

In Collaboration with the University of Manitoba
the Health Sciences Centre Winnipeg presents

THE 30th ANNUAL

BUG DAY



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Overall Program Objectives:

At the end of this program, participants will be able to:

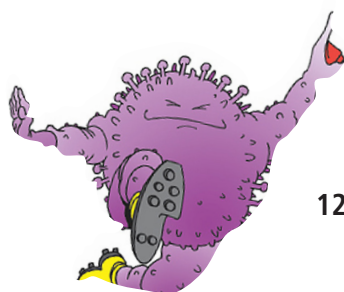
1. Identify the key pathogens that have been clinically and socially relevant over the past 30 years
2. State how the determinants of health influence a person's risk for infection
3. Explain how to modify risk factors for acquisition of infection

Thursday, October 22, 2026

Join us digitally by registering before Oct 21, 2026
at: www.hsc.mb.ca/Bugday.html

Bug Day Agenda

- 0800 - 0805 **Land Acknowledgment**
Chris Christodoulou, MD, Shared Health
- 0805 - 0810 **Opening Comments**
Karen Appel, MD, University of Manitoba
- 0810 - 0815 **Introduction to Bug Day/Grand Rounds**
John Embil, MD, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority
- 0815 - 0830 **Where We Have Been, and Where We Are Going:
A One Health Perspective**
Joss Reimer, MD, Public Health Agency of Canada
- 0830 - 0845 **In Public Health We Trust!**
Brent Roussin, MD, Manitoba Health
- 0845 - 0900 **On the Horizon: Emerging Infectious Diseases**
Ziad Memish, MD, Alfaisal University, Saudi Arabia
- 0900 - 0915 **Questions and Answers**
- 0915 - 0930 **The Ongoing Threat of *Neisseria meningitidis***
Tim Hilderman, MD, Manitoba Health
- 0930 - 0945 **Public Health in Action: *Shigella spp* Outbreak
Response in an Urban Unhoused Population**
Chris Sikora, MD, Primary and Preventative Health Services,
Government of Alberta
- 0945 - 1000 **Keep Calm and Beat the Pandemic!**
Lanette Siragusa, RN, University of Manitoba
- 1000 - 1015 **Questions and Answers**
- 1015 - 1030 **Break**
- 1030 - 1045 **Human Immunodeficiency Virus in Manitoba:
Responding to an Emergency**
Ken Kasper, MD, University of Manitoba
- 1045 - 1100 **All you Want to Know about Syndemics**
Yoav Keynan, MD, University of Manitoba
- 1100 - 1115 **Vaccines in a Time of Climate Change, Megacities,
and Anti-Science**
Peter Hotez, MD, Baylor College of Medicine
- 1115 - 1130 **Questions and Answers**
- 1130 - 1200 **Lunch**



- 1200 - 1300 **Medical Grand Rounds: Trouble on
the Horizon: The Effects of Ultra-Processed Foods on
the Gut Microbiome**
Heather Armstrong, PhD, University of Alberta
- 1300 - 1315 **Canadian Nosocomial Infection Surveillance
Program (CNISP): More than 30 Years of Success and
Knowledge Translation**
John Conly, MD, University of Calgary
- 1315 - 1330 **Expanding Canadian Surveillance for Antimicrobial
Resistance**
Kelly Choi, MSc, Public Health Agency of Canada
- 1330 - 1345 **Canadian Surveillance for Symptomatic Urinary Tract
Infections in Long-Term Care Facilities in Canada**
Jessica Bartoszko, PhD, Public Health Agency of Canada
- 1345 - 1400 **Questions and Answers**
- 1400 - 1415 **Evolving Diagnostics for Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease:
A Thirty-Year Journey**
Stephanie Booth, PhD, National Microbiology Laboratory
- 1415 - 1430 **Microbiology in Action: Microbiological Emergency
Response Team**
Kym Antonation, MPH, National Microbiology Laboratory
- 1430 - 1445 **Lyme Infection-Associated Chronic Illnesses and
Updates on Lyme Disease Etiology in Canada**
Heather Coatsworth, PhD, National Microbiology
Laboratory
- 1445 - 1500 **Questions and Answers**
- 1500 - 1515 **Break**
- 1515 - 1530 **Q Fever – The Fog Comes on Little Cat Feet**
Thomas Marie, MD, Dalhousie University
- 1530 - 1545 **Case Studies in Travel Medicine:
Always Expect the Unexpected!**
Philippe Lagacé-Wiens, MD, Shared Health Manitoba
- 1545 - 1600 **Malaria Vaccines: Life Saving but not for Everyone**
Pierre Plourde, MD, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority
- 1600 - 1615 **Questions and Answers**

