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Special Edition Newsletter

2024 Innovation Challenge: Celebrating Innovation in Palliative Care

Presented by Canadian Virtual Hospice

Friday, October 18, 2024

12:30-2:00pm EST

Room 519B, McGill International Palliative Care Congress

This is One Event You Won't Want to Miss!

Join Canadian Virtual Hospice and emcee Dr. Cory Ingram, Mayo Clinic, on Friday, October 18 for the 3rd Innovation Challenge at the McGill International Palliative Care Congress.

The record-breaking 57 submissions from 14 countries were peer-reviewed and six finalists were chosen to showcase their palliative care innovations in a high-energy, "Dragons' Den" style competition.

If you're attending Congress, don't miss these six innovators compete head-to-head for the title of International Palliative Care Innovator of 2024 and the \$1000 CAN cash prize from Canadian Virtual Hospice. Be part of the live voting that helps our panel of distinguished judges select the winning innovator!

NOTE: *Please bring a mobile device for voting along with earphones/headphones if you require translation. Simultaneous translation will be provided in English and French.*

The Finalists:

- **Dr. Andr anne C t **, Universit  de Montr al, Canada - Creation of the play "Si un jour je meurs" (If One Day I Die)
- **Dr. David Wu**, Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, United States - Sharing the impact of environmental care team on patient experience

through film screening and education for healthcare staff

- **Erin Das**, Global Treehouse Foundation, Kenya - A customizable data tool co-designed with global children's palliative care providers to enhance understanding and improve services
- **Julia St Louis**, SickKids Hospital, Canada - Reality Check: Using virtual reality social support for adolescents living with serious illness
- **Dr. Richard Leiter**, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and **Rachel Rusch**, Children's Hospital Colorado, United States - The Palliative Story Exchange
- **Sarah Scott** and **Terri Milton**, Valley Hospice Foundation, Canada - Grief Library: Sending resources of healing to rural Nova Scotians

Thank you to Sharron Wall and Betsy Hutchinson for sponsoring the travel of Erin Das from Kenya to participate in the Innovation Challenge.

Thank you again to our Peer Review Committee:

- **Cory Ingram** MD, MS, FAAHPM, Mayo Clinic
- **Harvey Max Chochinov** OC, OM, MD, PhD, FRCPC, FRSC; CancerCare Manitoba Research Institute
- **Rory Farrand** MS MA MSN, APRN-BC; National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization
- **Samantha Winemaker** BSc., MD, CCFP(PC), FCFP; Co-author of Hope for the Best, Plan for the Rest: 7 Keys for Navigating a Life-Changing Diagnosis
- **Mahoganie Hines** BScN, MHSc, RN, CHPCN(c); Canadian Palliative Care Nursing Association
- **Adam Rapoport** MD, FRCPC, MHSc; The Hospital for Sick Children
- **Wendy G. Lichtenthal** PhD, FT, FAPOS; Center for the Advancement of Bereavement Care

We hope to see you at the 2024 Innovation Challenge on **Friday, October 18 at 12:30pm in room 519B.**

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