



# Conference Agenda

Sept 17-19th, 2024  
Nova Centre, Argyle Suite  
Halifax, NS

## Tues Sept 17th

**5:30pm: Registration/Reception Opens**

**BIOPORT ATLANTIC 2024 - LAUNCH RECEPTION**

**6:30pm**

**"New Wave: Innovators in Life Sciences - Nova Scotia's Rise as a Global Life Sciences Hub"**  
Hosted by Taylor MacGillivray, with Guest Doris Grant

**7:15pm - 8:30pm: RECEPTION**

## Wed Sept 18th

**8:00AM: Registration/Breakfast/Networking**

**8:50am**

**Navigating the Future:**  
2024 Life Science Investment Outlook  
**Speaker** - Anne Woods (RBCx)

**9:25am**

**Unlocking Venture Capital for Atlantic Canada's Life Sciences:**  
Challenges, Signals, and Solutions  
**Speakers:** Peter Hickey (SUMS Capital), David Philpott (Bloom Burton),  
Meryeme Lahmami (Pender Ventures),  
Ines Holzbaur (AmorChem) & Sarah Murphy (Pelorus Venture Capital)

**Networking/BioConnects/Exhibitor Showcase**

## Wed Sept 18th cont..

11:00am

**Company Showcase:** Atlantic Canadian Pre-Seed Companies in the Life & Health Sciences Sector

**Moderator:** Dr. George "Buzz" Kenney (Great Dome Associates)

11:45am

**The Omega Effect:** Atlantic Canada's unfair advantage

**Speakers:** Barbara Campbell (Natural Products Canada, Jack MacDonald (Infusd Nutrition), Justin Burt Natures Crops), Marc St. Onge (Smallfood) & Gregg Curwin (Novagevity)

**Lunch/Networking/BioConnects/Exhibitor Showcase**

1:20pm

**Hope Blooms:** Makye Clayton & Kolade Boboye

Keynote  
1:45pm

**From Vision to Reality:** A Start-Up Founder's Journey Powered by Possibilities in Health, Wellness, and Human Performance

**Speaker:** Travis McDonough (Wellnify)

2:20pm

**Company Showcase:** Atlantic Canadian Seed Companies in the Life and Health Sciences Sector

**Moderator:** Dr. George "Buzz" Kenney (Great Dome Associates)

**Networking/BioConnects/Exhibitor Showcase**

3:40pm

**Innovating Beyond Boundaries:** A Fireside Chat with BioVectra

**Speakers:** Kevin Sullivan (3D BIOFIBR) & Marc Sauer (BioVectra)

4:15pm

**How to Work with Healthcare Systems:** Practical Strategies for Companies in Canadian Healthcare

**Speakers:** Permjot Valia (Nava Develop Inc), Justin Hartlen (Virtual Hallway), Andy Fisher (Bounce Health Innovation), Margaret Palmeter (Nova Scotia Health Innovation Hub)

**5:00PM End of Day Reception**

## Thurs Sept 19th

### 8:30AM: Breakfast/Networking

**Keynote**  
**9:10am**

**"Transforming Healthcare: Navigating Challenges and Unlocking Possibilities for Canadian Life Sciences"**  
**Speaker:** Jimmy Yang (Accenture)

### Announcement

**10:15am**

**Building a World-Class Manufacturing and Export Ecosystem:** in Atlantic Canada  
**Speakers:** Dr. Jason Cleaversmith (Emergence), Scott Doncaster (BioVectra), Erin MacKean (Takaya Technology), Rashmi Prakash (Aruna Revolution) & Brianna Coffin (Island Abbey)

### Networking/BioConnects/Exhibitor Showcase

**11:50am**

**Cancer Care: Innovation for Patient Impact**  
**Speakers:** Susan Mullin (QEII Health Sciences Centre Foundation), Bruce Birdsell (Varian), Dr. James Robar (Nova Scotia Health) & Dr. Amanda Caissie (Dalhousie University)

**12:40pm**

**Attracting and Retaining Talent:** in Life & Health Sciences in Atlantic Canada  
**Speakers:** Alyse Hand (IRIS Communications), Rob Henderson (BioTalent Canada), Annette Elliott Rose (Nova Scotia Health), & Mark Gillingham (Polyunity)

### 1:30PM: Conference Wrap Up/Lunch