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September 15



2026 Annual Grief and Bereavement Symposium

Meeting People Where They're At

Compassionate, Equitable Care for All

Join us for a full day of education and networking as speakers and organizations share innovative approaches to advancing compassionate, equitable care that meets people where they're at.

Keynote

Meeting People Where They're At;

Living & Dying on the Streets:
Advancing Health Justice in Our
Communities



Date:
Tuesday, September 29, 2026



Location:
Stonehaven Banquet Hall
63 Eric T Smith Way, Aurora, ON L4G 0K2



Time:
8:30 AM – 4:00 PM



Dr. Naheed Dosani

MSC, MD, CCFP(PC), FCFP, BSc

- Founder & Lead, Palliative Education And Care for the Homeless (PEACH), Inner City Health Associates
- Palliative Care Physician, St Michael's Hospital,
- Unity Health Toronto
- Medical Director/Health Equity Lead, Kensington Hospice/Kensington Health
- Health Equity Advisor, Canadian Partnership Against Cancer
- Assistant Professor, Department of Family & Community Medicine, University of Toronto

Panel Discussion

Facilitated by Dr. Naheed Dosani

Featuring panelists from:

- Association for Community Living
- York Region Community Paramedicine
- Southlake Health & Margaret Bahen Hospice
- LOFT Community Services
- Central Regional Indigenous Cancer Program

Spend the afternoon hearing from local organizations as they share how they are meeting people where they're at.

Registration Fees:

Volunteer: **\$75**; Professional: **\$125**; Table of 8: **\$800**
Breakfast, lunch and refreshments included with registration



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Event Program

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 Keynote	Meeting People Where They're At: Living & Dying on the Streets; Advancing Health Justice in Our Communities Dr. Naheed Dosani, MSC, MD, CCFP(PC), FCFP, BSc
10:30 – 10:45 AM	Break & Networking
10:45 – 11:45 AM	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
1:15 – 1:45 PM	Community Living York South Eugenie Lau, Community Support Worker, Community Living York South Amelia Mez-Aris, Individualized Planning Facilitator, Community Living York South
1:45 – 2:15 PM	Central Regional Indigenous Cancer Program 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
3:30 – 4:00 PM	Closing Remarks Leiah Shea, PalCare Education & Training Coordinator Carol Edward, Vice President Hospice Palliative Care