

2026 PH
COMMUNITY
CONFERENCE
& SCIENTIFIC
SESSIONS
September 24-26
VANCOUVER
PATHWAY OF HOPE

THE PULMONARY HYPERTENSION
ASSOCIATION OF CANADA PRESENTS

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CONFERENCE



2026

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

THURSDAY - SATURDAY
September 24-26

VANCOUVER, BC



Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge that the 2026 PH Community Conference is taking place on the traditional and unceded territory of the Musqueam people, who have cared for and maintained a deep connection to these lands and waters since time immemorial.

As we gather here to learn, share, and build community, we do so with deep respect for the original caretakers of this land and a commitment to reconciliation, inclusion, and meaningful action.

Welcome to the 2026 PH Community Conference



Welcome

On behalf of the Pulmonary Hypertension Association of Canada, we are pleased to welcome you to the 2026 PH Community Conference. This year, we gather around the theme *Pathway of Hope*—a reminder that while the path with pulmonary hypertension may not always be easy or predictable, it is a journey that can also be marked by optimism and anticipation of a more promising future.

Hope can take many forms. It can be found in a new treatment, a research breakthrough, a conversation with someone who understands, or simply in the courage to keep moving forward. As Michelle Obama reminds us, “Hope is the essential spark that lights the fire of change, but hope is a choice.” Together, we have the power to choose hope—and to turn it into action.

This conference brings together people living with PH, caregivers, healthcare professionals, researchers, advocates, and supporters. Together, we share experiences, learn, connect, and discover new possibilities. We hope you leave feeling supported, inspired, and reminded that you are part of a caring community. Thank you for joining us on our Pathway of Hope.

With gratitude,
Joan Paulin, Board Chair, & Jamie Myrah, Executive Director

Conference at a Glance

Thursday, September 24th

**by invitation only*
***paid event*

Time	Event	Room
12:00 - 5:00 pm	*Canadian PH Trials Network Meeting	Westminster Salon
7:30 - 4:00 pm	*Canadian PH Professionals Network Meeting	Cedarbridge
5:00 - 6:00 pm	Scientific Sessions Cocktail Reception	Harold's Bistro & Bar
6:00 - 9:00 pm	**Connect & Learn Dinner Program	Westminster Salon

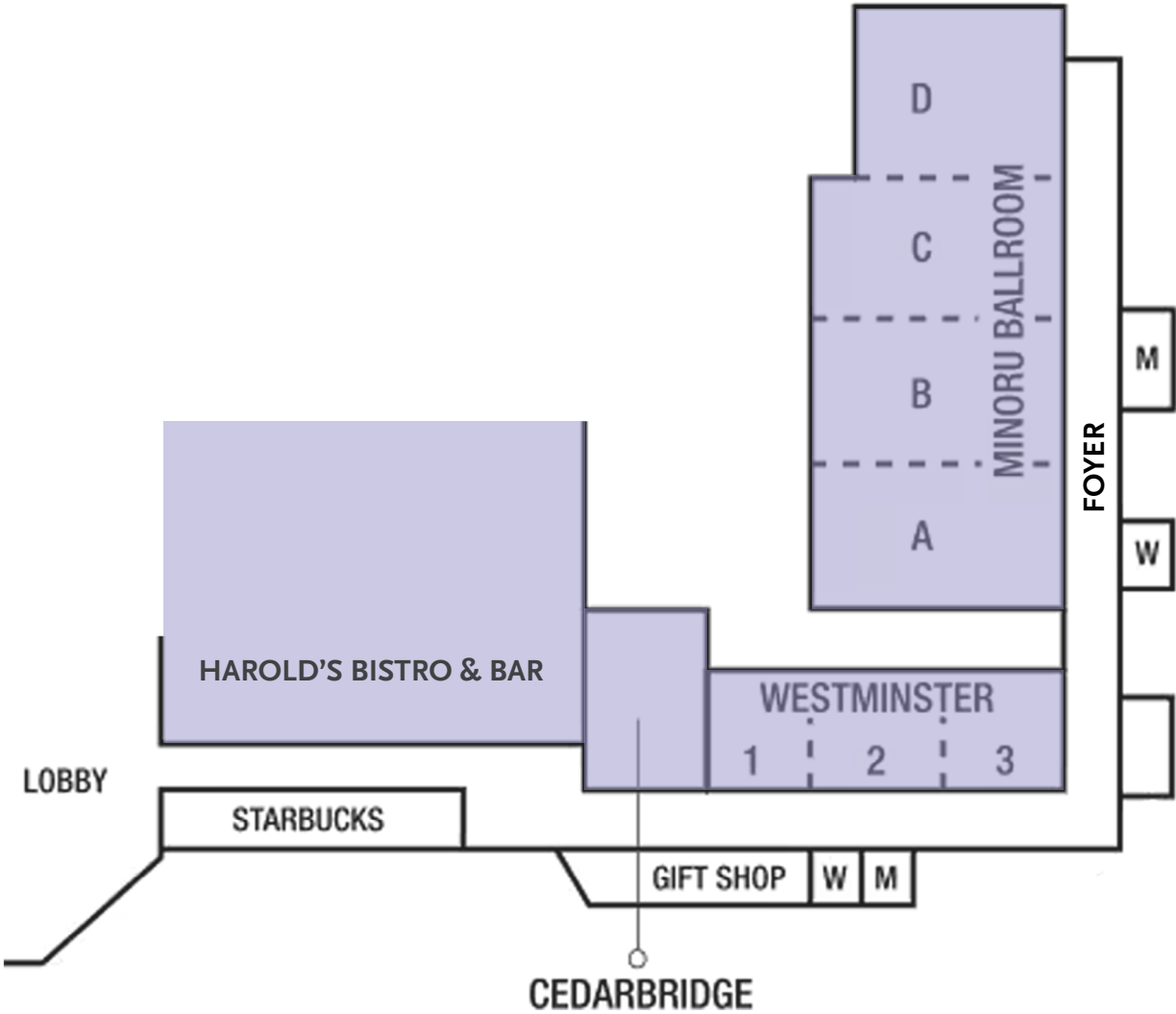
Friday, September 25th

7:00 - 5:00 pm	**National PH Scientific Sessions	Westminster Salon
8:00 - 3:00 pm	*Leadership Training	Cedarbridge
3:30 - 5:00 pm	Gather & Connect: Medicine Bag Activity	Cedarbridge
5:00 - 7:00 pm	Welcome Reception	Minoru Ballroom

Saturday, September 26th

8:00 - 4:30 pm	PH Patient & Family Symposium	Minoru Ballroom
8:00 - 9:00 am	Registration & Breakfast	Foyer
9:00 - 10:30 am	Opening Plenary	Minoru Ballroom
10:30 - 10:45 am	Break	Minoru D
10:45 - 11:30 am	Breakout Sessions	Multiple Rooms
11:30 - 12:00 pm	Break	Minoru D
12:00 - 12:45 pm	Breakout Sessions	Multiple Rooms
12:45 - 1:45 pm	Lunch	Minoru D
1:45 - 2:45 pm	Community Open House	Multiple Rooms
2:45 - 3:15 pm	Break	Minoru D
3:15 - 4:00 pm	Breakout Sessions	Multiple Rooms
4:00 - 4:30 pm	Closing Remarks	Minoru Ballroom

Conference Floor Plan



The Canadian Pulmonary Hypertension Trials Network

The Canadian Pulmonary Hypertension Trials Network (CaPH-Net) is a national research network uniting clinicians, researchers, trainees, and patients in partnership with PHA Canada. Designed to address the need for stronger collaboration and patient engagement in PH research, CaPH-Net supports the development and coordination of investigator-driven clinical trials in Canada and internationally. The network provides PH centres of excellence with resources for trial start-up, strengthens grant and protocol development through peer review, and fosters mentorship and capacity building. By enhancing collaboration, resource sharing, and stakeholder engagement, CaPH-Net is working to accelerate innovation and improve outcomes for people living with PH in Canada and beyond.

Thursday, September 24 – 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Location: Westminster Salon

Co-Chairs: Dr. Jason Weatherald & Jamie Myrah

The Canadian PH Professionals Network (CPHPN) brings together nurses and allied health professionals dedicated to improving care for people living with pulmonary hypertension and their caregivers. Through leadership, education, and professional development, CPHPN provides a national forum to advance best practices, share knowledge and resources, extend collegial support, and foster mentorship. The network also promotes collaboration on research and practice issues while working closely with PHA Canada to strengthen care and support for the PH community.

Thursday, September 24 – 7:30 am – 4:00 pm
Meals: sponsored by Johnson & Johnson and Merck

Location: Cedarbridge

CPHPN Executive

Co-Chairs – Andrea Gardner, Kelly Kerwin & Janette Reyes

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7th National PH Scientific Sessions

The **7th National PH Scientific Sessions** (previously called the PH Medical Think Tank) is a forum that brings together physicians, nurses, allied health care providers, researchers, and trainees to advance pulmonary hypertension (PH) care. The event promotes collaboration through discussions on the latest research, emerging treatments, and best practices in patient care. By fostering interdisciplinary exchange, the Scientific Sessions advances knowledge and supports innovation to improve outcomes for people living with PH.

Connect & Learn Dinner Program

Thursday, September 24 – 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Meals: Dinner sponsored by Merck

Scientific Sessions

Friday, September 25 – 7:00 am – 5:00 pm

Meals: Breakfast sponsored by Shoppers; lunch sponsored by Johnson & Johnson; event break sponsored by Liquidia

Location: Westminster Salon

PH Scientific Sessions Program Committee

Dr. John Granton, Chair

Dr. Angela Bates

Dr. George Chandy

Dr. Paul Hernandez

Kimberly Lindroth, NP

Dr. Rhea Varughese

Dr. Erika Vorhies

Exhibits

Explore the exhibits featured at this year's Scientific Sessions:

Eitan: Drug delivery and infusion pump solutions across the continuum of care from the hospital to the home

Liquidia: Guided by compassion, committed to patients

Merck: Where patients come first

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Patient & Family Symposium

The **PH Patient & Family Symposium** brings together patients, caregivers, families, and medical professionals from across the country to learn, share, and connect. The symposium offers education on the latest research and treatments, practical tools for living with pulmonary hypertension, and opportunities to build meaningful connections within the PH community.

Welcome Reception:

Friday, September 25 – 5:00 pm - 7:00pm

Welcome reception sponsored by Merck

Patient & Family Symposium:

Saturday, September 26 – 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Meals: Breakfast sponsored by McKesson; lunch sponsored by Johnson & Johnson

Location: Various, see symposium agenda

Symposium Program Committee

Kate Salonga, Chair
Angele Belliveau

Allison Cain
Allison Feenstra

Jas James
Brad Lynch

Event Volunteers

Angele Belliveau
Allison Cain
Allison Feenstra
Kelly Gould
Jas James
Rick James
Brad Lynch
Scott Martin

Cynthia Neilson
Brooke Paulin
Joan Paulin
John Pettifor
Michael Pohanka
Janette Reyes
Marion Roth
Kate Salonga

Allison Shaw
Connie Sherba
Beth Slaunwhite
Guillaume Thibeault
Onna White
Cam Wint

PHAware Podcast



We are pleased to welcome PHAware to record interviews with the Canadian PH community.

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In-Kind Support

We are pleased to offer on-site oxygen support for attendees, thanks to our partnership with Vital Aire.



Ways to Give & Win

50/50 Raffle - Scientific Sessions

Try your luck at winning our 50/50 raffle. This event is only open to participants of Scientific Sessions, so your odds are great! Ticket sales open Thursday night and close after the last speaker on Friday. You must be in the room to claim your prize!

Ticket prices:

1 for \$20 | 3 for \$50 | 7 for \$100

Fundraising Raffle

Ready to win big and support the PH community? Join our fundraising raffle and get the chance to take home amazing prizes — all while helping raise funds for PHA Canada!

Friday, September 25 – 5:00 pm – 6:45 pm

Location: Minoru Ballroom

Purchase your raffle tickets at the event and drop them in the bag for the prize you'd like to win. All prizes will be drawn live at 6:45 pm, and you must be in the room to claim your prize!

Ticket Prices:

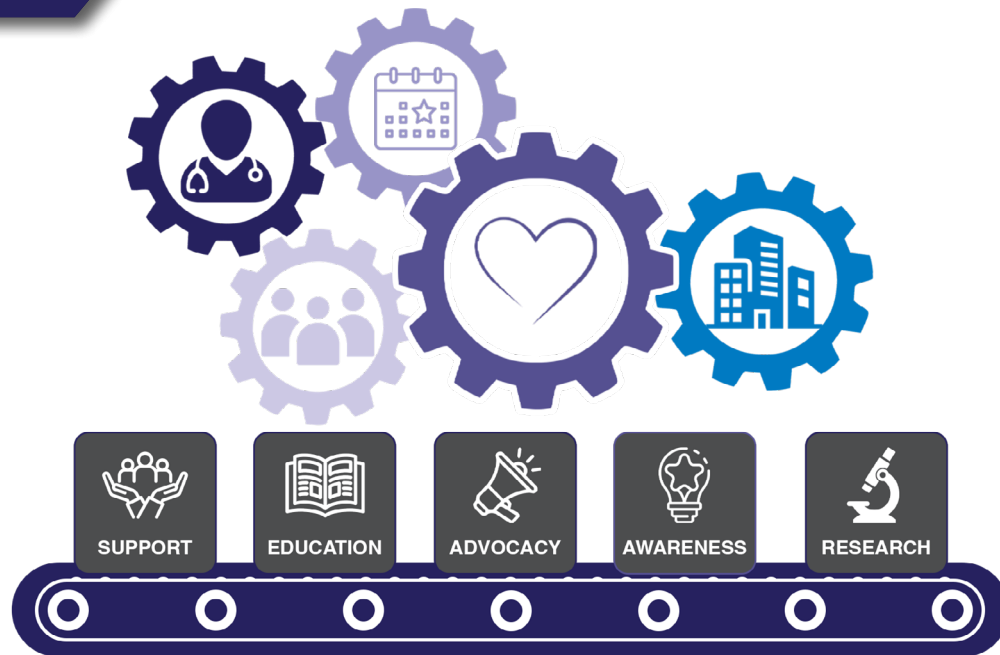
1 for \$2 | 3 for \$5 | 7 for \$10

Fabulous Raffle Prizes Up for Grabs, including:

Blissy zebra silk pillowcase	Microwave cozies
Bottles of wine	PoCo Bowl One-Lane All-Inclusive Party Package
Butchart Gardens passes	Silk scarf (Native pattern)
Canadian Tire gift card	Towel sets
Cotton Poly Ogee Throw	Two \$100 gift baskets from White Spot
Jacket and golf shirt	And more...
Maple syrup treats and chocolate droppings	

Auction

Want something even more exciting? Get in on our auction for a chance to win Hilti Power tools!



LEADERSHIP GIVING



TOGETHER, WE DRIVE IMPACT

Leadership isn't defined by title—it's defined by purpose.

PHA Canada's Leadership Giving program recognizes individuals and organizations whose generosity and fundraising leadership make a significant difference for Canadians living with pulmonary hypertension.

Become a Leadership Giving donor by giving or raising \$2,500+ annually through personal giving, an event, or the 6-Minute Walk for Breath.

Leadership Advocate | \$2,500–\$4,999

Leadership Champion | \$5,000–\$9,999

Leadership Visionary | \$10,000+

Our Leadership Giving community includes Leaders in Care, Compassion, Corporate Citizenship, and Action—healthcare providers, community supporters, corporate, and fundraisers united by a shared purpose.

Leadership Gifts provide flexible funding for support, education, advocacy, awareness, and research, helping PHA Canada respond where the need is greatest.

Ready to become a Leadership Giving donor?

Contact Shelley Grogan at sgrogan@phacanada.ca.

The 6-Minute Walk for Breath



6-Minute Walk for Breath

Date: November 21, 2026

Location: Nationwide

Every year, the 6-Minute Walk for Breath brings together Canadians from coast to coast to raise awareness, funds, and community support for those living with pulmonary hypertension. This fall, join us for our nationwide event and help make every breath count.

Inspired by the strength, resilience, and daily effort of people living with pulmonary hypertension, this meaningful walk connects participants in local communities across Canada — from small towns to major cities — with a shared purpose: to support life-changing support, education, advocacy, awareness and research.

Be Part of the Movement — SIGN UP TODAY!

How to Participate

Join a Local Walk in Your Area

We are always looking for new locations and community leaders — bring the 6-Minute Walk for Breath to your town or city this fall! Connect with us to register your walk.

2026 Walk Locations:

Calgary, AB
Edmonton, AB
Halifax, NS
Hamilton, ON

London, ON
Moncton, NB
Ottawa, ON
Peterborough, ON

Regina, SK
Saskatoon, SK
St. John's, NL
Toronto, ON

Vancouver, BC
Winnipeg, MB
Your city/town!

Virtual Participants Welcome

Can't make it in person? Register as a virtual walker and join the day's events online. It's a great way to support the cause from anywhere.

Fundraise — Make an Even Bigger Impact

The 6-Minute Walk for Breath is more than a walk — it's an opportunity to fundraise and amplify your impact:

- Walk solo in honour of someone you know
- Create a team and raise funds together
- Encourage community giving to support PH programs

Get Involved — Today

Ready to make a difference?

Connect with us to learn more about setting up a team!

Contact Shelley Grogan

sgrogan@phacanada.ca

Together, we take strides toward a world where everyone with pulmonary hypertension is seen, supported, and empowered — one step at a time.





Thank You for Being Part of Our PH Community

Thank you for joining us for the 2026 PH Community Conference and for helping make this gathering so meaningful.

We hope you leave feeling informed, connected, supported, and inspired as we continue along our Pathway of Hope together.

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