

NATIONAL HEALTH RESEARCH CONFERENCE
Hyatt Regency Hotel, Port of Spain, Trinidad
November 17th 2023
Theme: Healthcare for the Future:
Emerging Threats and Sustainable Solutions

Oral Programme

Thursday, November 17th, 2023

Session 1 OPENING CEREMONY

8:00 am Welcome & Opening remarks
Chairperson: D Simeon

8:15 am FEATURE LECTURE 1
AI and Healthcare
W Frederick

8:55 am Address by Minister of Health, Trinidad and Tobago
Honourable T Deyalsingh

Time SESSION 1: COVID-19 and Emerging Diseases

9:20 am (O-01) Mpox in Trinidad: Clinical features of the first two cases
J Edwards

9:30 am (O-02) Patient-reported outcome measures, one-year after COVID-19: A Cohort Study in South Trinidad, 2020–2021
K Dharamraj, S Motilal

9:40 am (O-03) Complementary and alternative medicine views and practices for the treatment of COVID-19. A Cross Sectional analysis in Eastern Trinidad
SD Thompson, A Bridgelal

9:50 am (O-04) Pythiosis: An emerging disease of dogs in Trinidad and Tobago
K Frontera-Acevedo, L Gyan, R Suepaul, S Rajh, D Supersad, A Bally, I Pargass

10:00 am Question and Answer: Session 1

10:20 am Break/Poster Session 1

Time SESSION 2: Chronic Non-Communicable Diseases

11:30 am (O-05) Modeling the cost of renal replacement therapy in Trinidad and Tobago
H Bailey, S Sanchez, S Teelucksingh

11:40 am (O-06) A pilot study to measure patient satisfaction and medical compliance among deaf and hard of hearing patients, utilizing the public healthcare system in Trinidad and Tobago
C Kendall-Mapp, J Edwards

11:50 am (O-07) The negative experiences of ‘fat’ women accessing healthcare in Trinidad and Tobago
KC Samlal

Time	SESSION 2: Chronic Non-Communicable Diseases
12:00 pm	(O-08) Evaluating the quality of life of renal transplant patients in Trinidad and Tobago using the kidney transplant questionnaire and EuroQol EQ-5D-3L instrument <i>S Sanchez, H Bailey, S Teelucksingh</i>
12:10 pm	Question and Answer: Session 2
12:35 pm	Sponsored Talk
12:55 pm	LUNCH
Time	SESSION 3: Clinical / Laboratory Studies
1:50 pm	(O-09) Molecular diagnosis of Huntington's Disease in Trinidadian families via triplet repeat primed PCR and fragment analysis <i>SN Rajkumar, C Gyan, D Basdeo, RR Haraksingh</i>
2:00 pm	(O-10) Viral metagenomics using the SMART-9N approach to screen for viruses in animal and human tissues <i>A Ramjag, S Nicholls, I M Claro, F Romero R Moreira, G Simmons, N R Faria, C Carrington</i>
2:10 pm	(O-11) Evidence to support CYP2C19 genotype-guided antiplatelet therapy for cardiovascular disease patients in Trinidad <i>D Jones, S Persad-Ramdeensingh, N Seecheran, R Haraksingh</i>
2:20 pm	(O-12) A retrospective study of the antimicrobial profiles of bacterial isolates recovered from food-producing animals presenting at the Large Animal Hospital, School of Veterinary Medicine, the University of the West Indies <i>KC Jaggenath, RA Oakley, CL Paul, M A Driscoll, MJ Morris, AK Persad</i>
2:30 pm	Question and Answer: Session 3
2:55 pm	Sponsored Talk
3:15 pm	BREAK / POSTER SESSION 2
Time	SESSION 4: Mental Health and Dementia
4:15 pm	(O-13) The epidemiology of untreated psychoses in three Global South settings: Findings from the International Programme of Research on Psychotic Disorders <i>C Morgan, A Cohen, GM Esponda, T Roberts, S John, JL Pow, C Donald, B Olley, O Ayinde, J Lam, P Poornachandrika, P Dazzan, F Gaughran, PP Kannan, S Sudhakar, J Burns, B Chiliza, E Susser, HA Weiss, RM. Murray, R Thara, O Gureje, G Hutchinson</i>
4:25 pm	(O-14) Assessing readiness for change among mental health care providers towards the implementation of community-based mental health services in Trinidad and Tobago <i>S Hunte, K Barker, W Arneaud, M Pierre, C Sheppard, C Wiseman, O Ocho</i>
4:35 pm	(O-15) The economic burden of dementia on the household in Trinidad and Tobago <i>AD La Foucade, GK Davis, N Baboolal, C Laptiste, H Ali, D Bethelmie, V Beharry</i>
4:45 pm	(O-16) Cannabis use and psychotic disorders in Trinidad, India and Nigeria: Findings from the International Programme of Research on Psychotic Disorders (INTREPID) II <i>JL Pow, C Donald, M Forti, T Roberts, HA Weiss, O Ayinde, S John, B Olley, A Ojagbemi, GM Esponda, J Lam, P Poornachandrika, P Dazzan, F Gaughran, PP Kannan, S Sudhakar, J Burns, B Chiliza, INTREPID Group, A Cohen, O Gureje, R Thara, RM Murray, C Morgan, G Hutchinson</i>

Time	SESSION 4: Mental Health and Dementia
5:20 pm	FEATURE LECTURE 2 <i>A socio-developmental model for mental illness - the path to prevention</i> <i>G Hutchinson</i>
6:05 pm	Presentation of Prizes and Closing Remarks