

Anaphylaxis Canada

# UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIES OF FOOD ALLERGY:

What can we learn from research?

**Ontario Science Centre**

770 Don Mills Road, Toronto, Ontario M3C 1T3

**SATURDAY,  
MAY 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2015**

*8:45 am - 4:30 pm*

*Registration opens at 7:45 am*

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**Food allergy now affects about 1 in 13 people nationally creating challenges for more than 2.5 million Canadians.** While progress has been made to help safeguard people at risk, more needs to be done in order to tackle this growing health issue.

Our conference will be an information-packed day of presentations and discussions with leading experts involved in food allergy research, food science, and food labelling regulations. Find out what **studies are under way to unlock the mysteries of food allergy** and what treatments may be on the horizon. Learn how **Health Canada** and the **Canadian Food Inspection Agency** work together to assess food allergen risks in pre-packaged foods and what progress has been made by international food scientists and researchers to set threshold levels for food allergens. During the breaks you'll have a chance to connect with more than **20 exhibitors** who provide services, products, and information for consumers with food allergies. Over a delicious, allergy-friendly lunch, share experiences with other participants at your table who are living with food allergy. Our day will be topped off by our ever-popular youth panel with teens and young adults talking about their experiences and offering tips to parents whose kids need to navigate the high school years with food allergies.



### Who Should Attend?

This conference is open to anyone affected by or interested in food allergies such as individuals with food allergies, parents and relatives, educators and child care staff, healthcare professionals, and researchers. Registrants will receive a complimentary copy of *Anaphylaxis in Schools & Other Settings, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition* (\$15 value), sponsor samples, and literature. Registration fee covers nutritious and allergy-friendly break refreshments and lunch.

*\*If you have financial difficulties please call Jane Holden, Member Services about a reduced rate or exemption - 416-785-5666 or 1-866-785-5660. (Limited spaces available; all requests kept confidential.)*

### Youth Workshop (Morning)

#### Teens Talk Allergies

Anaphylaxis Canada's Youth Advisory Panel (YAP), together with Kyle Dine, Program Coordinator, will host a half-day morning session for youth with food allergies. This fun-filled interactive session will include discussions, teen presentations, group activities, games, and prizes! Open to youth with food allergies between the ages of 13-21 years, this is a great opportunity to make new friends, share experiences, and learn how others manage their allergies in different situations. **Special guest, Toronto Argonaut Thomas Miles**, will be on hand to talk to the group about his experiences living with food allergies. Participants are welcome to attend the afternoon portion of the conference (no additional fee). For more information about the youth session and to register online, go to [www.anaphylaxis.ca](http://www.anaphylaxis.ca).

**REGISTRATION AND EXHIBIT AREA OPEN FROM 7:45AM.**

### MORNING SESSIONS

#### Welcome & Anaphylaxis Canada Update

**BEATRICE POVOLO**, Director, Marketing & Communications, Anaphylaxis Canada

Beatrice will provide an overview of what Anaphylaxis Canada is doing to advance research efforts in Canada and internationally.

**DIANA ROYCE**, EdD, Managing Director & COO, AllerGen NCE Inc.

Overview of AllerGen NCE Inc., a member of the national Network of Centres of Excellence program.

AllerGen is a national health research organization focusing on asthma, allergy and anaphylaxis research and dissemination.

#### Food Allergy Update: What's Going On In Research?

**DR. SUSAN WASERMAN**, AllerGen Investigator, McMaster University

What potential new treatments and diagnostic tests are being developed for food allergy and how much progress has been made? What do Oral Immunotherapy studies and other novel therapies hold for the future? Is a cure in sight?

## Epicutaneous Immunotherapy: Should We Get Excited About The Peanut Patch?

**DR. PETER VADAS**, Director, Division of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, St. Michael's Hospital, University of Toronto

Does epicutaneous immunotherapy for peanut allergy ("the peanut patch") offer hope as a novel treatment? Find out about the latest results from studies evaluating the effectiveness of a special adhesive patch that is worn daily to help peanut-allergic individuals build tolerance.

## Basic Research In Peanut Allergy: A Trip To The Roots

**DR. MANEL JORDANA**, AllerGen Investigator, McMaster University

The mission of basic research in peanut allergy and anaphylaxis is to generate new knowledge that will serve to identify therapeutic targets, which may one day become novel medicines. Where are we now? What challenges need to be confronted?

### AFTERNOON SESSIONS

**Laurie Harada**, Executive Director, Anaphylaxis Canada  
*Session Moderator*

## Food Labelling & Risk Assessment: Understanding The Canadian Experience

**CANADIAN FOOD INSPECTION AGENCY (CFIA)** - Speaker to be confirmed

**Michael Abbott**, Section Head, Food Allergy and Intolerance Assessment Section, Health Canada

What is Health Canada's role in regulating the way that food allergens are labelled? Learn about current requirements around the use of precautionary statements ('may contain') and how Health Canada works with the CFIA, assessing risks with undeclared or improperly declared allergens.

## LOCATION: ONTARIO SCIENCE CENTRE

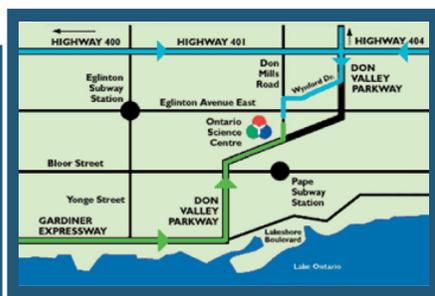
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## DIRECTIONS

If you're driving **from downtown Toronto**, take the Don Valley Parkway north until Don Mills Road north and then follow the signs.

**From other locations**, take Highway 401 or 404 until you reach the Don Valley Parkway south. Continue south until Wynford Drive, then head west and follow the signs.

**Taking public transit from downtown Toronto**, take the Yonge Street subway line north to Eglinton station and transfer to the Eglinton East (route 34) bus. Get off at Don Mills Road.



## Food Allergen Thresholds: What Are The Benefits To Allergic Consumers?

**DR. JOSEPH BAUMERT**, Co-Director, Food Allergy Research & Resource Program

Department of Food Science & Technology, University of Nebraska

Voluntary use of precautionary allergen statements on pre-packaged food labels has continued to increase, limiting their use as a risk communication tool for consumers. Can the use of thresholds be a viable way to transparently communicate risk to various stakeholders?

## National Food Allergy Strategy

**DIANA ROYCE**, Managing Director & COO, AllerGen NCE Inc.

Together with key stakeholders, including the Anaphylaxis Canada community, AllerGen plans to develop a "National Food Allergy Strategy" for Canadians which aims to minimize risk for Canadians living with food allergy and improve their quality of life. Come share your thoughts.

## Youth Panel – Navigating The High School Years

**KYLE DINE**, Program Coordinator & Youth Advisory Panel (YAP) members

Our panelists, with special guest, Toronto Argonaut linebacker and former YAP member, Thomas Miles, will provide insight into why teens take risks with their food allergies, despite knowing the potential consequences, and tips for parents whose children are getting ready for high school.

*Presentations subject to change based on speaker availability. All sessions will include time for a Question & Answer period.*

Or, take the Bloor-Danforth subway line east to the Pape station and transfer to the Don Mills (route 25) bus. Get off at St. Dennis Drive, right in front of the Science Centre.

## PARKING

Parking at the Ontario Science Centre is available at a discounted rate of \$5.00 per vehicle (cash only). Mention to parking attendant that you're attending the Anaphylaxis Canada Conference to get your discount. Parking is free before 9:00 am and after 5:00 pm.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

### Toronto Don Valley Hotel & Suites:

1250 Eglinton Avenue East, Toronto, ON M3C 1J3  
Reservations number: 416.449.4111 [www.torontodonvalleyhotel.com](http://www.torontodonvalleyhotel.com)

### Westin Prince Hotel Toronto:

900 York Mills Road Toronto, ON M3B 3H2  
Reservations number: 1.800.937.8461 [www.westin.com/prince](http://www.westin.com/prince)

# REGISTRATION

## ON-LINE

www.anaphylaxis.ca  
Click on "Toronto Conference 2015"

## PHONE

416.785.5666 • Toll-free at 1.866.785.5660

## FAX

416.785.0458

## MAIL

Complete the registration form and mail payment to:

Anaphylaxis Canada  
2005 Sheppard Avenue East, Suite 800  
Toronto, Ontario M2J 5B4  
Attention: Jane Holden

*\*Please do not mail cash*

## REGISTRATION FEE

Early Registration - \$75 per person  
(register by March 23, 2015)

Registration - \$85 per person

Youth Session - \$25 (ages 13 to 21)

## REGISTRATION INCLUDES

A copy of *Anaphylaxis in Schools & Other Settings* (national anaphylaxis guidelines), sponsor samples, literature, lunch and refreshments.

Please note that this conference is for an adult audience and is not appropriate for children.

Kindly respect the event's scent-free policy.

**DEADLINE FOR  
REGISTRATION**

**MAY 1, 2015**

# REGISTRATION FORM

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## CONFERENCE FEE

Early Bird Registration Fee \$75 .... \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee \$85 ..... \_\_\_\_\_

## For Youth Session\*

Registration Fee \$25 ..... \_\_\_\_\_

*Parental Permission is required for all youth between 13 and 18 years old.  
We will email the permission form to parents upon registration.*

## DONATION

Donation..... \_\_\_\_\_  
(Tax receipt issued over \$20) GST#887208676RR0001

## TOTAL AMOUNT

*\*YOUTH SESSION*

*For more information on our youth session, visit [www.whyriskit.ca](http://www.whyriskit.ca)*

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## METHOD OF PAYMENT

Cheque payable to Anaphylaxis Canada

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How did you find out about the conference? \_\_\_\_\_