Conference Goal

The overall goal of Muster 2014 is to convene health professionals, educators, students, and researchers from all parts of the world to share experiences, opportunities, and the challenges of community participation in medical education. Through a variety of forums during the conference, participants will be involved in engaged and thought provoking discussions and collaborative learning related to their perspectives of, insights in, and innovative strategies for community participation in education, research and service.

Muster 2014 will raise awareness of the diverse global interests of members of the community, promote greater participation in international dialogue and exchange and, in turn, strengthen awareness of Community Engaged Medical Education both nationally and internationally.

By the end of the conference, participants will:

- Understand the challenges and benefits of Community Engaged Medical Education.
- Develop strategies for implementation of Community Engaged Medical Education.
- Have the opportunity to engage in the Community Engaged Medical Education research agenda across the globe as part of a worldwide network.
- Acquire knowledge and skills in teaching and clinical domains.

Who Should Attend

- Medical educators, clinical teachers, program managers, directors of education, and instructional designers interested in innovation.
- Beginners to experts.
- Students, residents and interested community members.
Themes and Abstract Streams

The themes and abstract streams of Muster 2014 are:

- Longitudinal Learning
- Community Engagement
- Social Accountability
- Aboriginal Health

Theme Objectives

Longitudinal Learning

1. To identify best practices of longitudinal integrated health professional education and research covering the concept of continuity throughout the learning journeys for the life cycle of health professionals.

2. To enhance knowledge translation through defined practical applications of new ways of linking education, service, and research in communities.

Suggested Health Professional topic ideas (not an exclusive list):

- Student-centred learning methods
- Innovative student and faculty assessment
- Research and program evaluation
- Handling sensitive student issues
- Best practices
- Inter professional learning

Community Engagement

1. To engage in dialogue that explores community engagement approaches in planning, administering and evaluating education and educational programs.

2. To disseminate models of education pertinent to community-engaged health professional education.

Suggested Health Professional topic ideas (not an exclusive list):

- Models of community engagement
- Innovative community-engaged preceptor development
- Teaching and learning through community engagement
- Measurement outcomes and/or evaluation of community engagement
- Innovative approaches in building and/or sustaining community participation
- Models of rural clinical education
- Research
- Student perspectives of community engagement
Social Accountability

1. To identify successful measurement tools and processes in determining the degree to which health professional schools are advancing their social accountability mandates.

2. To identify innovative approaches in creating a sustainable future of community participation in healthcare including key success factors.

Suggested Health Professional topic ideas (not an exclusive list):

- Measuring social accountability
- Innovative strategies for achieving health equity
- Collaborative leadership to globally transform health professional education
- Student journeys in social accountability
- Students: agents of social change
- Tackling gender inequities in health through medical education

Aboriginal Health

1. To define a school’s role in developing and disseminating sustainable models, tools, and processes that support Aboriginal individuals and communities in taking action and responsibility for their own health

2. To explore mechanisms for community participation and partnerships in working towards achieving health equity.

Suggested Health Professional topic ideas (not an exclusive list):

- Aboriginal determinants of health - how do they relate to the social determinants?
- Health literacy - a key to improved health outcomes
- How can the western medical paradigm respectfully incorporate Indigenous and other worldviews for better outcomes?
- Harnessing capacity in Aboriginal maternal and child health
- Success stories in Aboriginal health
- Whole of family, whole of community approaches to medical care
- Training culturally safe practitioners.