



HOPINGKONG WORKSHOP IN COMPLEX MEDICINE

**THURSDAY JUNE 12, 2025
1-5PM**

A VIRTUAL CME EVENT

One of the core competencies of a General Internist functioning in the Canadian context is that of expert diagnostician. General Internists, particularly those with an outpatient practice, are often asked to see patients referred from the Emergency Department or from primary care providers, with symptoms or constellations of symptoms, signs, and investigations, around which diagnostic uncertainty exists. It is often the goal of the referring physician that the consultant consider rare conditions with which they may have only passing familiarity, or with which they may be completely unfamiliar. The referring physician may also not have found, or even be suspicious of, a unifying medical diagnosis, but seeks a second opinion, or reassurance that it is unlikely something has been missed.

Achievement of proficiency in the care of this population, and in answering complex questions to provide helpful consultations, requires a unique skillset in addition to extensive clinical experience. While trainees are exposed to this type of practice in outpatient clinics or subspecialty rotations, many General Internists acquire the requisite skills after training, when exposed to these questions in practice. While this may be sufficient, there is an opportunity to identify key concepts while in training to develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes, to be an effective generalist consultant practicing at a high level. This workshop aims to hone the unique skillset required for this practice for both advanced learners and practicing clinicians, and to form a supportive network of like-minded colleagues.

Goals: Gain exposure to the diagnosis and management of rare conditions, and develop skills in managing uncertainty in clinical practice

Learning Objectives: After active engagement in this program, participants will be better able to:

1. Identify “high yield” rare conditions and employ strategies to diagnose and manage these conditions
2. Identify cognitive biases and traps in diagnosis and apply strategies to mitigate these risks
3. Determine strategies for optimal communication in nuanced and/or difficult situations, and apply these skills when communicating uncertainty to patients
4. Illustrate the importance of referral networks in a high-level generalist practice, and begin to build one’s own referral network
5. Describe the knowledge and skills required to advocate on behalf of patients with orphan and/or rare conditions

Agenda:

Time (EDT)	Type	Speaker
1:00 PM	Welcome and Introductions	David Frost
1:10PM	Diagnostic Reasoning and Rare Conditions: Rapid Cases <i>concurrent small group sessions</i>	Case presenters below
2:10PM	Break	
2:30PM	Keynote Address: <i>"What every physician should know about diagnostic error"</i>	Janice Kwan
3:30PM	Break	
3:45PM	Diagnostic Reasoning and Rare Conditions: Rapid Cases <i>concurrent small group sessions</i>	Case presenters below
4:45PM	Closing Remarks	David Frost

Please join us for this fully virtual, interactive workshop [here](#).

Note that the workshop will be conducted in Zoom, and for the best experience we recommend that you download Zoom to your desktop if you do not already have it. You can do that [here](#).

Chat in Zoom will be enabled, and we will encourage participation on camera and in the chat to discuss or submit questions to our speakers.

If you need technical support, please email support@kingevents.ca for assistance at any time.

Concurrent Small Group Sessions:

Prior to the workshop, you will be notified of your breakout room number in preparation for the small group sessions. A reminder will also be listed in the workshop introduction.

Case Presenters:

Dr Tarek Abdelhalim, Division of General Internal Medicine, University Health Network
 Dr Lori Albert, Division of Rheumatology, University Health Network
 Dr Emily Bartsch, General Internal Medicine Training Program, University of Toronto
 Dr Sarah Blissett, Division of Cardiology, Western University
 Dr Rodrigo B. Cavalcanti, Division of General Internal Medicine, University Health Network
 Dr Alison Lai, Division of General Internal Medicine, University Health Network
 Dr Tom MacMillan, Division of General Internal Medicine, University Health Network
 Dr Tara O'Brien, Division of General Internal Medicine, Women's College Hospital
 Dr Tosin Osuntokun, Division of Cardiology, Women's College Hospital
 Dr James Rassos, Division of General Internal Medicine, Dt Michael's Hospital
 Dr Rupal Shah, Division of General Internal Medicine, University Health Network
 Dr Kulraj Singh, Division of General Internal Medicine, Trillium Health Partners

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Bios available here

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