



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Warm welcome to our 12th Annual 2025 Postgraduate Medical Education Global Health Day on DEATH, EVIDENCE AND EVERYTHING ELSE: Reflections on the scholarship of Professor Prabhat Jha.

This particularly special day is focused on the key themes and areas relevant to Professor Prabhat Jha's ~30 years of research in global health. Professor Jha is taking leave from University of Toronto (as of September 2025) to become Nuffield Professor of Population Health and Head of Department at University of Oxford. Still, we look forward to continuing longstanding collaboration and friendship. This day is intended to stir discussion and debate to inform future directions for large scale mortality and evidence studies, outline global collaborations needed and inspire new and future global health leadership and inquiry. In addition, it is to join with a global community of scholars and students who have gained from the wisdom and hard work of Professor Jha.

We appreciate you taking time to attend and more so to contribute to thoughtful discussion with colleagues across specialties and programs and advocates across disciplines and generations. You each will arrive with different understanding of health challenges for local, national and international communities. The day will encourage sharing of ideas on current and future complex and seemingly unsolvable global and very human world problems.

The day will also give rise to how you can contribute to advancing equitable and quality global health for disenfranchised local and global communities now and as we move to an uncertain future.

Our 12th Annual Global Health Day includes passionate faculty who have established themselves as effective global health advocates and with unwavering support from Postgraduate Medical Education, is planned by a resident and fellow committee from across programs and specialties.

We extend sincere thanks and recognize the contribution of the planning committee which includes Dr. Keshini Abeyewardene, Family Medicine PGY1, Dr. Sandra Ileana Pérez Álvarez, Program Radiation Oncology Fellow, Dr. Yenny Rodriguez, Cardiac Prevention and Ambulatory Care PGY2, Dr. Pamela Denisse Soberanis Pina, Medical Oncology Fellow and Dr. Meshach Asare-Werehene, Clinical Chemistry Fellow. Their commitment to global health is exemplary and represents a new generation of leadership which we are grateful to encourage.

The University of Toronto and Toronto community represent (and encourage) extraordinary leadership in global health education, research, service and advocacy across disciplines, locally, nationally and internationally. This Global Health Day program showcases many of these leaders and celebrates the accomplishments of our PGME Global Health Education Initiative 2025 graduates.

Very sincerely,

Judy Kopelow
Manager, Global Health Initiatives
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Wednesday, May 21, 1pm-4:30pm via Zoom
Information from j.kopelow@utoronto.ca

We look forward to learning with you....

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12th Annual
PGME Global Health Day

Program-at-a-Glance

- 1:00 PM** **WELCOME AND OPENING COMMENTS**
RECOGNITION OF 2025 PGME GLOBAL HEALTH EDUCATION INITIATIVE GRADUATES
Presented by
Dr. Meredith Giuliani, Associate Dean
Postgraduate Medical Education, Temerty Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto
Dr. Barry Pakes, Global Health Academic Lead
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Introductions by PGME Global Health Day Committee Member
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- 1:10 PM** **DEATH, EVIDENCE AND EVERYTHING ELSE**
Presented by Professor Prabhat Jha
Chaired by Dr. Arthur Slutsky
Introduction by PGME Global Health Day Committee Member
Dr. Sandra Ileana Pérez Álvarez, Program Radiation Oncology Fellow
- 1:55 PM** **HALVING PREMATURE MORTALITY BY 2050**
Presented by Professor Sir Richard Peto
Chaired by Dr. Arthur Slutsky
Introductions by PGME Global Health Day Resident Committee Member
Dr. Pamela Denisse Soberanis Pina, Medical Oncology Fellow
- 2:25 PM** **ECONOMICS, EVIDENCE AND MORTALITY REDUCTION: LOOKING FORWARD**
Presented by Professor Dean Jamison
Chaired by Dr. Arthur Slutsky
Introductions by PGME Global Health Day Resident Committee Member
Dr. Pamela Denisse Soberanis Pina, Medical Oncology Fellow
- 2:50 PM** **PANEL DISCUSSION ON AVOIDABLE MORTALITY**
Panelists include
Dr. Sonia Anand as related to Cardiovascular Health
Dr. Ronald Carson Marsh as related to Malaria Research and Adult Trials
Dr. Patrick Brown as related to Particulate Matter 2.5 Research Study and Geospatial Methods
Reactions from Professor Sir Richard Peto
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- 3:40 PM** **REFLECTIONS ON STATE OF THE FIELD**
Presented by Professor David Naylor
Wishing Professor Jha well on his journey
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- 4:00 PM** **NETWORKING LED BY PGME GLOBAL HEALTH DAY RESIDENT PLANNING COMMITTEE**
All PGME Residents and Fellows are invited to attend.
Chaired by Dr. Yenny Rodriguez, Cardiac Prevention and Ambulatory Care PGY2
- 4:30 PM** **END**



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Professor Prabhat Jha is the founding director of CGHR. He is also the Inaugural University of Toronto Endowed Professor in Disease Control, Canada Research Chair at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, co-investigator of the Disease Control Priorities Network, and expert advisor to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation on HIV/AIDS control in India and to various governments around the world on disease control strategies.

Prior to founding CGHR, Prabhat headed the World Bank team responsible for developing the Second National HIV/AIDS Control Program in India. He also served as a senior scientist for the World Health Organization, where he led the work on health and poverty for the Commission on Macroeconomics and Health. Prabhat has published widely on tobacco, HIV/AIDS, premature mortality, and the health of the global poor. Two of his ground-breaking publications on tobacco control policy led to the first-ever global treaty on tobacco control, now signed by over 160 countries. Among other projects at CGHR, Prabhat is currently leading one of the world's largest prospective studies of premature mortality called the Million Death Study. Please see details on Million Death Study from [this link](#).

Professor Jha is newly Appointed Nuffield Professor, Population Health Head, Nuffield Department of Population Health, Oxford University (as of September 1, 2025). Announcement from [this link](#).

Dr. Arthur Slutsky is past Vice President of Research at Unity Health Toronto. Under his leadership, Unity Health (and St. Michael's Hospital) greatly expanded its research capabilities and resources and in 2011 opened its leading-edge research facility, the Keenan Research Center in the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute. Dr. Slutsky obtained a BSc and MSc in Engineering before graduating from medicine at McMaster University. Subsequently, he was a pulmonary/critical care fellow and an Assistant Professor at Harvard and returned to the University of Toronto in 1984. He has published more than 750 peer reviewed articles, and his work has been cited 165,000 times. He has received numerous research awards including the Recognition for Scientific Accomplishments Award of the American Thoracic Society (ATS). He is past Director of the interdepartmental Division of Critical Care Medicine at University of Toronto. His primary investigative areas of interest are translational research and clinical trials in intensive care and mechanical ventilation has led to him being acknowledged as a world leader in his field.

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Professor Sir Richard Peto, FRS, is Emeritus Professor of Medical Statistics and Epidemiology at the University of Oxford. He was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of London in 1989 for introducing meta-analyses of randomised trials, was knighted by Queen Elizabeth in 1999 for services to epidemiology, and received in 2010 and 2011 the Cancer Research UK and the BMJ Lifetime Achievement Award. Richard Peto, Rory Collins and others in the Clinical Trial Service Unit & Epidemiological Studies Unit (CTSU) have, by their large, randomised trials, large prospective studies and worldwide meta-analyses, increased substantially the estimated importance of blood lipids, blood pressure and smoking as causes of premature death. Peto has recently collaborated in major studies of alcohol in Russia and of malaria in Africa and India. His investigations into the worldwide health effects of smoking and benefits of stopping at particular ages have helped to communicate effectively the vast and growing burden of disease from tobacco use. In addition, his work has helped change national and international attitudes about smoking and public health, contributing to many smokers stopping this harmful activity. He was the first to describe clearly the future worldwide health effects of current smoking patterns, predicting one billion deaths from tobacco in the present century if current smoking patterns persist, as against 'only' 100 million in the 20th century.

2:25 PM ECONOMICS, EVIDENCE AND MORTALITY REDUCTION: LOOKING FORWARD

Presented by Professor Dean Jamison

Chaired by Dr. Arthur Slutsky

Introductions by PGME Global Health Day Resident Committee Member

Dr. Pamela Denisse Soberanis Pina, Medical Oncology Fellow

Professor Dean Jamison is Emeritus Professor in the Institute for Global Health Sciences at the University of California, San Francisco. In addition to UCSF, Dean has been with UCLA and the University of Washington and served as the T. & G. Angelopoulos Visiting Professor in the Harvard Kennedy School and the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health (2006-2008). Dean previously worked at the World Bank as a research economist and as manager of the Bank's Education Policy Division and of its Health, Nutrition and Population Division. Dean was lead author for the Bank's 1993 World Development Report, Investing in Health. Dean studied at Stanford (M.S., Engineering Science) and at Harvard (Ph.D., Economics, under K.J. Arrow). In 1994 he was elected to membership in the Academy of Medicine of the U.S. National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine. Dean served as co-chair with Lawrence H. Summers of The Lancet Commission on Investing in Health (The Lancet, December 2013). Most recently, he led work on the nine-volume Disease Control Priorities series from the World Bank and was lead author of its synthesizing publication.

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Dr. Sonia Anand is a Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology at McMaster University, is the Director of the Chanchlani Research Centre focused on Health Equity Research and is a Senior Scientist at the Population Health Research Institute. Dr. Anand received a Doctor of Medicine from McMaster in 1992, Internal Medicine Training at McMaster and a Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in 1996. After additional clinical training in thrombosis and in vascular medicine at Harvard's Brigham and Women's Hospital, Dr. Anand works as a vascular medicine specialist at Hamilton Health Sciences and McMaster University. Dr. Anand further received her master's in clinical Epidemiology at McMaster in 1996 and Ph.D. in Health Research Methodology at McMaster in 2002. She holds the Canada Research Chair in Ethnic Diversity and Cardiovascular Disease and the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario/Michael G. DeGroote Chair in Population Health Research. Her present research focuses upon the environmental and genetic determinants of vascular disease in populations of varying ancestral origin, women and cardiovascular disease. Dr. Anand's work is widely published amongst academic journals with over 475 scientific publications, and in 2019 she was inducted as a Fellow to the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. In 2020 she received the Lifetime Achievement Award for Diabetes from the South Asian Health Foundation, UK. In 2021, Dr. Anand joined the National Heart and Stroke Foundation as a Board member. In 2022, Dr. Anand received the Margolese National Heart Disorders Prize and was inducted as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. In 2023, she was awarded the YWCA Women of Distinction award. As of July 2023, Dr. Anand has taken on the role of Associate Vice-President, Global Health. In 2024, Dr. Anand was awarded the Jack Hirsh Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement from the Department of Medicine at McMaster University and the Robert Beamish Leadership Award at the 26th Annual Naranjan Dhallia Cardiovascular Awards Day.

Dr. Ronald Carson-Marsh completed his first degree in Medicine in 2008 from the College of Medicine and Allied Health Sciences (COMAHS), Sierra Leone and his Master of International Public Health from the University of Queensland, Australia. He holds a postgraduate certificate on Health Systems Planning from the Tokai University, Yokohama, Japan. Ronald worked as a medical officer in many hospitals and served as Case Management pillar lead during the Ebola epidemic (2014 – 2016) in Kono, Sierra Leone. He was awarded 'Young Alumni Excellence Award 2016' by the Faculty of Medicine, University of Queensland, Australia. Due to his administrative and clinical experience, he worked as the District Medical Officer in two districts and served as the overall technical lead for the COVID-19 response in Bo district 2020 – 2021. He has also served as the programme manager, National Malaria Control Programme. Ronald has published articles on Mortality Surveillance and Antimicrobial Resistance.

Dr. Patrick Brown is a Biostatistician leading the geospatial research team at CGHR, as well as Associate Professor in the Department of Statistical Sciences at the University of Toronto. His research interest combines statistical methods for spatial and spatio-temporal data, statistical computing and software for spatial modeling, and understanding spatial variation in the declining rate of mortality worldwide.

Professor Adalsteinn (Steini) Brown has served as the Dean of the Dalla Lana School of Public Health (DLSPH) since 2017. His research now focuses on the use of evidence and data in public policy. He has published over 100 peer-reviewed articles, a dozen book chapters and over 100 reports, editorials and commentaries. Prior to serving as Dean, Steini was the Director of the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation (IHPE) in the DLSPH, an Assistant Deputy Minister in two different Ontario government ministries, and worked in start-up and Fortune 500 companies in the US. He received his undergraduate degree in government from Harvard University and his doctorate from the University of Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar. He is also a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences.

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Chaired by Dr. Anna Dare with support from Dr. Ori Rotstein

Dr. Beverley Essue is an Associate Professor of Global Health Systems in the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto. She holds a Visiting Scientist appointment at the Institute for the Advanced Study of the Americas, University of Miami and is an Honorary Senior Fellow at the George Institute for Global Health, India. She is a global health systems researcher and health economist who leads interdisciplinary research focused on strengthening financial risk protection, supporting effective and equitable priority setting and advancing equity, including gender equity, across global health systems. Her research tackles some of the most pressing issues facing global health and is conducted with a network of collaborators and partnerships across low-, middle- and high-income countries. She has led work for key global health initiatives including the Disease Control Priorities series and the Lancet Taskforce on Non-Communicable Diseases. She co-chairs the Scientific Advisory committee for the Lancet Commission on Gender Based Violence and Maltreatment of Young People and co-leads the Economics working group for this Commission. She is also a Commissioner on the Lancet Commission on Cancer and Health Systems and a Scientific Advisor to the Lancet Commission on Breast Cancer. In 2020 she was recognized on the list of Canadian Women in Global Health for her scholarship and contributions to the field.

Dr. Anna Dare is Surgical Oncologist, Division of General Surgery, St. Michael's Hospital and Global Surgery Lead, Department of Surgery, University of Toronto

"The question 'who counts?'" is at the heart of my global surgery work. For all our scientific and technological progress, we still lack basic health information – who dies and what from, who needs surgery and who receives it - for the majority of people living in low- and middle-income countries. Within Canada, the absence of key demographic and socioeconomic information in our health data conceals important and addressable variation in surgical access and outcomes for individuals and communities. Our global surgery research program focuses on quantifying the global burden of surgical conditions, understanding their health and economic impacts, and strengthening national health systems so that countries can better meet the surgical needs of their populations. This includes running large scale population-based prospective cohort studies, such as India's Million Death Study, hospital-based registries with linked biobanking in Nigeria, and the GlobalSurg studies which run in more than 90 countries. The results are then used to design pragmatic trials of system-level interventions. Within Ontario, we are using similar methods to understand inequities in access to cancer screening, diagnosis and treatment, and to evaluate intervention bundles. The evidence generated is used to inform decisions for how best to plan for, finance and deliver surgical services. Our goal is to increase access to surgical care and improve outcomes for those most in need across the health system, within Canada and internationally. We work at multiple levels to do this: with patients, communities, surgical providers, hospitals, universities, Ministries of Health, NGOs and multilateral agencies (e.g WHO, World Bank). To ensure sustainability, we are training the next generation of health system researchers, thinkers and leaders through programs such as our Princess Margaret Global Oncology Leadership Development course and our Temerty-Ukraine National Health Leadership program.

Dr. Xuyang Tang is a postdoctoral fellow at the Centre for Global Health and Research, She completed her doctorate in Health Services Research, Policy & Administration at the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities in 2018. Her research examines the role of demographics and social determinants of health in behaviors and mortality. More recently, Dr. Tang has studied the health impacts of COVID-19, particularly among marginalized communities. Her research analyzes disparities in infection rates, vaccination intentions, and pandemic-related behavioral changes to assess the crisis's long-term effects on public health. By generating evidence-based insights, she seeks to inform policies that reduce health inequities and improve outcomes for at-risk populations. Through her work, Dr. Tang contributes to advancing global health policies that prioritize social justice and equity in healthcare systems.



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Dr. Ori Rotstein is the Vice President of Research and Innovation at Unity Health Toronto. He is also a Professor and Associate Chair of the Department of Surgery at the University of Toronto. In addition to his role as VP, Dr. Rotstein is a practicing General Surgeon, and is an acknowledged expert in the management of intra-abdominal infection and inflammation. He is the former Director of the Institute of Medical Science, University of Toronto, the postgraduate arm of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto from 2001-2011 that was responsible for graduate training programs for more than 500 MSc/PhD students. In 2012, the Institute of Medical Science honoured him with an annual lecture 'The Ori D. Rotstein Lectureship in Translational Research'. He is a member of several prestigious medical societies including the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences, the American Surgical Association, and the American Society for Clinical Investigation. He is a Past President of the Surgical Infection Society and has contributed significantly to the activities of the American College of Surgeons through his participation on the Program Committee, Surgical Forum Committee, and the Scholarship Executive Committee.

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Followed by Q&A, Discussion and wishing Professor Jha well on his journey

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Professor David Naylor, medical researcher, higher education leader and Rhodes Scholar David Naylor served as president of the University of Toronto from 2005 to 2013. After two years at University College, he entered medical school and received his MD from U of T's Faculty of Medicine in 1978. He earned his PhD in the Faculty of Social and Administrative Studies at Oxford University in 1983 and became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1986. Naylor joined the Medical Research Council at Toronto General Hospital in 1987, and the Department of Medicine at U of T in 1988, becoming dean of Medicine and vice-provost for Relations with Health-Care Institutions at U of T from 1999 to 2005. He is the co-author of approximately 300 scholarly publications, spanning social history, public policy, health economics and epidemiology and biostatistics, as well as clinical and health services research in most fields of medicine. He has also been active as a policy advisor to governments in Canada and abroad for 25 years. Among other contributions, he served as chair of the National Advisory Committee on SARS and Public Health in 2003. More recently, he was a member of the Global Commission on the Education of Health Professionals for the 21st Century, and he served on the federal Review of R&D Spending in Canada. Naylor is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences, a Foreign Associate Fellow of the U.S. Institute of Medicine and an Officer of the Order of Canada. He is also the recipient of various national and international awards for excellence in research and leadership in clinical medicine, public policy, public health and health care.

4:00 PM NETWORKING LED BY PGME GLOBAL HEALTH DAY RESIDENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

All PGME Residents and Fellows are invited to stand

Chaired by Dr. Yenny Rodriguez, Cardiac Prevention and Ambulatory Care PGY2

4:30 PM END

Annual PGME

Global Health Day Learning Objectives

- develop a deeper understanding of motivations and processes for effective global health activism
- develop deeper understanding of impact of global health on global economics, communities and societies
- encourage participation and engagement in advancing global health
- create a forum for peer-to-peer discussion, to share global health concerns, education under the lens of advancing new global health research
- identify inequities and find strategies to enhance the future of global health
- encourage further practice, research and scholarly work on global health

The University of Toronto and collaborators, represent extraordinary leadership in global health education, research service and advocacy across disciplines, locally, nationally and internationally.

This Global Health Day symposium showcases many of these leaders and celebrates the accomplishments of our PGME Global Health Education Initiative graduates.

Acknowledgment of Traditional Land

We wish to acknowledge this land on which the University of Toronto operates.

For thousands of years, it has been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca and, most recently, the Mississauga's of the Credit.

This meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.

Special Recognition of...

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Venus Bona Jaraba, Administrator; Assistant to Professor Prabhat Jha
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2024-2025 GHEI Module Awards of Excellence TBC



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Dr. Darby Little	Plastic Surgery
Dr. Diego Malon-Gimenez	Medical Oncology
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Dr. Karl Narvacan	Transplantation Neurosurgery
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Dr. Paul Randlett	Emergency Medicine
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Enhanced Skills in Global Health and Vulnerable Populations Program

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10C: INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD

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11E: INNOVATIVE HEALTH SERVICE DELIVERY MODELS IN GLOBAL HEALTH

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12E: INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY IN GLOBAL HEALTH

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13E: THE ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH

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