

NEURO / NEUROREHAB DAY 2026

Program

Bridging Research and Clinical Care in
Neurology and Neurorehabilitation



Monday,
November 2, 2026



UBC Okanagan



In-Person with Select
Sessions Online

8:00 am



Doors Open / Registration / Coffee and Tea

8:45 – 9:15 am



Welcome and Setting the Course for the Day

9:15 – 10:15 am



Keynote: Dr. Heather Gainforth (UBCO)

Canada Research Chair in Research Co-Production and Implementation Science
From Principles to Practice: Building Clinician-Scientist Research Partnerships That Work

10:15 – 11:45 am



Panel Discussion: “Sticking Points in Fostering Greater Collaborations and Bridging Across Research and Clinical Care”

- **Dr. Suzie Currie**, Vice-Principal and Associate Vice-President, Research and Innovation, UBC Okanagan Campus
 - **Dr. Aleks Tkach**, Clinical Scientific Director, Interior Health & Southern Medical Program
 - **Dr. Chris West**, Associate Dean of Research, Southern Medical Program, UBC Okanagan Campus
 - **Pam Hruska**, Director of the Clinical Neurosciences Network
 - **Jennifer Monaghan**, Patient Partner, Okanagan Stroke Research Lab
- Survey to be sent out to attendees in advance to identify issues/themes for panel discussion
 - Goal is to identify areas of action to discuss at the end of the day

11:45 am – 1:45 pm



Lab Tours + Moving Lunch

- Guided visits to UBCO research labs; meet with IH Clinical Trials Unit
- Meet trainees and see innovation in action

2:00 – 4:00 pm



Research Presentations: “Where research meets care”

- Presentations that highlight established UBCO scientist + clinician collaborations
- Focus on established strengths and active projects

4:00 – 5:00 pm



Structured Networking

- Conversations around key themes that emerged from the panel discussion and across the day
- Objective is to formulate concrete, actionable next steps to further collaborations



INTENDED OUTCOMES

- Stronger clinician–scientist connections
- Clear areas for new collaboration
- Momentum toward a network/platform for integrated rehab research and care

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