



Canadian Professional Association for Transgender Health



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Call for Contributions

Next month's feature:

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President's April Report

If you have not yet done so, please check out our new website (www.cpath.ca). Some of the sections are still under construction as we continue to create the association!

For those of you who have been with us since last April, you will notice that we are no longer using the CHYMA web portal. We are switching over to a new system shortly that is more user friendly but will still have the same level of security.

All of the current members will be signed into the new system when it is available. This portal

will be accessible through the "members only" log-in through the www.cpath.ca website.

We will send you an invitation to create a log-in when the new site is up and running.

See you in Toronto! Please book your rooms!

Gail

Gail Knudson MD, MPE, FRCPC



The CPATH Foundation

Part of the mandate of CPATH is to create a charitable organization. This will benefit us in a number of ways. We will be eligible to apply for grants from other larger charitable organizations as well as receive donations from individuals and groups (through our website). Also, we will be able to host fundraising events with proceeds benefiting the transgender community. We do not know if we will hold an event this year in conjunction with CPATH 2008 as we will be competing with the Pride activities, but we will keep you posted.





Committee Updates

Advocacy

The surgery (or lack of) situation continues to heat up in BC. There was a three page spread in the Province newspaper on March 30th which featured biographies of 2 transgender people and how the limited access to surgery is affecting their lives.

This was followed by an appearance of Dr. Bowman on CBC Radio on April 2nd.

Research

The CIHR team grant application for the national database is due May 1st. We are putting finishing touches on the document and welcome collaborators who wish to help us enlist care providers and participants. Please contact Dr. Melady Preece at meladypreece@gmail.com.

Does anyone know of health care providers or agencies that are serving transgender people in the Yukon, Northwest Territories or Nunavut? If so, please let us know as we would like to invite them on the team grant and also to join CPATH.

Annual Meeting

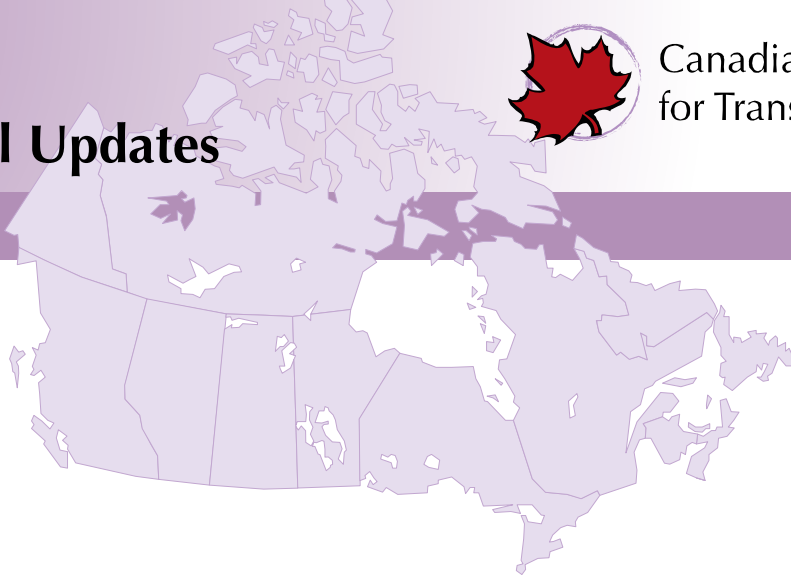
The website is now open for registration and abstract and poster submissions.

We would also like to invite each province to submit a poster which outlines their resources, programs, etc. Since the resources in Ontario are more widespread you may wish to prepare one poster per program.

We will continue to have the cross-country update as we did last year with each province doing a fifteen minute presentation highlighting their program(s). These presentation will take place the latter part of the morning on the Friday and Saturday after the keynote speakers. The program committee will send the presentation template to the provincial representatives within the next month



Provincial Updates



Ontario

- On February 14th, the Out and Proud Program proposed amendments to expand the existing *Accessible Services for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youth* policy to include transsexual, transgender, gender non-conforming, two-spirit, queer and questioning (trans and gender non-conforming) children/youth.
- These amendments were presented to the Board of Directors at the Toronto Children's Aid Society for consideration and adoption as the *Equitable Child Welfare Services Relating to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity/Expression* policy.

Interesting Web Resources

- This website was created by the [LGBT Issues Committee](#) of the [Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry \(GAP\)](#) to teach psychiatry residents about caring for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex patients. However, they hope that it will also be useful to all health and mental health trainees and practitioners.
- <http://www.aglp.org/gap/>





CPATH 2008 Toronto

We are looking forward to hosting CPATH 2008 during Toronto 's Pride Week! Our four keynote speakers are confirmed with Helen Kennedy and Arlene Lev speaking on Friday morning and Aaron Devor and Jamie Feldman delivering their presentations on Saturday morning.

We encourage you to visit us at www.cpath.ca for more conference information as well as abstract and poster submission forms.

The local organizing committee is planning a meet and greet after the conference on Friday evening to encourage networking and create

an opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

The CPATH 2008 Committee is:

Chair:

Dr. Gail Knudson

Program Committee:

Dr. Trevor Corneil, Dr. Joan Quinn

Local Organizing Committee :

Mr. Jim Oulton, Mr. Rupert Raj, Ms. Rebecca Hammond, and Dr. Joan Quinn



Calendar of Events

- April 1st—launch of www.cpath.ca
- April 14th—abstract and poster deadline

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 CPATH.ca opens	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Abstract and poster deadline	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Deadline for May newslet-	26
27	28	28	29	30		

A big THANKS to all our supporters!

