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# Canadian Rare Disease Innovation Showcase

## AGENDA

The Westin Calgary Downtown (320 4 Ave SW) & Virtual (Zoom)

**Monday, April 28, 2025**

**4:00 – 8:15 PM MST**

## Program (\*updated regularly)

Time (MST)	Session Details
4:00 – 4:30 PM	<b>Registration &amp; Welcome (In-Person Only)</b> Kickstart the event with light refreshments and connect with fellow attendees.
4:30 – 4:45 PM	<b>Opening Remarks</b> Hear from CRDN about the event’s mission and how to engage both in-person and virtually.
4:45 – 5:00 PM	<b>The Patient Voice: Living with a Rare Disease</b> Hear about personal experiences and the impact of care, research, and community support on their lives.
5:00 – 5:45 PM	<b>Diagnostic Advances – Genome and Beyond</b> The journey to a rare disease diagnosis is often long and complex. This session will explore how innovations in genomics, multi-omics, AI-driven tools, and robust patient registries are revolutionizing the diagnostic landscape, ensuring equitable access to timely and accurate diagnoses for all Canadians, no matter where they live.
5:45 – 6:15 PM	<b>Networking Break with Appetizers</b> Enjoy appetizers and connect with attendees.

<b>6:15 – 7:00 PM</b>	<b>From Discovery to Treatment: Advancing Rare Disease Therapies</b> This session will dive into advancements in therapy development and precision medicine. Learn how innovative clinical trials and approaches are bringing life-changing therapies from the lab to patients.
<b>7:00 – 7:45 PM</b>	<b>Solutions for Challenges in Rare Disease Care and Support</b> A rare disease diagnosis affects every aspect of life—from accessing specialized care to navigating school, work, and mental health challenges. This session will explore real-world solutions that improve daily life for patients and caregivers, including innovative care models, digital health tools, mental health supports, and advocacy initiatives. Experts and lived experience leaders will share strategies to strengthen wraparound support systems, ensuring that no one faces the rare disease journey alone.
<b>7:45 – 8:05 PM</b>	<b>Reflection Panel: The Future of Rare Disease Innovation</b> A reflective and forward-looking discussion on strengthening partnerships and improving patient-centered care and innovations.
<b>8:05 – 8:15 PM</b>	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Final thoughts and key takeaways.
<b>8:15 – 9:00 PM</b>	<b>Networking Session (In-Person Only)</b> Continue conversations and build connections.

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