

15th Annual DREAM Diabetes Symposium

NEW PERSPECTIVES IN DIABETES

November 4th & 5th, 2026, Winnipeg, MB



Speaker Bios



Diane Wherrett, MD, FRCPC is a pediatric endocrinologist at the Hospital for Sick Children and Professor at University of Toronto. Her clinical interests are in the care of children living with type 1 diabetes as well as in the care of children with differences of sex development. Dr. Wherrett's research interests are focused on type 1 diabetes with the goal of delaying and preventing progression of the disease. She is the Centre Director, Steering Committee Member and the lead investigator for a network of Type 1 Diabetes TrialNet sites across Canada. Dr. Wherrett also leads a Canadian research consortium, Canadian Population Screening for Risk of Type 1 Diabetes Research Consortium (CanScreen T1D).

Presenting November 5, 2026, 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. CST

Dylan Burger, PhD is a Senior Scientist at the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute where he serves as Associate Director of the Inflammation and Chronic Disease Program and Director of the Kidney Research Centre. He is a Professor in the Department at the University of Ottawa. Dr. Burger is an internationally recognized expert on extracellular vesicle biology and their signaling in diabetes, aging, and renal disease.



Presenting November 5, 2026, 9:55 – 10:25 a.m. CST



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Claudia Gagnon, MD, FRCPC is an adult endocrinologist at CHU de Québec-Université Laval and full professor in the Department of Medicine at Université Laval. She is also a researcher at CHU de Québec-Université Laval Research Centre and at the Québec Heart and Lung Institute Research Centre in Québec City. A large part of her clinical practice focuses on the treatment of osteoporosis, metabolic bone diseases and disorders of phosphocalcic metabolism. Her main research interests are on the impact of type 1 diabetes, obesity and bariatric surgery on bone health.

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Nicole Krentz, PhD is an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of British Columbia. Her independent research lab at UBC studies the molecular mechanisms underlying the genetic contribution to diabetes risk, with the goal of advancing personalized medicine approaches to diabetes care. Dr. Krentz was awarded the 2024 John C Hutton Rising Star Award from the Western Regional Islet Study Group and a Career Development Award from Breakthrough T1D.



Presenting November 5, 2026, 1:40 – 2:10 p.m. CST

