Canada. The following is a statement of common beliefs and a call to action based on these discussions.

Preamble

Whereas Canada has ratified the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (1976) that establishes the right to “the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health” for all;

Whereas the Canada Health Act (1984) guarantees, “to protect, promote and restore the physical and mental well-being of residents of Canada and to facilitate reasonable access to health services without financial or other barriers;”

Whereas the current federal, provincial and territorial administered health systems are significantly challenged to provide adequate care for people in Canada who do not have or are unable to secure public or private health insurance;

Whereas in British Columbia, Quebec and Ontario the three-month waiting period for health insurance for newcomers to Canada and returning Canadians significantly hinders the health system’s ability to provide care, resulting in a call for its removal from numerous clinical and professional organizations;

Whereas evidence indicates that costs associated with providing on-going primary care to uninsured populations is less expensive than the current system of attending after health conditions have worsened and the subsequent required emergency, tertiary, quaternary or chronic long term care;

Whereas Canada benefits socially and economically from people who are uninsured;

Recommendations

We propose the following recommendations to increase equitable access to health care for people who are uninsured in Canada:

1) Reaffirm that all people in Canada with established health needs cannot be refused care, treatment or support;

2) Remove the three-month waiting period for provincial health insurance across Canada;

3) Establish mechanisms through a consultative process to facilitate:
   • safe access to same standard of care, treatment and support received by all Canadians;
   • assistance in securing public or private health insurance whenever possible;
   • administration and allocation of a fund designed to meet the healthcare needs of all uninsured people unable to access health care or pay for public or private health insurance or independently pay directly for care;
   • monitoring of trends, statistics and socio-demographic data so accurate information is available for service planning, research and policy considerations;

4) Require health care institutions to develop and implement a system-wide ethical framework for health equity that include provisions for uninsured individuals and populations.

5) Recognize the importance of the social determinants of health and commit to ensuring that everyone living in Canada, irrespective of immigration status, has access to all social services, including health care, education and housing.

Approved in Toronto, Ontario, Canada on February 21, 2012
Collecting Information and Sharing Strategies
February 21, 2012 – Day One

**Speakers, Presenters and Moderators**

**Sally Bean**, Ethicist & Policy Advisor – Clinical Ethics, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

**Nikki Bozinoff**, member Health for All. Medical student, founder and producer of Health Justice Radio

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**Patricia Landolt**, Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Toronto

**Michele Landsberg**, Award winning writer, journalist, social activist, feminist and recipient of the Order of Canada.

**Lilian Magalhães**, Assistant Professor School of Occupational Therapy, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Western Ontario

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**Notisha Massaquoi**, Executive Director, Women’s Health in Women’s Hands Community Health Centre

**Dr. David McKeown**, Medical Officer of Health, City of Toronto

**Francesca Meloni**, PhD candidate and project coordinator at McGill University, Department of Social and Cultural Psychiatry

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**Joanna Anneke Rummens**, PhD, Health Systems Research Scientist, Learning Institute and Project Investigator, Child Health Evaluative Sciences, Research Institute, The Hospital for Sick Children. Full Member, Institute of Medical Sciences and Asst. Professor, Equity, Gender and Population, Psychiatry; Senior Scholar and Former Director, CERIS - The Ontario Metropolis Centre

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**John Wellner**, Director Health Promotion, Public & Corporate Affairs Ontario Medical Association

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**Branca Agic**, PhD (c.) Manager, Health Equity Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)

**Simone Atungo**, Director, Community Development and Integration, Mount Sinai Hospital

**Dr. Abeer Majeed**, MD, CCFP and organizer with No One Is Illegal – Toronto, Health for All

**Kapri Rabin**, Director of Integration and Urban Health, Central Toronto Community Health Centres

**Cathy Tersigni**, Community Health Officer, Toronto Public Health

**Recorders**

**Ruth Campbell**, Wilson Centre, Toronto General Hospital

**Flavia Genovese**, Masters of Social Work student, University of Toronto

**Amal Issa**, Master’s Environmental Studies student, York University

**Catherine Moravac**, Project and Research Manager, Women’s College Hospital and St. Michael’s Hospital

**Angelpreet Singh**, PhD in Education student, York University

**Aurelia Soltan**, Health Policy and Management PhD student, York University

**Samia Tecle**, Grad student, York University

**Julie Toole**, MSHc student, Joint Centre for Bioethics, University of Toronto
Uninsured Children, Youth and Pregnant Women

February 22, 2012 – Day Two

Speakers, Presenters, Moderators and Recorders

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Melanie Barwick, PhD, CPsych, Psychologist and Health Systems Research Scientist, Learning Institute & Scientific Director, Knowledge Translation, Child Health Evaluative Sciences, Research Institute, The Hospital for Sick Children
John Campey, MPA, Executive Director at Social Planning Toronto
Sharon Chakkalackal, MPH, Clinical Research Project Manager, The Hospital for Sick Children
Emily Chan, LLB, Staff Lawyer, Community Development Justice for Children and Youth
Lee Ann Chapman, J.D., Triage Lawyer, Pro Bono Law Ontario, The Hospital for Sick Children
Jennifer D’Andrade, RN, Community Health Officer, Toronto Public Health, working with the Scarborough Academic Family Team
Bruce Ferguson, PhD, CPsych, Director, Community Health Systems Resource Group – Learning Institute, The Hospital for Sick Children
Teresa Grimbos, PhD, Research Coordinator, Law and Mental Health Program, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health
Manavi Handa, RM RN MSN Assistant Professor, Midwifery Education Program, Ryerson University
Lilana Keith, MA, Project Officer, Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants PICUM, Brussels, Belgium
Cliff Ledwos, MA, Director, Primary Health Care and Special Initiatives, Access Alliance Multicultural Health and Community Services
Alexandra Ricard-Guay, PhD (c), Division of Social and Cultural Psychiatry, McGill University
Cecile Rousseau, MD, Professor, Division of Social and Cultural Psychiatry, McGill University; Director of Transcultural Research and Intervention Team (TRIT) and Youth Mental Health CSSS de la Montagne (Parc Extension)
Joanna Anneke Rummens, PhD, Health Systems Research Scientist, Learning Institute & Project Investigator, Child Health Evaluative Sciences, Research Institute, The Hospital for Sick Children
Karline Wilson-Mitchell, RM, CNM, RN, MSN Assistant Professor, Midwifery Education Program, Ryerson University

Panel and Workshop Moderators

Michaela Beder, MD, Resident in Psychiatry, University of Toronto
Nicole Bennett, RM, Associate Professor, Midwifery Programme, Ryerson University
Juana Berinstein, MA, Director, Policy and Communications, Association of Ontario Midwives
Sheila Braidek, MA, Executive Director, Regent Park Community Health Centre
Rebecca Bruni, RN PhD, Bioethicist, The Hospital for Sick Children
Marcelo Castro, MA, Community Development and Health Promotion Coordinator, Davenport-Perth Neighbourhood Centre
Emily Chan, LLB, Staff Lawyer, Community Development Justice for Children and Youth
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Patricia Landolt, PhD, Professor of Sociology, University of Toronto and Research Associate, Cities Centre
Vivian Lee, PhD, Policy Analyst, Association of Ontario Midwives
Jim O’Neill, MHA, Executive Director, Community & Health Services Partnerships and Program Director, Inner City Health Program, St. Michael’s Hospital
Lynne Raskin, RN, Executive Director, South Riverdale Community Health Centre
Michael Stevenson, MD CCFP, Family Doctor, Access Point Danforth Access Alliance Multicultural Health and Community Services
Randi Zlotnik-Shaul, PhD, Bioethicist, The Hospital for Sick Children

Recorders

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Vincia Herbert, Midwifery Student, Ryerson University
Julia Kooch, CERIS Student, Ryerson University
Shannon McConchie, Midwifery Student, Ryerson University
Kristina Ninyo, CERIS Student, Seneca College
Whitney Tushingham, Midwifery Student, Ryerson University
Thank you

This second gathering builds upon the success of the first research conference on the uninsured and undocumented held in 2010 and the continuing work of many who seek to advance access to health care for the uninsured through research, policy, advocacy and practice change. It extends the discussion further across diverse sectors and disciplines as we seek collectively to identify concrete solutions that facilitate equitable access to health care for some of the most marginalized individuals and families in Canada.

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