14th Annual BRI Symposium
At the Forefront of Radical Change: Transformational discoveries in childhood disability research

The 14th Annual BRI Symposium is an opportunity to showcase the leaps and bounds that Canadian research has made in advancing the field of childhood disability globally through ground-breaking research, discovery, innovation, family engagement, and action.

The symposium is Canada's largest hospital-based paediatric disability health research conference that features Holland Bloorview's scientific and academic leadership, and highlights current and upcoming research with the greatest impact in the lives of kids with disabilities and their families.

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast mingle
9:00 – 9:20 a.m. Welcoming remarks
9:20 – 9:50 a.m. Keynote: Lived Experience of Inclusion and Equity
Presented by: Jonathan Nayler
9:50 – 10:10 a.m. Quick hits
10:10 – 10:30 a.m. Break
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10:50 – 11:10 a.m. Re-thinking AAC
Presented by: Kaela Shea, Pierre Duez and Beth Dangerfield
11:20 – 12:20 p.m. Breakout sessions
Equity, diversity and inclusion
Big data and open access in pediatric disability research
Expanding the impact of research through global collaborations
Arts based research
12:30 – 1:15 p.m. Lunch (cafeteria)
1:15 – 2:45 p.m. Poster Session and Partnership Showcase (atrium)
2:50 – 3:10 p.m. Nobody is talking to me about sex! How can healthcare providers best talk about sexuality with children and youth with disabilities?
Presented by: Amy McPherson, Caron Gan and Andrew Gurza
3:10 – 3:30 p.m. Brain Monitoring in Neurorehabilitation
Presented by: Vera Nenadovic and Lindsey Stewart
3:30 – 4:15 p.m. Keynote: Mickey Milner International Professorship Lecture
Human-Machine Interaction and Socially Assistive Robotics as Pathways to Personalizing Care, Health, and Wellness
Presented by: Dr. Maja Mataric,
Chan Soon-Shiong Distinguished Professor of Computer Science, Neuroscience, and Pediatrics, University of Southern California
4:15 – 4:30 p.m. Closing remarks
4:40 – 6:00 p.m. Award ceremony and reception (atrium)