

# APRIL 25

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75 minutes

## IPPA M5 OPENING PLENARY SESSION

IPPA will kick off this year's event, provide updates from the organization and an overview of the Virtual Summit program. Migration 5 country partners will welcome the audience, reflect on changes to their programs and forecast expectations for visa arrivals looking forward.

*International Panel Physicians Association (IPPA)*

*Alexandra Ortega  
Lyndon Mascarenhas*

*Department of Home Affairs (DHA)*

*Lila Caplice*

*Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)*

*Craig Shankar*

*Immigration New Zealand (INZ)*

*Rob Kofoed  
Pingji Telefoni*

*United Kingdom Health Security Agency (UKHSA)*

*Vinay Ketkar*

*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)*

*Drew Posey*

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## COFFEE BREAK

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## UNITED KINGDOM TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS UPDATE

Revision and update to the UK Technical Instructions including case studies and new developments. By the end of this session, participants will be familiar with the UK Technical Instructions and learn from difficult cases.

*Vinay Ketkar, MBChB, MRCP, DRCOG, MFSEM*

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## UNITED KINGDOM REFUGEE PROGRAM UPDATE

This session is intended for panel physicians who are involved in refugee health assessments for the UK. It will provide an overview of the UK Refugee Technical Instructions and an update on other work being planned or developed.

*Ines Campos-Matos, MD, MSc, PhD*

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### **BIO BREAK**

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### **UNITED KINGDOM PRE-ENTRY TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING FOR MIGRANTS**

This session on UK pre-entry tuberculosis screening for migrants will update the panel physicians on current trends in the programme, our achievements so far, challenges and the way forward.

*Morris Muzyamba, PhD, MSc, BVetMed*

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### **COFFEE BREAK**

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### **CDC VACCINATION TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS**

This session will cover Vaccination Technical Instructions, COVID-19 Technical Instructions, and the Polio Addendum.

*Kimberly Skrobarcek, MD*  
*Gabriella Lamb, MD, MPH*

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### **IPPA PLENARY: BEST PRACTICES FOR INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL IN PANEL SITES**

This session will provide examples of how the pandemic has impacted infectious disease control, and a discussion of practical solutions to emerging challenges. This session will demonstrate effective screening and contact tracing strategies, with a special focus on tuberculosis.

*SPEAKERS TBD*

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## **COFFEE BREAK**

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## **COMMUNICABLE DISEASES FOR NEW ZEALAND IME (other than TB)**

Communicable diseases screened for in the NZ IME include HIV, Syphilis, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C. This session is an update on the requirements and an overview of these conditions. There will also be a short section on public health diseases of concern that are not part of the IME (for example, measles and poliomyelitis).

*Rob Kofoed, MBChB, FRNZCUCP, DipSportsMed*  
*Nikki Retford, BHB, MBCHB, FRNZCGP*

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## **BIO BREAK**

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## **RECONNECTING NEW ZEALAND TO THE WORLD: PANEL MEMBER INSTRUCTIONS UPDATES**

It has been nine months since the New Zealand government re-opened its borders to the world. This session will cover challenges faced while managing an upfront medical process, the application first medical process, and how we can work together to deliver the best outcome for our clients. We will also cover aspects of the Immigration New Zealand (INZ)'s Panel Member Instructions, such as entering test results and comments in eMedical, further tests required, and informing clients of additional tests. During this session, INZ will welcome clinics to register their interests in becoming part of the New Zealand Panel Network.

*Pingi Telefoni*

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## **BIO BREAK**

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## **INZ REFUGEE HEALTH LIAISON TEAM UPDATE**

Update on changes to Refugee Visa categories and health requirements, definition of full-time care for Limited visa medicals, updates for Panel Physicians on Settlement Health Assessments and Departure Health Checks.

*Nikki Retford, BHB, MBCHB, FRNZCGP*  
*Karen Chung*  
*Kas Brokenshire*  
*Vince Valdez*

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## **COFFEE BREAK**

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## **A MIGRATION SYSTEM FOR AUSTRALIA'S FUTURE**

This session will provide an update on Australia's migration program including Australia's increase to the visa programs as well as current policy and future reforms. It will include an update on the Department's strategic focus to attract more skilled migrants, increase refugee and humanitarian visas, reduce visa processing times and ensure that the Immigration Medical Examination (IME) is contemporary to adequately screen for highest health risks. It will also include data on the effectiveness of Australia's current IME screening, including TB detection rates.

*Alison Foote*

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## **BIO BREAK**

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## **THE AUSTRALIAN OFFSHORE PANEL NETWORK, ASSURANCE ACTIVITIES AND TRAINING**

The presentation will provide an update on the growth and expansion of the Australian panel network, including providing an update on Australia's key audit findings. Panel Physicians play an important role in maintaining the high integrity of Australia's visa programs, so Australia undertakes regular analysis and review of a panel clinic's performance, in addition to virtual and onsite assurance activities. The session will provide an update on key findings and trends from these activities. The session will also include an update on the roll out of Australia's online Training Module which is mandatory for all panel physicians.

*Pranamika Bansal*

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## **BIO BREAK**

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## **CLINICAL PRESENTATION - ASSESSING COMPLEX CASES Part 1 of 2**

Medical Officers of the Commonwealth (MOC) will lead a two-stage clinical presentation on complex case assessments, with a focus on children and the elderly. This will include what is required in the 501 and how to interpret MOC deferrals. This session will be comprised of an initial 30-minute presentation, followed by facilitated breakout sessions with discussions of real case scenarios. The session aims to ensure Panel Physicians understand: the health criteria and the relationship to MOC decision making, the required degree of detail in IME documentation, and the function of MOC deferrals in requesting additional information.

*Glenn Close, MBBS, MPH, FRACPH*  
*Fleur Nicholson, MBCHB, PgDL, AICG*  
*Brinthan Kanthan, BMedSci(Hons), MBBS(Hons), DCH, FRACGP*  
*Jane Phillips, MBBS, BPsych(Hons), MBioethics*

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## **TRANSITION TO BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

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## **BREAKOUT SESSION - ASSESSING COMPLEX CASES Part 2 of 2**

Medical Officers of the Commonwealth (MOC) will lead a two-stage clinical presentation on complex case assessments, with a focus on children and the elderly. This will include what is required in the 501 and how to interpret MOC deferrals. This session will be comprised of an initial 15-minute presentation, followed by facilitated breakout sessions with discussions of real case scenarios. The session aims to ensure Panel Physicians understand: the health criteria and the relationship to MOC decision making, the required degree of detail in IME documentation, and the function of MOC deferrals in requesting additional information.

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## **IPPA PLENARY: IMMIGRATION MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS FOR SPECIAL POPULATIONS**

This is an interactive, case-based session focused on the management of the IME for special populations. The workshop will focus on preparation for travel or complications during travel, particularly for individuals with complex medical conditions. This session will cover the health needs of elderly, pediatric and refugee populations with opportunities for providers to discuss de-identified real world IME cases. This session will illustrate with examples how panel physicians can meet the requirements of the Technical Instructions, specifically in clinical practices and reporting for IME's. This session is for providers who are interested in performing a reliable medical history and cross cultural-communication skills.

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## **CANADA GENERAL UPDATE [English]**

This presentation will provide panel members with the latest updates and upcoming initiatives coming to Canada's Health Screening Program in order to support best practices. Topics will include the implementation of the streamlined Immigration Medical Examination (IME) and panel management updates.

*Bari Miller, MA*  
*Magda Denasiewicz*

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## **MISE À JOUR GÉNÉRALE DU CANADA [Français]**

Cette présentation mettra l'accent sur les mises à jour et fournira de l'information importante sur les initiatives à venir dans le cadre du Programme de dépistage médical du Canada en matière d'immigration afin d'appuyer les pratiques exemplaires. Les sujets abordés comprendront la mise en œuvre de l'examen médical aux fins de l'immigration (EMI) simplifié et des mises à jour concernant la gestion du réseau des professionnels désignés.

*Stephanie Milks, DEC*  
*Catherine Matte*

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## **REVIEW OF THE CANADIAN IME**

The presentation will review key steps required for the successful completion of the IME. Topics will include but are not limited to the purpose of the IME; service standards and technical instructions; routine tests, specialist consults and furtherance requests; ID concerns and steps to troubleshoot common issues in eMedical.

*Jelissa Morgan, BScN, M.Ed. and Nicole Lyon, BScN*

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## **EXPANDED VACCINATION PROGRAM FOR CANADA-BOUND MIGRANTS**

In response to the evolving immigration and public health landscape in Canada and globally, Canada/IRCC is broadening its current voluntary vaccination program, by piloting an optional offering to Canada-bound migrants identified as under-immunized against various Vaccine Preventable Diseases, to vaccinate at the time of the IME. This session will be followed by a short live Q&A period.

*Dominique Elie-Massenat, BSc, MSc, MD, FRCPC*

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## **MEDICAL SURVEILLANCE PRESENTATION**

This presentation will provide an overview of the medical surveillance process required upon arrival to Canada for clients who have been assessed as having inactive tuberculosis on their immigration medical examination. The presentation will highlight how Immigration Medical Examination information is used to inform Canada's provincial and territorial public health authorities on communicable diseases to protect public health.

*Julie Laflèche, BSc*

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## **BILINGUAL LIVE Q&A**

A panel of speakers from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada will take questions from the audience and respond. This session will be held in English and French.

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## **US MENTAL HEALTH TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS**

An interactive session teaching panel physicians to determine the applicant's classification of admissibility to the United States, as it pertains to substance use and mental disorders, using CDC's technical instructions

*Linda Harvey, MD*

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## **US EMEDICAL OVERVIEW AND UPDATES**

This session will provide eMedical system overview and updates.

*Eryn Pulliam Cannon and Deborah Lee*

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## **US TUBERCULOSIS TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS**

Tuberculosis Technical Instructions (TB TIs) – Tuberculosis Classifications – Class A Tuberculosis Waivers and Travel Clearance.

*Joanna Regan, MD, MPH*

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## **IPPA CLOSING PLENARY: ONWARD, UPWARD AND INWARD**

IPPA will close this year's Summit with a holistic approach to our profession. We will hear experiences from panel physicians who have used responsive listening and empathic communication to build trust with applicants, leading to positive health outcomes. Panel physicians will also share examples of how they nurture themselves through expressive arts, music, and nature to maintain their well-being. This session will discuss provider wellness, and practical aspects to managing a safe and healthy workplace.

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## **SUMMIT WRAP-UP**