CAWM 2026

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF WILDERNESS MEDICINE

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Advancing care in extrordinary places

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

SEPT. 11-13 Hilton Whistler Hotel - Whistler, BC

All times in PST*

SEPT 9-10

PRE CONFERENCE

Wednesday, September 9

0730 Advanced Wilderness Life Support (AWLS) (7:30-17:00)

Thursday, September 10

0730 Advanced Wilderness Life Support (AWLS) (7:30-17:00)

0730 Prairie PoCUS Acute EDE Core,
One-Day Course (7:30-17:00)

1600 Exhibitor Setup (16:00-17:00)

1700 Registration and Sip N Social (17:00-19:00)
Includes appetizers (drinks for purchase)

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER FOR PRE-CONFERENCE & WORKSHOPS

SEPT 11 FRIDAY

0700 Registration + Hot Breakfast (07:00-08:00)

0800 Matthew Smith - Care Out There: A look at the Whistler-Blackcomb Patrol Medical and Trauma Response Program (08:00-08:45)

0845 Neal Pollock - Differential Diagnosis – Interpreting Events and Presentation in Diving Incidents (8:45-9:45)

0945 AM Snack (0945-10:15)

1015 Svea Brousseau and Shelley Joyce - The Voices in My Head: Treating Acute Mental Health Crisis in an Austere Environment (10:15-11:00)

1100 Dalip Shekhawat - Human Limits, Harsh Environments: Decision-Making, Physiology, and Resilience in Extreme Wilderness Settings (11:00-12:00)

1200 Lunch (12:00-13:00)

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1300 Richard Grainger - Medical Support to Arctic Diving and Aerospace Operations (13:00-13:45)

1345 Dennis Van Sickle and Kavi Singh - Curing Chaos in Mass Casualty Triage: SUDs, a novel tool addressing field realities (13:45-14:45)

1445 PM Snack (14:45-15:15)

1515 Nick Bennett - The Backcountry vs the Outback: Aeromedical Evacuations from the Australian Wilderness (15:15-16:15)

1615 Christian Dean - Concussions at Altitude: What you need to know (16:15-17:00)

1830 Social Event - Cinnamon Bear Restaurant at The Hilton Whistler (18:30)

CAWM special pricing & extended Happy Hour pricing

$26 Food & Drink Special (does not incl. taxes and gratuity)

SEPT 12 SATURDAY

0700 **Hot Breakfast (07:00-08:00)**

0800 **KEYNOTE LECTURE - Sonnie Trotter (8:00-9:00)**

0900 **Steve Roy - Considerations for Cancer Patients & Survivors Participating in Wilderness & Mountain Recreation (9:00-10:00)**

1000 **Makoto Inada - Practical Use of the Lake Louise Score in Pediatric Acute Mountain Sickness (10:00-10:45)**

1045 **Dave Jerome - Development of a National Consensus on the Core Content for Canadian WEM Fellowships (10:45-11:15)**

1115 **AM Snack (11:15-11:30)**

Student Presentations

1130 Zuhayr Khan: Managing Head Injury Without Imaging: An Emergency Medicine Approach to Wilderness Care

1145 Elizabeth Choinard: Do It for the 'Gram: How Social Media Algorithmic Rewards Drive Wilderness Accidents

1200 Sarah Flaherty: Maximizing ability and access in the outdoors

1215 **AGM & Lunch (12:15-13:15)**

1315 Stephanie Cairns: No Friendly Fire: Campfire Related Injuries in Paediatric Populations

1330 Foster Wynne: Preparedness of Backcountry Recreationists in the Sea to Sky Corridor, British Columbia, Canada

1345 Michelle Cruickshank: Rethinking Spinal Immobilization in the Wilderness: Implications of the 2024 WMS Spinal Cord Protection Guidelines

1400 **Workshops (14:00-17:00) *Please pre-register***

BLACK TUSK

Marc-Antoine Doré: Joint Reduction and Taping in a Wilderness Environment (14:00-15:30)

Alex Borzok: Foot Problems: Prevention and Treatment (15:30-17:30)

DIAMOND HEAD

Christian Dean: 5 Rad Things You Can Do With PoCUS in the Backcountry (14:00-15:30)

Len James: Prehospital Resuscitation of a Hypothermic Patient (15:30-17:00)

MAIN ROOM

Cyril Shokoples: Evolving Concepts in Avalanche Rescue (14:00-15:00)

Alex Poole: Frostbite 101: What We Do and Why (15:00-16:00)

OUTSIDE

Jon Turner: Essential Survival Skills for Wilderness Medicine (14:00-16:30)

Wilderness Medicine Race

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SEPT 13 SUNDAY

0700 **Hot Breakfast**

0800 **Tyler Mckinzey ("Flight Medic Berry") - The IFR Condition: Losing Orientation Under Pressure — and Finding It Again (8:00-9:00)**

0900 **Christopher Van Tilburg - Crisis on Mount Hood: 100 years of team culture in high-stakes wilderness medicine (9:00-10:00)**

1000 **AM Snack (10:00-10:30)**

1030 **Brian Drury - Endurance in the Extreme: Medical Challenges in Ultramarathons & Thru-Hiking (10:30-11:15)**

1115 **Alex Poole - Windchill: Weather Report sensationalism? How relevant is it to frostbite really? (11:15-12:00)**

1200 **Lunch (12:00-12:45) + Awards (12:45-13:00)**

1300 **Julian Sernik - Trust as a Clinical Competency: Applying Trust Frameworks in High-Consequence Environments (13:00-14:00)**

1400 **Kim Palquist - Adaptation and Healthcare Delivery in Extreme Cold and Heat Environments (14:00-14:45)**

1445 **Sydney White + Rose Frouin - Beyond the Magic 8 Ball - An intro to avalanche forecasting for medical providers (14:45-15:30)**

1530 **Wrap Up**