

North American Occupational Safety & Health Conference Agenda

Time	Description	
8:30 - 9:00 AM	Registration & Booth Displays Halifax Infirmary Summer Street Lobby	
9:00 - 9:10 AM	Opening Remarks provided by Janet Knox, CEO Nova Scotia Health Authority	
9:10 - 9:30 AM	Occupational Health, Safety & Wellness- A Collaborative Approach Safety Representatives - Wendy Hutchison NSHA, Paul Curry NSNU, Paul Cormier NSGEU	
Concurrent Session Room	Royal Bank Theatre	Education Room *Separate Registration Required*
Concurrent Session One 9:30 - 10:30 AM	Volunteer Speaker Threads of Life	WHMIS 2015 What's New to You?
10:30 - 10:45 AM	Nutrition Break, Networking and Booth Displays	
Concurrent Session Two 10:45 - 11:45 AM	Working Safe in the Community A Collaborative Discussion	NSHA Patient Handling Program based on Soteria Program Guidelines
11:45 - 12:00	Nutrition Break, Networking and Booth Displays	
12:00 - 12:45 PM	Lunch and Learn Mental Health & Resiliency in the Workplace *Lunch is NOT provided*	
12:45 - 1:00 PM	Nutrition Break, Networking and Booth Displays	
Concurrent Session Three 1:00 - 1:45 PM	Paladin Security NSHA's Security Provider	Air Quality What are Comfort Parameters?
1:45 - 2:00 PM	Nutrition Break, Networking and Booth Displays	
Concurrent Session Four 2:00 - 2:45 PM	Fire Safety Planning The Organizational Need	Least Restraints Alternate Approaches
2:45 - 3:00 PM	Closing Remarks provided by Workers Compensation Board	

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Guest Speakers

Paul Curry holds a Doctorate in political philosophy and has been the Researcher, Educator and Government Relations Advisor with the Nova Scotia Nurses' Union since 2012. Prior to this he spent several years working for the Canadian Federation of Nurses Unions, most recently in the position of Researcher. Paul has authored and collaborated on numerous nursing articles and publications, including a 2012 book on nurse workload and a 2015 book on long-term care in Nova Scotia.

Paul Cormier CRSP, as a Board Registered Safety Professional, Paul has spent the last twenty plus years building an impressive portfolio of experiences and education all focused on keeping workplaces safe. Paul has a broad background which brings insight into how dynamic workplaces manage and build a safety culture. Since joining the Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union in 2013, Paul has been tasked with overseeing Occupational Health and Safety programs to support the 30,000 members.

Donna Green, Volunteer Speaker, Threads of Life. Threads of Life is a national charity dedicated to helping Canadian families who have been affected by a workplace tragedy, life-altering injury or occupational disease. It currently provides a network of hope and healing to more than 2,200 family members through one-on-one peer support, links to other community support services and the opportunity to take action to help prevent similar tragedies to other families.

Heather Matthews is the Occupational Health and Safety Specialist with AWARE-NS, the Health and Community Services Safety Association responsible for the development and delivery of leading safety practices and initiatives. Heather has most notably been involved with the Health and Community Services sectors in the development of a Safety Management System through Community of Safe Practices.

Holly Gillis, Operations Coordinator, Understanding Communities Unit. Holly spent 7 years employed at the Canadian Cancer Society- Nova Scotia Division in a variety of both a Health Promotion Coordinator and Volunteer Development Manager roles Holly started at Public Health in 2007 as a Health Promotion Coordinator, has held roles of Manager, Transformation & Innovation and Program Coordinator- School Team before transitioning to her current role as Operations Coordinator.

Mark Williams, Physiotherapist, is currently the Project Leader implementing NSHA's safe patient handling and mobility program. The program is based on program material created through Soteria Strains, a provincial injury prevention strategy for Nova Scotia healthcare. Prior to this Mark spent nearly a decade working in various private practice Physiotherapy settings including Team Leader for CBI Physiotherapy and Clinic Administrator for HealthSouth, at the time the largest health care provider in the United States.

Marybeth Fleming is a practicing Occupational Therapist and has become a leader in the assessment of cognitive function while expanding her knowledge base in cancer care, treatment of post concussive symptoms and mental health and wellness. Marybeth uses herself therapeutically to engage her clients in meaningful activities so they have the opportunity to gain some insight into reestablishing balance in their own lives regardless of their illness or injury.

Tom Taggart completed the Law & Security Program through NSCC in 2010. Tom worked for RMAC Protective Services at NSH and the Abbie J Lane as a security guard and shift supervisor. He has also held positions such as Training Officer, Emergency Department Supervisor, Halifax Infirmary Security Site Supervisor, Field Manager, Client Service Manager and most recently Operations Manager for the Nova Scotia Health Authority.

David Muise is the Senior Occupational Hygienist and Group Leader for the Indoor Air Quality/Occupational Hygiene Group at Pinchin LeBlanc Environmental. Mr. Muise is the Firm's Safety Manager and has been working in the consulting field since 1991. As Group Leader and Senior Occupational Hygienist, Mr. Muise has held a senior position on virtually all the firm's IAQ/hygiene projects. David has lectured on industrial/occupational hygiene issues at numerous industry events.

Derwin Swinemar was employed with the province of Nova Scotia for 22 years. Nine of those years were with the Nova Scotia Office of the Fire Marshall as a Deputy Fire Marshal, Public Educator, and Fire Prevention. He is a Level 1 Fire Inspector and holds a Certificate for Fire Explosion Investigator. He is also a certified public educator. Derwin was involved with the fire service for 35 years before retiring as a senior fire officer.

Gloria Connely is a Clinical Nurse Educator who has worked mainly in the field of geriatrics during her 27 year career at CDHA. Two of her current units are locked units which have patients who have dementia. She has continued on with work on the NSHA Least Restraint policy work.

Debra MacDonald obtained a Diploma of Nursing from VGH in August 1983. She spent time on surgical floors completed the Critical Care Nursing Program (Level I/II) and worked in the MICU (VGH). She has worked in Emergency Medicine since 1990 and obtained her Emergency Nursing Certification in 1996. She worked as a temporary CNE for HI Emergency Department and Clinical Resource Nurse since April 2011.