

*The Toronto Health Economics  
and Technology Assessment  
(THETA) Collaborative*

# *6th Annual Symposium* **End-of-Life Care**



May 30, 2013  
Casa Loma  
1 Austin Terrace  
Toronto, Ontario



# Agenda

**8:30 a.m. Breakfast**

## **Session 1: Opening**

**9:00 a.m. Introduction & Setting the Stage for Collaborative Evolution of our System**

Murray Krahn, Director, THETA Collaborative

Rob Fowler, Scientist and Medical Staff, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

## **Session 2: The Costs of Care and Resource Use at the End of Life**

**9:25 a.m. Cost of Dying in Canada**

Konrad Fassbender, Assistant Professor, Palliative Care Medicine, University of Alberta

**9:45 a.m. Indirect and Out of Pocket Costs at End of Life**

Chris Longo, Associate Professor & Director, Health Services Management Program, McMaster University

**10:05 a.m. Cancer Care Spending at End of Life**

Murray Krahn, Director, THETA Collaborative

**10:25 a.m. Resource Use and Spending at End of Life in Canada and the US**

Rob Fowler, Scientist and Medical Staff, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

**10:45 a.m. Open Mic (“But Murray, it’s not all about the costs!”)**

**10:55 a.m. Coffee Break**

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## **Session 3: The End-of-Life Care Experience in North America**

### **11:05 a.m. Advance Care Planning in Canada**

John You, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, McMaster University; Attending Staff, Hamilton Health Sciences Corporation

### **11:25 a.m. US Experience in EOL**

Scott Halpern, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Pulmonary, Allergy and Critical Care, University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine

### **11:45 a.m. Canadian Model(s) of End-of-Life, Elder and Palliative Care Delivery**

Samir Sinha, Director of Geriatrics, Mount Sinai Hospital; Provincial Lead, Ontario's Seniors Strategy

### **12:05 p.m. Open Mic ("You've got it all wrong – here's what you need to focus upon!")**

### **12:15 p.m. Lunch**

## **Session 4: Plenary Speaker: Lessons from the Birthplace of Palliative Care**

### **1:15 p.m. Ilori Gillian Finlay, Baroness Finlay of Llandaff**

Past President of the Royal Society of Medicine, UK; Professor of Palliative Medicine, Cardiff University School of Medicine; Consultant, Velindre Cancer Centre in Cardiff, Wales

### **2:00 p.m. Open Mic**

Scott Halpern (Moderator)

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## **Session 5: Amuse-bouches: THETA Knowledge Generation, Translation & Exchange**

### **2:15 p.m. Strategies for Change: Education & Communication**

James Downar, Critical Care & Palliative Care Physician, University Health Network

### **2:25 p.m. “Quality Dying Initiative” at U of T Hospitals**

Jeff Myers, Head, Palliative Care Consult Team, Sunnybrook Health Sciences; Head of the Department of Family & Community Medicine, University of Toronto

### **2:35 p.m. How Do We Know When to *Stop*?**

Damon Scales, Scientist, Evaluative Clinical Sciences, Trauma, Emergency & Critical Care Research Program, Sunnybrook Research Institute

### **2:45 p.m. Gender Differences in End-of-Life Care**

Valeria Rac, Director of Clinical Research, THETA Collaborative

### **2:55 p.m. Statistical Issues at the End of Life**

George Tomlinson, Biostatistician, University Health Network

### **3:05 p.m. Does NICE Discriminate Against the Elderly?**

Mike Paulden, Health Economist, THETA Collaborative

### **3:15 p.m. Coffee Break**

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## **Session 6: Engaging Patients, the Public and the Decision-Makers ... It's Not Easy!**

Rob Fowler, Moderator

### **3:30 p.m. The Law at the End of Life: Who Decides?**

Harry Underwood, Polley Faith LLP

### **3:55 p.m. How to Engage the Media and the World**

Lisa Priest, Manager, Community Engagement and Patient Navigation, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

### **4:20 p.m. Open Mic ("Lawyers!" "The Press!")**

### **4:45 p.m. Closing Comments & Call to Action**

Murray Krahn, Director, THETA Collaborative

Rob Fowler, Scientist and Medical Staff, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

# Directions to Casa Loma

## By Road

### From the South-West (e.g., Windsor, London, etc.)

Take the 401 East to Allen Road (Allen Expressway). Go south on the Allen Expressway to Eglinton Avenue West. Turn left (east) on Eglinton to Spadina. At Spadina, turn right (south, which is the only way you can go.) Continue on Spadina until you reach the front of the Castle, which is just south of St. Clair.

### From the North-East (e.g., Ajax, Oshawa, Scarborough, etc.)

Take the 401 West to the Don Valley Parkway. Go south on the D.V.P. to Eglinton Avenue East. Go west on Eglinton to Spadina. Turn left (south) on Spadina (which is the only way you can go) Continue on Spadina until you reach the front of the Castle, which is south of St. Clair.

### From the South (e.g., Niagara, Hamilton, Mississauga etc.)

Take the Queen Elizabeth Way Eastbound into Toronto. Continue along the Q.E.W., (which turns into the Gardiner Expressway) to Spadina. Exit Northbound (which is the only way you can go) on Spadina. Continue north to Davenport Road (Spadina ends at Davenport). Turn left on Davenport, and take your first right (Walmer Road ), which takes you around to the front of the castle.

**Parking at Casa Loma is complimentary.**

## By Transit (TTC subway)

The TTC traveller has four options to reach Casa Loma by way of public transportation.

1. Go to Dupont station (located two stops north of St. George station on the Spadina- University line) and walk north two blocks on Spadina Ave. At this point, visitors have the option of climbing the Baldwin Steps (110 steps) at Spadina Ave. and Davenport Road or walking up the hill on the west side of the castle.

2. Go to Spadina station and take the Davenport 127 bus to Davenport & Spadina. Get off the bus and climb the Baldwin steps (110 steps ), or take the bus one stop further to Davenport and Walmer and walk up the hill on the west side of the castle.

3. Go to St. Clair West station on the Spadina-University line, walk east on St. Clair to Spadina, turn right (south) and keep walking (approximately 15 minutes) to the castle.

4. Go to St. Clair station on the Yonge line. Take the St. Clair streetcar (going West) to Spadina Road, get off and walk south on Spadina Road (approximate 10 minute walk) to Casa Loma.

