

Documentary Screening and Panel Discussion Event About Transgender Individuals and Cancer

May 16, 2024

Meet Our Speakers

Sevtap Savas, PhD

Moderator



Sevtap Savas, PhD (she/her) is a patient advocate, cancer scientist, and professor of genetics and oncology at Memorial University. She is one of the organizers and moderators of this public event.

Her primary aim is to reduce the effects of cancer on individuals, families, and communities. For this purpose, she works with students, assistants, collaborators and patient and community partners. Sevtap leads the Public Interest Group on Cancer Research (Newfoundland and Labrador) and the Atlantic Cancer Consortium Patient Advisory Board. These partnerships have critical roles in designing studies on cancer, organizing public events/conferences, creating scholarly and public knowledge, and connecting with the community through various ways, including podcasting.

Sevtap believes that every day is an opportunity for us to connect with the community, exchange and create knowledge, reduce social injustices, and elevate the voices of patients and under-served communities, including the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.

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Jocshan Loaiza-Moss, BSc

Modetator



Jocshan Loaiza Moss, BSc (he/him) is an event Coordinator at Public Interest Group on Cancer Research NL and a 2nd year master student on Cancer and Development Research at Memorial University of Newfoundland. He is passionate about science communication and public outreach in building connections between cancer research and the community. He considers that people with cancer lived experiences are a fundamental pillar in health care, and they ought to be heard and seen.

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Charlie Murphy

Opening Remarks



Charlie Murphy (he, they) is a long-time 2SLGBTQIA+ and sexual health activist who brings over a decade of experience working in areas like peer support, fundraising, and awareness initiatives.

He moved to what is colonially known as St. John's NL in 2009 and is the Executive Director and one of the co-founders of Quadrangle NL, the only solely mandated registered 2SLGBTQIA+ charity creating a Provincial 2SLGBTQIA+ Community Centre with dedicated programs and services for the province.

He's been working with other community members since 2012 on the dream of having dedicated space for the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.

For the past 13 years he's been a member of several provincial and national organizations like PFLAG St. John's chapter as a peer support facilitator, currently the Newfoundland and Labrador representative for The Enchante Network and the 2021 Building Healthy Communities Award recipient from the City of St. John's as volunteer of the year.

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Émile Sopkowe, M.Ed

Panelist



Émile Sopkowe BA, B.Ed, M.Ed (they/them/iel) is a trans and queer educator and advocate with a master's degree in social justice education. Émile won a human rights champion award from the NL Human Rights Commission in 2023. They are a runner, parent, and textile artist.

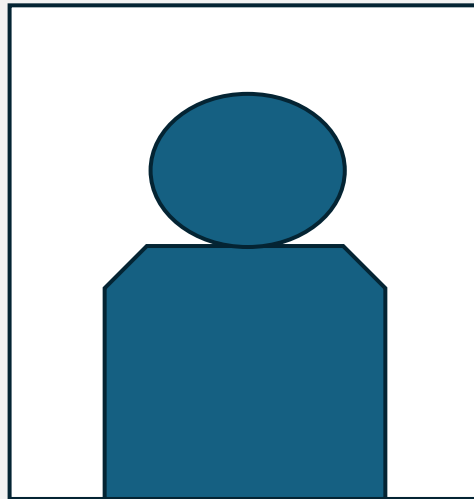
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Dr. Joannie Neveu, MD

Panelist



Dr. Joannie Neveu, MD, FRCSC (she/her) is a distinguished professional with a comprehensive medical background. She earned her medical degree from Sherbrooke University, followed by specialized training in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Memorial University. Dr. Neveu further honed her expertise through dual fellowships: the first in minimally invasive surgery at the University of Calgary and the second in Gynecologic-Oncology at Université de Montréal. She is currently working as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Memorial University, and is actively engaged in both surgical practice and academic pursuits. Notably, she is completing a Masters program in Health Economics at London School of Economics, reflecting her commitment to a multidimensional approach to healthcare. Dr. Neveu has recently published on the topic of transgender patient with cancer and currently provides care for transgender individual with oncological issue in Newfoundland.

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Dr. Mari-Lynne Sinnott, MD

Panelist



Dr. Mari-Lynne Sinnott, MD CCFP (she/her) is a graduate of Memorial University. She has 9 years of experience as a community-based physician serving the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. She holds a part-time faculty position with the Family Medicine Department at Memorial University and is involved in teaching both medical students and residents as one of the main preceptors of the Care of Underserved Populations Enhanced Skills Program. She also has ongoing transgender health research with colleagues and learners on multiple academic projects.