

Symposium on the Implications of Medical Tourism for Canadian Health and Health Policy

**Room Albion B, Novotel Hotel
33 Nicholas St., Ottawa,
13 November 2009**

Programme**9:00 am – Introduction**

Ron Labonté, Canada Research Chair in Globalization and Health Equity, University of Ottawa.

9:15 am – Medical Tourism: A broad overview

Laura Hopkins, Visiting Researcher, Institute of Population Health, University of Ottawa.

9:45 am – Medical Tourism in China, India, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates

Moh'd Jamal Alsharif, Visiting Scholar, Department of Social Medicine and Health Management, School of Public Health, Tongji Medical College Huazhong University of Science and Technology, China.

10:15 am – Discussion**10:30 am – Coffee break****10:45 am – Impact of medical tourism on receiving countries and their health systems**

Abdullahel Hadi, Visiting Scholar, Institute of Population Health, University of Ottawa.

11:15 am – The impact of free trade agreements on medical tourism

Chantal Blouin, Associate Director of the Centre for Trade Policy and Law, the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University.

11:45 am – Medical tourism: the Canadian context, with an examination of cases where provincial health insurance has covered costs of health tourism

Corinne Packer, Executive Director, Human Rights Internet and Senior Researcher, Institute of Population Health, University of Ottawa.

12:15 pm – Discussion**12:30 pm – Lunch**

1:00 pm – An ethics approach to Canadians' decision-making in medical tourism: Project briefing
Valorie Crooks, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Simon Fraser University.

1:30 pm – Ethics and Reproductive Tourism

Raywat Deonandan, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Ottawa.

1:50 pm – Reproductive Tourism in Argentina: Implications in Policy and Research.

Elise Smith and Jason Behrmann, Researchers, Programmes de Bioéthique, Université de Montréal.

2:10 pm – Commercial organ transplantation and medical tourism

Leigh Turner, Associate Professor, Center for Bioethics, School of Public Health, University of Minnesota.

2:40 pm – Abortion and medical tourism

Christabelle Sethna, Associate Professor, Institute of Women's Studies, University of Ottawa.

3:00 pm – Discussion

3:10 pm – Refreshment break

3:15 – Plenary discussion to address various questions

Chaired by Ron Labonté

- Gaps in literature and research?
- Potential impacts of medical tourism on Canadian health and health policy?
- How should provincial health plans deal with medical tourism as a health care option and in terms of financing?

4:15 pm – Closing remarks

Ron Labonté



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