

DIVERSE VOICES

SMALL GROUP LEARNING & NETWORKING SESSION

The afternoon group learning and networking session, *Diverse Voices*, will feature presentations from industry experts in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Speakers will draw on first-hand experiences and will prompt conversations around the latest in DE&I in healthcare.

Aliya Tharani Senior Director, Pharmaceutical Partnerships, Shoppers Drug Mart

Aliya Tharani is the Senior Director of Pharmaceutical Partnerships at Shoppers Drug Mart. She is an accomplished leader with wide-ranging experiences in strategic planning and operations in the Healthcare and Pharma sectors. Aliya joined Shoppers Drug Mart in 2017 and has held progressive roles in Corporate Strategy, Digital Health and Pharmacy Operations. She began her career as a Registered Nurse at SickKids Hospital and holds a Master's degree in Health Administration from the University of Toronto. Aliya has been recognized as a dedicated and passionate leader, spending time with community affinity networks, establishing Diversity & Inclusion training modules for volunteer groups and their senior leadership teams. She is focused on curating inclusive work environments, and building talented and diverse teams.



Dr. Kwadwo Kyeremanteng Head of Critical Care, The Ottawa Hospital

Dr. Kwadwo Kyeremanteng is the department head of critical care at The Ottawa Hospital. He dedicates his time to care for the sickest of the sick patients in the intensive care unit (ICU). As a researcher, he is interested in using ICU resources more efficiently and improving access to palliative care in the ICU. To help do this, he founded the Resource Optimization Network, a multidisciplinary research group working to reduce health spending in this area without compromising care. In September 2019 Dr. Kyeremanteng launched his ever-growing podcast "Solving Healthcare with Kwadwo Kyeremanteng" these podcasts feature interviews and discussions on the topic of improving healthcare delivery in Canada. Underpinned by the values of cost-effectiveness, dignity, and justice, these podcasts will challenge the status quo, leaving no stone unturned as we explore gaps, assumptions, and different perspectives in the pursuit of finding solutions to problems in Canada's healthcare system. During the COVID 19 Pandemic Dr. Kyeremanteng created 'Solving Wellness' a virtual health & wellness platform for health care professionals. 'Solving Wellness' has been helping address health care burnout and providing health, fitness and self care for its members.



Zal Press
Executive Director, Patient Commando



Zal Press is the Executive Director of Patient Commando, an organization dedicated to lifting the veil of silence that so often accompanies the onset of illness. He has held numerous patient advisor roles including his current position as Vice Chair, Patient and Community Advisory Committee at CADTH and was founding co-Chair of The Beryl Institute Global Patient and Family Advisory Board, which works to ensure that the voices of patients and families are a central consideration in the strategic direction and offerings of the Institute. Zal has lived with Crohn disease for more than 40 years. He is passionate about illustrating the need for improved health care policy and delivery by sharing stories that enrich our appreciation of the lived illness experience.

Danielle Portnik
Regional Business Director, International, Ambry Genetics



As the Regional Business Director for International with Ambry Genetics, Danielle leads the international business development strategy for Ambry's precision medicine offering in several geographies including the Americas, ANZEA and UK/EU. She has held numerous roles across the pharmaceutical space in product management, marketing, medical affairs and account management where she led Canadian Affiliate strategy and execution for drug and medical device portfolios. Her strong business-clinical background, passion and drive have curated innovative, high impact programs and healthcare partnerships. She has been recognized by both local and global colleagues for her leadership,

unique strategies and outstanding brand growth, and by national and international organizations for her contributions to excellence in the field.

Danielle is a leader in the healthcare inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility (IDEA) space. She is Co-Founder and Chair of Healthcare Businesswomen's Association (HBA) Canada, Co-Chair of the Equity and Diversity Collaborative (EDC) and Steering Committee member of the Inclusive Life Sciences Collaboration (ILSC) where the HBA and collaborator organizations curate opportunities for the advancement of IDEA in the business of healthcare. In 2021, she was awarded the Leadership, Excellence and Dedication Award, highest honour an HBA volunteer can receive, for her impact across the Canada Region and dedication to the HBA mission.

Danielle is also a mentor and speaker at the Ryerson Science Discovery Zone incubator aimed at fostering entrepreneurial ventures and serial speaker at national and local events. She holds a Certified Health Executive (CHE) designation with and has been published by the Canadian College of Health Leaders (CCHL), and holds Master of Biotechnology and Honours Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Toronto.

Niki Papaioannou
Founder, Niki Inc.



Niki Papaioannou is a socially-conscious publicist who believes you either do it with heart, or not at all.

Niki is the business founder of "Niki Inc," a Toronto based publicity firm. A mom of two, a survivor and a philanthropist. Niki is always incorporating a non profit approach to 20% of Niki Inc. lead PR initiatives. It is through these initiatives that Niki Inc. works with superstars and entrepreneurs who want

to improve the state of the planet and tell their unique story. Niki Inc. supports the BIPOC community through her employment selections and her work on with Foodpreneur Lab.

Niki Papaioannou spent over ten years in senior marketing roles with a focus on the casual dining/restaurant sector where she honed her passion for food and storytelling into successful publicity strategies and marketing campaigns. Her collaborative approach of knowing who the audience was and speaking to them in their own vernacular garnered Niki great acclaim within the industry. Not one to stand on her laurels, Niki took extensive media relations training while working at these North American restaurant chains and decided after ten amazing years that it was time to branch out on her own.

Angelina Brathwaite *Senior Client Partner, Brunel Canada*

Angelina Brathwaite has been a driving force behind the global Life Sciences team as a Senior Client Partner with Brunel for the last 17 years. Her seasoned industry experience along with her role as the Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging Leader for Brunel in North America have deepened her understanding of the challenges and opportunities the growing life sciences and biotechnology fields face. Supporting prominent global clients including Sanofi, Astra, and Bayer has allowed her to expand both her extensive knowledge base and networks within the life sciences space.



As a serving board member for Women Leaders in Pharma, Angelina applies her expertise to support her clients in their human capital ambitions. Using her business development skills and account management knowledge, Angelina advises on inclusion and retention strategies that help organiza-

tions achieve their diversity goals.

Angelina's drive and passion for all people come from her desire to see others succeed in all areas of their lives. To foster relationships and the development of her local community, Angelina actively volunteers with multiple non-profits. Angelina is proud to work with the Rexdale Community Health Centre where she served as past Chairman; Boxing Ontario as current Vice President of Administration; Advancing Black Talent in Pharma, Access Employment for Newcomers; and The Mina Project. The Mina Project is dedicated to the initiative of the Learning Enrichment Foundation where she presently serves on the Advisory Board.

Peter Brenders *General Manager, BeiGene Canada*

Peter Brenders is currently the General Manager of BeiGene Canada, leading the Canadian affiliate operations including recruiting and developing a cross-functional team to introduce new cancer therapies.



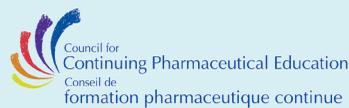
Over the past 30 years, Peter has worked extensively in the Canadian health system, sat on public and private Boards, led in large companies like Sanofi Genzyme, Schering Plough and Genzyme Canada, worked for a health ministry in government, led the Canadian national biotech association, has been the founder and CEO of several startups and was the CEO of the New Brunswick Health Research Foundation.

Peter was inducted into the Canadian Healthcare Marketing Hall of Fame in 2016 and was the founding host of the NPC Podcast leading 40 episodes across five seasons.

He has a science degree from Western, an MBA from McMaster as well as executive education from Harvard and Stanford.



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