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NORTH AMERICAN REFUGEE HEALTH CONFERENCE JUNE 16-18, 2017
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North America's Leading Refugee Health Conference Highlights Syrian Refugee Crisis

Toronto, ON (May 8, 2017) – Health care professionals are the frontline for addressing refugee health needs. As the refugee crisis continues to escalate, these workers need knowledge on the health issues that these populations face so they can advocate on how best to serve the health concerns of this vulnerable population. The biennial North American Refugee Health conference (NARHC) provides one such forum.

Organized through the University of Toronto's Faculty of Medicine, Continuing Professional Development, NARHC is the largest clinical refugee conference globally. This year's conference will be held at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel, June 16-18, 2017.

The focus will be on best practices in education, research, and advocacy for refugee health. Health care practitioners from around the world, as well as policy makers, refugees and public health specialists, will converge for 3 days of informative, 'must-attend' sessions.

"The recent rise in anti-refugee sentiment is one of the biggest challenges to providing care. Refugees are among the most vulnerable members of society and come to North America with hope for peace, freedom, and to escape war and terrorism," says Dr. Anna Banerji, Conference Chair and Director. "This conference will help attendees to develop a better understanding of the key challenges faced by these individuals and the tools needed to provide care to this population."

Attendees will hear from knowledgeable and dynamic speakers including Susan Ormiston of the CBC, Alex Neve of Amnesty International, Davide Mosca from the International Organization for Migration, and many more. Themes will include migration, resettlement, infectious and chronic disease, and mental health. A special emphasis will be on the Syrian Refugee crisis and LGBTBI refugee health issues.

Visit www.northamericanrefugeehealth.com for additional details and to register.

About the Organizers

Continuing Professional Development in Post MD Education at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Medicine is a strategic partner in transforming healthcare in Ontario and beyond. Its mission is to improve the health of individuals and populations through the discovery, application and communication of knowledge.

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