Digital Health Canada/ANHIX
ALBERTA 2026 CONFERENCE
AGENDA

8:00 a.m — **Registration + Networking Breakfast**

9:00 a.m. — **Opening Remarks**
- **Chris Carvalho**, *Board President, Digital Health Canada*
- **Kevin Jones**, *Vice President Business Development and Customer Success, CANImmunize*
- **Shelagh Maloney**, *CEO, Digital Health Canada*

9:15 a.m. — **Opening Keynote: Beyond the Fax: Digital Referrals in Alberta**
Alberta is modernizing the referral landscape by replacing manual faxes with a digital referral service that integrates directly with provider systems. The presentation reviews the challenge and the promise of implementing electronic referral and consult workflows that close the communication loop between primary care, specialists, and patients.
- **Quinn Mah**, *Assistant Deputy Minister, Primary and Preventative Health Services*
- **Jill Robert**, *Executive Director, Referral Management, Primary Care Alberta*
- **Ron Shute**, *Medical Director, Informatics, Alberta Medical Association*

10:25 a.m. — **Bridging the Gap in Women's Health**
Despite growing awareness, significant gaps remain in women's health. This panel will explore how digital health innovations are helping close these gaps by improving access, driving equity, and enabling more personalized care. They will share insights, real-world examples, and what's needed next to advance women's health through digital solutions.
- **Kate Ellis**, *Co-Founder, femtech W*
- **Dr. Colleen Norris**, *Professor and Associate Dean of Research, University of Alberta*
- **Carmen Wyton**, *Chair & Founder, Women's Health Coalition of Canada*

11:10 a.m. — **Networking Break**

11:40 a.m. — **Leading Real-World Solutions For Patient-Centred Care (Sponsored by Health Cities)**
Explore how person-centred care is strengthened when solutions are co-developed with those who use and deliver care, and when digital health innovations are designed for real-world clinical and community settings. Through practical examples and lived experience, speakers will highlight what it takes to move from promising ideas to solutions that work in practice.
Featuring perspectives from patients, innovators, healthcare providers, and clinicians, the symposium will examine how collaboration across roles can support more responsive, accessible, and effective care. Attendees will gain insight into how patient-centred approaches can be embedded into innovation, implementation, and care delivery.
- **Steve Kovacic**, *Vice President & Chief Innovation Officer, The Good Samaritan*
- **Jeff MacKay**, *Vice President, Health Coalition Alberta Board of Directors*
- **Shauna Thome**, *Executive Director, Crowfoot Village Family Practice*

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12:25 p.m. — **Networking Lunch**

1:25 p.m. — **Practical Solutions to Real World Problems**
Digital health has the greatest impact when it tackles the everyday challenges clinicians, patients, and health systems face. This session highlights three digital health projects built to solve concrete, real-world problems. The speakers will walk through the issues they set out to address, the solution they implemented, the results they achieved, and the key insights gained throughout the process.
Project One: Mind the Gap: Enhancing Continuity for Unattached Patients Through Digital Bridges
Project Two: First Nations Community Paramedicine Service
Project Three: Linking Diabetes Care: An Integrated Digital Health Approach to Diabetes with First Nations in Alberta (LINK)
- **Annie Fong**, *Clinical Nurse Educator, Alberta Health Services*
- **Leanne Kiss**, *Program Manager – Service Delivery, Calgary and Area Primary Care Networks*
- **Darren Lau**, *Assistant Professor, University of Alberta*
- **Dr. Taft Micks**, *Chief Medical Officer, QDoc Inc.*
- **Dr. Norm Silver**, *CEO, QDoc Inc.*

2:20 p.m. — **Pan-Canadian approaches to addressing health workforce issues: Health Workforce Canada, Sean Chilton, CEO**
Canada's health systems face growing workforce pressures. In this session, Sean Chilton will highlight what pan-Canadian data reveals about the health workforce, and how Health Workforce Canada is supporting jurisdictions with shared evidence and insights to address these challenges.
- **Sean Chilton**, *Chief Executive Officer, Health Workforce Canada*
- **Shelagh Maloney**, *CEO, Digital Health Canada (Moderator)*

3:05 p.m. — **Networking Break**

3:35 p.m. — **Building Trusted Health Data Ecosystems: From Europe to the World**
How can health data truly work for patients, professionals, and innovation? From the European Health Data Space (EHDS) to the Netherlands' Wegiz legislation, this keynote explores how interoperability, quality of care, and responsible data use come together—and why aligning data standards across borders is essential to unlock research, AI, and global digital health innovation.
- **Monica Schagen**, *Counselor for Health, Welfare and Sport to Canada and the US, Netherlands Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport*

4:20 p.m. — **Digital Health Canada Strategy Focus Group**

4:35 p.m. — **Closing Remarks**
- **Shelagh Maloney**, *CEO, Digital Health Canada*

5:00 p.m. — **MeetUp** *in the Rocky Mountain Room*

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