

**Out of Sight, Out of Mind: Addressing  
the Invisible & Older Faces of Canada's  
Opioid Crisis Overview of a New Report by the  
National Institute of Aging (NIA) at Toronto  
Metropolitan University**

**Tuesday, March 14th, 2023 | 12:00PM EST**

### Learning Objectives:

1. Review various opioid-related issues in Canada with a focus on older adults
2. Highlight how older adults have not been given adequate attention throughout Canada's Opioid Crisis
3. Discuss key steps to ensure older Canadians receive improved support amidst the Canadian Opioid Crisis

### Who Should Attend:

Addiction Counsellors and Outreach Workers, IGSW's, SGS, Social Workers, RN's, GEM's, NP's, BSO/CRBT, PRC's, LHIN Care Coordinators, Family Physician's, in all sectors of our Community, Hospitals and Long Term Care Homes.

**Where:**

Via Zoom Presentation, live and archived.

**Registration Link:**

Please click anywhere on this poster to access the registration link. Alternatively, open the attached pdf file, copy the link address

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tjEtdO6upzMvHtwlFVu9WWFOXMGc16YpiN75> and paste in your search browser.

### Points to Consider:

1. You can connect LIVE on the day of the session via live Zoom presentation on any web browser or the official Zoom app. The link will be made available for you after a successful registration using this link above.
2. The session is scheduled to run from 11:30H – 13:00H to allow for a 30 minute set-up time. The actual presentation starts at 12 noon.
3. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join the meeting.
4. If you have not pre-registered and plan on joining the session after it has already started, you will be asked to enter a password which is GAR0323.

**Speakers:**

## Matthew Downer, BSc (Hons) MSc

Matthew Downer is a medical student at Memorial University of Newfoundland & Labrador and a PhD student at the University of Oxford where he is currently studying as a Rhodes Scholar. During his pre-clinical MD training, Matthew's research focused on improving rehabilitation and promoting healthy aging in older adults. Matthew also conducted research on opioid-related issues in communities across NL, founded a medical student organization dedicated to tackling the province's Opioid Crisis, and was a member of the Canadian Federation of Medical Students National Opioid Task Force. He completed an MSc in Epidemiology and Global Health at Oxford before starting his PhD, which examines how multimorbidity influences outcomes in older adults with cerebrovascular disease. He is also a Junior Research Fellow at the National Institute on Ageing at Toronto Metropolitan University, where he has worked on a range of health policy projects.

**Dr. Samir K. Sinha MD, DPhil, FRCPC, AGS**

Dr. Samir Sinha is the Director of Geriatrics at Sinai Health System and the University Health Network in Toronto and a Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto and the Director of Health Policy Research at Toronto Metropolitan University's National Institute on Ageing. A Rhodes Scholar, Dr. Sinha is a highly regarded clinician and international expert in the care of older adults. He was recently appointed to serve as a member of the Government of Canada's National Seniors Council, and is also leading the development of new National Long-Term Care Standards for Canada.



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