



BRI SYMPOSIUM EVENT AGENDA

November 25, 2025

From Ideas to Action: Advancing Transformational Care and Support in Childhood-Onset Disability

8:00 – 8:30 AM Registration and Networking Breakfast

8:30 – 8:40 AM Meeting Opening

Co-Hosts:

Dr. Evdokia Anagnostou, Vice President, Research and Director, Bloorview

Research Institute

Family Leader, Event Co-Hosts

8:40 – 9:00 AM Welcoming Remarks

Presented by: Julia Hanigsberg, President and CEO, Holland Bloorview

Presented by: (TBC)

9:00 – 10:00 AM Keynote: Mickey Milner International Professorship Lecture

From the lab to the pediatrician's office: How biomechanics research can

change clinical practice

Presented by: **Dr. Mark D. Geil**, Professor of Biomechanics, MOVE Center for Rehabilitation Science and Engineering, Kennesaw State University, and

Research Investigator, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

10:00 – 10:20 AM Refreshment and Networking Break

10:20 – 11:10 AM Welcome Remarks and Introduction to Trainee Presentations

Presented by: (TBC)

Student/Trainee Presentations

Presented by: BRI trainees

Four trainees – 10 min slots (including 2 mins for questions)

11:10 AM – 12:00 PM Research Poster Presentations and Exhibits

12:00 – 1:15 PM Lunch, Networking and Exhibits

1:15 – 2:15 PM The Silent Genomes Project

Presented by: (TBC)

2:15 – 3:15 PM **Breakout Sessions**

Session 1 Theme: Ethics in big data and artificial intelligence

Session 2 Theme: Interinstitutional learnings on family engagement







Session 3 Theme: Democratizing health care through technology Session 4 Theme: Engaging community partners on developing research opportunities

3:15 – 3:45 PM **Networking and Exhibits**

3:45 – 4:45 PM BRI Research Talks

Walking with my robot' and other steps along a technology-woven path: Research partnership reflections of a pediatric physiotherapist scientist Presented by: Dr. Virginia Wright, Senior Scientist, BRI

Employment as a social determinant of health for young people with disabilities

Presented by: Dr. Sally Lindsay, Senior Scientist, BRI

4:45 – 5:10 PM Recognition of Family Engagement in Research

Presented by: Dr. Tim Ross, Scientist, BRI, Co-Chair, BRI Research Family

Engagement Committee

Research Family Engagement Committee – Family Leader Award BRI Scientist – Family Leadership Collaboration Award

5:10 – 5:15 PM Closing Remarks

Dr. Evdokia Anagnostou, Vice President, Research and Director, Bloorview

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Family Leader, Event Co-Hosts (TBC)

5:15 – 6:15 PM Evening Reception







November 26, 2025

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8:30 – 9:00 AM Networking Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 AM Welcoming remarks

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Presented by: (TBC)

9:15 – 10:45 AM Pursuit Awards Presentations

Presented by: Pursuit Award finalists

(3 presentations)

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11:00 – 11:45 AM Welcome Remarks and Introduction to Trainee Presentations

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Student/Trainee Presentations

Presented by: BRI trainees

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12:15 – 1:30 PM Lunch, Networking and Exhibits

1:30 – 2:30 PM Keynote presentation

Knowledge Mobilization and Implementation Science: Moving from Theory

to Practice in Children's Health

Presented by: Dr. Christine Cassidy, Associate Professor, School of Nursing,

Dalhousie University & Clinician Scientist, IWK Health

2:30 – 3:30 PM BRI Research Talks

Partnering with community clinicians to optimize care for autistic children

and their families across Canada

Presented by: Dr. Melanie Penner, Senior Clinician Scientist, Developmental

Pediatrician, BRI

Title TBC

Presented by: **Dr. Azadeh Kushki**, Associate Chief of Data Science, Senior Scientist, Canada Research Chair (Tier II) in Neurodiversity and Personalized

Health







3:30 - 3:45 PM **Refreshment and Networking Break**

3:45 - 4:15 PM **Awards Ceremony**

- **Graduate Student Awards**
 - o Kimel Family Graduate Student Scholarship in Pediatric Rehabilitation
 - Kimel Family Graduate Student Scholarships in Pediatric Disability Research
- Whipper Watson Graduate Research Scholarship
- Dr. John Whittaker Memorial Cerebral Palsy Award
- Emerging Research Leadership Award
- Academic Scholar Award
- Academic promotion
- Judging Panel and People's Choice Research Poster
- People's Choice Student/Trainee Presentation

4:15 - 4:20 PM **Closing Remarks**

> Dr. Evdokia Anagnostou, Vice President, Research and Director, Bloorview Research Institute



