

*Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis (Wegener's) GPA*    *Giant Cell Arteritis GCA*

*Cryoglobulinemic Vasculitis CV*

*Cogan's Syndrome CS*

*Polyarteritis Nodosa PAN*

*Lupus Vasculitis*

*Immune Complex SVV*

*Single Organ Vasculitis*



*Churg Strauss EGPA*

*Rheumatoid Vasculitis*

*Vasculitis Associated with Probable Etiology*

*Primary CNS Vasculitis CNS*

*Microscopic Polyangiitis MPA*

*Takayasu Arteritis TAK*

*BEHCET'S Disease*

*Kawasaki Disease KD*

*Sarcoid Vasculitis*

## VFC Fall Lectures on Vasculitis

2024 VFC Fall Lectures\* – In-Person and on Zoom

Saturday, November 09, 2024

Toronto Mount Sinai Hospital\*\*

600 University Avenue

Toronto, Ontario

Main Auditorium 18<sup>th</sup> floor

**Vasculitis Foundation Members** these lectures for free, non-members are requested to become VFC members with the purchase of a \$20 membership at time of registration.

ZOOM invites to follow prior to Saturday Lectures. **Register online at this site:**

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/vasculitis-foundation-canada/events/vasculitis-foundation-canada-2024-fall-lectures/>

*\*Proposed agenda as of 20.10.24, VFC reserves the right to make program changes as necessary.*

*\*\*Fall Lecture Participants are bound to the Waiver and Release on the registration site by their attendance.*

**O 10:00AM - 10:35AM ET: James Fireman HBA, LL.B – Toronto, ON** *Disability 101 in Canada! We don't talk about this topic enough, but for many, or even most, vasculitis patients will experience short-term or sadly even long-term disability (LTD & STD). James is a seasoned pro in disability law and is well equipped to offer advice and answer your disability concerns and questions.*

**T 10:35AM - 11:10AM ET: Dr. Michael Mak – Toronto, ON - Via ZOOM**  
*Dr. Mak specializes in adult psychiatry at CAMH in Toronto and understands the problem of disrupted sleep from prednisone, and the feeling of fatigue which are common complaints within the vasculitis community. He also understands the mental burden of coping with autoimmune diseases, and can offer practical tips to help deal with the mental impact of vasculitis.*

**T 11:10AM - 11:45AM ET: Dr. Christian Pagnoux – Toronto, ON**  
*Dr. Pagnoux will update us on new treatments for ANCA Associated Vasculitis (GPA, MPA & EGPA), avacopan/tavneos, new CAR-T cell research, and optimization of outcomes including the vitamin D study results and Bactrim/Septra.*

**F** **11:45AM - 12:20PM ET: Dr. Mohammad Hashim Khan - Toronto, ON**  
**O** *Dr. Khan is a Respirologist and will talk about vasculitis and your lungs. What*  
**U** *are the early warning signs of lung involvement and how does vasculitis affect*  
**R** *your lungs. What treatment options are available for affected lungs, and what do*  
*they do in cases for patients with severe lung involvement?*

**12:20PM - 1:05PM ET: LUNCH BREAK (on your own - visit main floor food court)**

**F** **1:05PM - 1:45PM ET: Dr. Katherine Siminovitch - Toronto, ON**  
**I** *Dr. Siminovitch will give us another progress report on her vasculitis*  
**V** *genetics research, GPA/MPA in particular. It is amazing how much her research*  
**E** *has advanced since those first DNA collections in the spring of 2001 which now*  
*supports a separate genetic classification for GPA, and MPA.*

**S** **1:45PM - 2:25PM ET: Dr. Mats Junek – Hamilton, ON** *The PEXIVAS study*  
**I** *keeps on delivering new findings including new data on relapses, and on fast*  
**X** *versus slow steroid tapering, which is still a big issue. And, COVID is still*  
*here! So, of course, it's time for another COVID update!*

**S** **2:25PM - 3:00PM ET Dr. Jean-Paul Makhzoum – Montreal, PQ - Via ZOOM**  
**E** *It's time for a complete review of Giant Cell Arteritis (GCA), from its beginnings*  
**V** *to now! GCA affects more vasculitis patients than any other form of vasculitis and*  
**E** *it peaks in senior years, often with devastating consequences. GCA is one of Dr.*  
**N** *Makhzoum's areas of key interest and study, and he'll give us a complete overview*  
*from presentation, to classification, to diagnosis with labs, CT, PET, Ultrasound,*  
*and biopsy. He'll also discuss current treatment, GCA studies, and a new*  
*medication called Rinvoq, a JAK inhibitor already FDA approved for GCA which*  
*is already used in other rheumatic conditions.*

<b>Mark your Calendars! Tentative 2025 Meeting Dates</b>	
AGM - Saturday April/May 2025	27 <sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic & 15 <sup>th</sup> . Annual Walk- Saturday June 21, 2025
Fall Lectures - 2025 Toronto & Via ZOOM or TBA	

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