

2026 NSO SYMPOSIUM

20 YEARS OF NEWBORN SCREENING: PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

SEPTEMBER 14-15, 2026
DELTA HOTEL, OTTAWA, ON

TIME	DAY 1: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026
8-10AM	Breakfast & Registration (Ballroom foyer)
	Endocrinology Disease Specific Working Group Chaudiere room, closed session
PAST (Ballroom A & B)	
10AM-12PM	Opening and Welcome - Neal Sondheimer, MD. Ph.D, Newborn Screening Ontario 20 Years of NSO - Jennifer Milburn, MHA, Newborn Screening Ontario Founders Panel - Carol Appathurai; Pranesh Chakraborty, MD; Michael Geraghty, MD; Dirk Huyer, MD; André Marin, B.A., LL.L.-JD Poster Speed Presentations
12-1PM	Lunch & Exhibits (Ballroom C)
PRESENT (Ballroom A & B)	
1-2:25PM	The false comfort of methionine-based newborn screening: Are we screening homocystinuria—or just measuring methionine - Osama Aldirbashi, PhD, FCCMG, DABMGG Pan-Canadian data sharing for quality improvement in newborn screening - Graham Sinclair, PhD FCCMG
2:25-2:40PM	Break & Exhibits (Ballroom C)
2:40-4PM	Program review post-implementation of newborn screening for X-linked adrenoleukodystrophy in Ontario - Nathalie Lepage, PhD, FCCMG, FCACB, Newborn Screening Ontario Selected Abstracts
4-5PM	Poster viewing session (Ballroom A & B)
6PM	Gala dinner (Delta penthouse)



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TIME	DAY 2: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026		
8-9AM	Breakfast (Ballroom C)		
FUTURE (Ballroom A & B)			
9-10:25AM	INFANT update - Kristin Kernohan, PhD, Newborn Screening Ontario T1DM by Genetic Risk Score - Kirstine Bell, MD, University of Sydney		
10:25-10:40AM	Break & Exhibits (Ballroom C)		
10:40AM-12PM	Selected Abstracts Operationalizing the Wilson-Jungner screening principles for the genomics era - Nina Gold, MD, MS, Harvard University		
12-12:15PM	Closing		
Lunch (Ballroom C)			
1-2:45PM	CCHD Disease Specific Working Group Joliet room, closed session	SCID Disease Specific Working Group Frontenac room, closed session	CDA-NBS Meeting Richelieu room, closed session
2:45-3:15PM	Break and refreshments		
3:15-5PM	Biliary Atresia Disease Specific Working Group Joliet room, closed session	Neurology Disease Specific Working Group Frontenac room, closed session	PHL Genetics Disease Specific Working Group Richelieu room, closed session



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Sessions occurring on Wednesday, September 16 are by invitation only:

TIME	WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026
8-9AM	Continental breakfast (Chaudiere room)
9-11AM	Metabolic Disease Specific Working Group Chaudiere room, closed session
11-2PM	NSO AC and Lunch Chaudiere room, closed session

This conference will be submitted for Canadian Board of Genetic Counselling (CBGC) credits.



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