



HEART & STROKE / RICHARD LEWAR CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE  
**Annual Cardiovascular Scientific Day**  
Wednesday, April 11, 2018  
8:00am- 5:00 pm

**Hart House**  
7 Hart House Cir, Toronto, ON M5S 3H3

## **FROM DISCOVERY TO CLINICAL TRIALS**

**8:00 am – 8:15 am**                      **Registration, continental breakfast, poster set-up**

**8:15 am – 8:30 am**                      **Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
**Dr. Michael Farkouh**, HSRLCE Director; and **Dr. Richard Hegele**, Vice Dean,  
Research and Innovation, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto

### **Valvular Heart Disease**

**8:30am – 8:35 am**                      *Chairs: Drs. Dennis Ko & Maral Ouzounian*

**8:35 am – 9:55 am**                      **Dr. Craig Simmons**, University of Toronto  
*Valvular Heart Disease from a Basic/Translational Scientist Perspective*

**Dr. Jagdish Butany**, University of Toronto  
*Valvular Heart Disease from a Pathologist Perspective*

**Heart & Stroke Lecture:**  
**Dr. Josep Rodés-Cabau**, Laval University  
*Valvular Heart Disease from a Clinician-Scientist Perspective*

**Dr. Harindra Wijesundera**, University of Toronto  
*Valvular Heart Disease from a Health Services Research Perspective*

**9:55 am – 10:25 am**                      Panel Discussion and Q&A

**10:25 am – 10:40 am**                      **REFRESHMENT BREAK, POSTER VIEWING & DISCUSSION**

### **Breakout Session I:** **Dragon's Den for Cardiovascular Medicine - Basic Science** **Stream**

**10:40 am – 10:45 am**                      *Chairs: Drs. Myron Cybulsky & Kim Connelly*

**10:45 am – 12:15 pm**                      This session will take on a dragon's den format where a panel will listen to proposals\* from trainees and young investigators and offer their feedback. Panelists will include Drs. Nabil Seidah and Craig Simmons. Senior faculty will also share their career perspective and experiences with mentoring of students.

*\*If you would like to pitch a proposal please send an email to Liz Thuo at [hsrl.centre@utoronto.ca](mailto:hsrl.centre@utoronto.ca)*

**Breakout Session II:**  
**Dragon's Den for Cardiovascular Medicine - Clinical Stream**

10:40 am – 10:45 am

*Chairs: Drs. Brad Strauss & Peter Juni*

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

This session will take on a dragon's den format where a panel will listen to proposals\* from trainees and young investigators and offer their feedback. Panelists will include Drs. Gary Gershony and Josep Rodés-Cabau. Senior faculty will also share their career perspective and experiences with mentoring of students.

This session will also feature a guest speaker:

**Dr. Gary Gershony**, John Muir Health Cardiovascular Institute, who will speak on *My Career in Innovation in Cardiovascular Research*

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12:15 pm – 1:45 pm

**LUNCH AND POSTER SESSIONS**

**The PCSK9 Inhibitor Story**

1:45 pm – 1:50 pm

*Chairs: Drs. Beth Abramson & Shaun Goodman*

1:50 pm – 2:15 pm

**Richard Lewar Lecture:**

**Dr. Nabil Seidah**, Montreal Clinical Research Institute  
*The Development of the PCSK9 Story from a Basic Scientist Perspective*

2:15 pm – 2:40 pm

**Dr. Lawrence Leiter**, University of Toronto  
*The Development of the PCSK9 Story from a Clinician-Scientist Perspective*

2:40 pm – 3:10 pm

Panel Discussion and Q&A

**3:10 pm – 3:30 pm**

**REFRESHMENT BREAK**

3:30 pm – 4:15 pm

**Dr. Subhash C. Verma Award Lecture**

Active Learning: Question and Answer

4:15 pm – 4:45 pm

**Presentation of Student Poster Awards**