



Canadian Orthopaedic Nurses Association (CONA)

Conference Day

June 10th, 2026 – 0800-1630 Location:

Time	
0730-0750 (20 mins)	Welcome, Introductions & Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kavitha Nadarajah-Gbeve Past President of CONA National Board and Conference Planner Land Acknowledgement – Kavitha Nadarajah-Gbeve CONA Past President Welcome from John Maruyama CONA President
0750- 0800 (10 mins)	Dr. Sukhdeep Dulai – COA president Welcome
0800 -0840 (40 mins)	Paediatric Orthopaedic topic TBD – Dr. Sukhdeep Dulai
0840–0910 (30 mins)	Spica Cast Dr. Megan Cashin
0910 – 0940 (30 mins)	Optimizing Bowel Care for the Inpatient Population; Heather Ead, RN, MHS
0940 – 1010 (30 mins)	RAC Attack-Taming the Wait List Queue; Stella Callender RN
1010-1040 (30 mins)	Break – Chapters and award recipient pictures
10:40 – 11:10 (30mins)	Quality Improvement Initiative: Embedding Standardized Hip Precautions in Post -Operative Hip Order Sets; Krystyna Makris RN
1110 – 11:40 (30 mins)	Two Spines, One Day: A Nurse-Led Rethink of Pediatric Scoliosis Surgery; Lauren Dobson RN, Lauren Palamarek RN
11:40 – 12:25 (45mins)	Lunch
12:25 – 12:50 (25min)	“The creation of a communication tool for patients with language barriers in 5 different languages: Traditional Chinese, Portuguese, Punjabi, Italian, & Spanish” Tatiana Velasquez, BN, RN, ONC (C) & Karen Punchard, BN, RN
12:50 – 1310 (20 mins)	Conversation with Dr. Yeung new scientific director of CIHR-IMHA
13:10 – 13:40 (30 mins)	FLS experience from a nursing and a physician POV. Kelly Dwyer (NP) and Dr Gillian Morrison
13:40-14:00 (20 mins)	Evaluations & Additional pictures
14:00 – 14:30(30 mins)	Diabetic Foot Dr. Nick Smith
14:30-15:30 (60 mins)	Orthopaedic resource optimization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Will Moore’s department head - Nicole Peters physio lead and head of central intake program. - Susan Penney OT lead for total joint assessment clinic
15:30- 15:35 (5 mins)	Evaluation submission and wrap up