

# Dignity of Risk Symposium Program

*Living with risk*  
Research team

Online  
Free  
Registration required

APRIL 29, 2026, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm (ET)

How can we implement and sustain innovations that promote the dignity of risk for older people?



**REGISTER NOW !**



deadline: March 1, 2026

## WELCOME (8:30 am)

- **Véronique Provencher**  
Professor & Researcher - Occupational Therapy  
Université de Sherbrooke & CRCLM

## INTRODUCTION (8:45-9:15 am)

Presentation of 3 innovations promoting the dignity of risk

- *Living with Risk (LwR)*  
**Heather MacLeod**  
Director, Programs & Partnerships  
Provincial Geriatrics Leadership Ontario
- *Dignity of Risk Program*  
**Catherine-Anne Murray**  
Occupational Therapist, *Dignity of Risk* Team Lead  
Frailty & Elder Care Network, Nova Scotia Health
- *Therapeutic Falls*  
**Meiqi Guo**  
Physiatrist, Medical Director  
Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, UHN

## PART 1 (9:15-10:30 am)

How can we reduce the fears of accountability associated with adopting an approach that values the dignity of risk?

- **Mélanie Bourassa Forcier**  
Professor & Researcher - Law & Health  
École nationale d'administration publique
- **Didier Mailhot-Bisson**  
Professor & Researcher - Nursing Science  
**et Mélissa Leblanc**  
Master's student - Nursing Science  
Université de Sherbrooke
- **Marie-Ève Carignan**  
Professor & Researcher - Communication  
Université de Sherbrooke
- **Angie Andreoli**  
Physiotherapist, Safety & Quality Lead  
Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, UHN

**Interactive workshop** with  
online participants

*Break*

## PART 2 (10:45 am-12:15 pm)

How to engage a person living with cognitive difficulties, and the family, in decisions involving dignity of risk?

- **Dominique Giroux**  
Professor & Researcher - Occupational Therapy  
Université Laval & CEVQ
  - **Véronik Lamoureux**  
Communications Professional  
Université de Sherbrooke
  - **Thomas Tannou**  
Geriatrician & Researcher  
Université de Montréal & CRIUGM
  - **Danielle Jepson**  
Advanced Practice Leader  
Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, UHN
  - **Lise Bergeron-Proulx**  
Caregiver  
Lived experience
- Interactive workshop** with online participants

## LUNCH-CONFERENCE (12:30-1:00 pm)

Winning conditions that enabled innovations valuing the dignity of risk to *live* and *survive*

- **Francis Etheridge**  
Gerontologist  
Gérontosphère

### Acronyms

**CEVQ:** Centre d'excellence sur le vieillissement de Québec  
**CIUSSS:** Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux  
**CRCLM:** Centre de recherche Charles-Le Moyne  
**CRIUGM:** Centre de recherche de l'Institut universitaire de gériatrie de Montréal  
**UHN:** University Health Network



## PART 3 (1:15-2:15 pm)

How to sustainably adapt an approach that values the dignity of risk in different settings and workers?

- **Marta Woolford**  
Researcher - Organizational Change  
Monash University, Australia
- **Liza Behrens**  
Professor & Researcher - Nursing  
Penn State University, USA
- **Sarah Boudreault**  
Physiotherapist, Professional consultant  
CIUSSS de la Capitale-Nationale, Québec

**Interactive workshop** with online participants

*Break*

## PART 4 (2:30-3:30 pm)

How can an approach that values the dignity of risk be adapted to various clienteles and cultures?

- **Martin Caouette**  
Professor & Researcher - Psychoeducation  
Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières
- **Sarah Boudreault**  
Physiotherapist, Professional consultant  
CIUSSS de la Capitale nationale, Québec
- **Guy Drouin**  
Caregiver  
Lived experience

**Interactive workshop** with online participants

## CONCLUSION (3:30-4:00 pm)

Summary of workshops and discussions