



2026 Annual Grief and Bereavement Symposium

Meeting People Where They're At

Compassionate, Equitable Care for All

Event Program September 29, 2026

08:30 – 09:00 AM **Registration & Breakfast**

09:00 – 09:10 AM **Welcome & Introductions**
Leiah Shea, PalCare Education & Training Coordinator

09:10 – 09:30 AM **Gratitude Address**
Anita Nakou, Mohawk Six Nations of the Grand River

09:30 – 10:30 AM **Meeting People Where They're At: Living & Dying on the Streets;**
Keynote Advancing Health Justice in Our Communities
Dr. Naheed Dosani, MSC, MD, CCFP(PC), FCFP, BSc

10:30 – 10:45 AM **Break & Networking**

Panel Discussion facilitated by Dr. Naheed Dosani, MSC, MD, CCFP(PC), FCFP, BSc
Eric Coates, Lead Community Paramedic, York Region Community Paramedicine
Katie Kelusky, Director of Operations, Community Living York South
Dr. Adrienne Lebner, MD, MHSc, CCFP(PC) Southlake Health, Margaret Bahen Hospice
Debra Walko, Chief Client Care Officer, LOFT Community Services
Rachel Warren, Indigenous Patient Navigator, Central Regional Cancer Program

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM **Lunch & Networking**

12:45 – 1:15 PM **Community Paramedicine Outreach Team, CPORT**
Eric Coates, Lead Community Paramedic, York Region Community Paramedicine

Community Living York South
1:15 – 1:45 PM Eugenie Lau, Community Support Worker, Community Living York South
Amelia Mez-Aris, Individualized Planning Facilitator, Community Living York South

Central Regional Indigenous Cancer Program
1:45 – 2:15 PM Justine Welburn, Indigenous Project Coordinator, Central Regional Cancer Program

2:15 – 2:30 PM **Break & Networking**

2:30 – 3:00 PM **Loft Community Services**
Debra Walko, Chief Client Care Officer, LOFT Community Services

3:00 – 3:30 PM **Grief Literacy & Personal Perspectives**
Sarah Brown, M.A, RP

Closing Remarks
3:30 – 4:00 PM Leiah Shea, PalCare Education & Training Coordinator
Carol Edward, Vice President Hospice Palliative Care