

# Health Data Summit Monday March 28, 9am-4pm

Charbonnel Lounge, St. Michael's College, University of Toronto, 81 St. Mary Street, Toronto



The Health Data Summit will provide a dynamic forum for researchers, data providers, policy makers, and legal experts to contribute to the discussion on access to and use of health data.

## The Issue

Health data present unique challenges: concerns related to responsibility, confidentiality, and anonymization of data have resulted in limited access to data within the research community. The potential outcomes of providing researchers with greater access to health data are significant, including the identification of emerging health threats, management of outbreaks to minimize impact of disease, and effective treatment of patients by evidence-based decision making.

## The event

The Summit will bring together researchers from the Social Sciences, Science, and other disciplines, and expand connections between academia and government. It will also address the capabilities of Scholars Portal with respect to the anonymization and storage of health data for access by researchers.

## Why attend?

Creative solutions to remove existing barriers to more open data need to be discussed and examined so that solutions can be developed. Expand your network and be a part of the solution by joining us at the Health Data Summit.

## Our Platforms



<odesi>, a web-based data exploration, extraction and analysis tool, is the product of a unique partnership between university libraries, business, and government.



**Geospatial Portal**

OCUL is working on a new data storage and discovery tool for geospatial data, which will work with <odesi> to increase accessibility of data and geospatial files to researchers in all disciplines across Ontario's universities.

OCUL's goal is to improve access to health data for the broader research community by obtaining suitably anonymized health datasets and making them available for online download to authenticated university affiliates.

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## Participants

### Keynote

**Dr. Kieran Moore**

Department of Family Medicine (cross appointed to the Department of Emergency Medicine), Queen's University.

Dr. Moore will be speaking about the use of real-time health data in the context of Public Health Decision-making.

He coordinates a provincially-funded initiative to establish a bio-surveillance program that will be linking information from ED registrations, ambulance dispatch and area pharmacies.

### Legal Expert Panel

**Dr. Margaret Ann Wilkinson**

Faculty of Law, University of Western Ontario.

Dr. Wilkinson is Director of the Area of Concentration in Intellectual Property, Information and Technology Law at Western. Professor Wilkinson has spoken and published in the areas of intellectual property, information and media law, and information policy, including health information policy.

**Karen Weisbaum**

Department of Family Medicine and Faculty of Health Sciences, Queen's University.

Karen Weisbaum is a trained ethicist and lawyer with a background in education. She teaches topics in bioethics, law and policy at Queen's University and has been a member of the Health Sciences and Affiliated Teaching Hospitals Research Ethics Board since 2004.

### Attendees will include:

- Researchers
- Librarians, Faculty & Students
- Data providers
- Health care providers

# RSVP

RSVP by March 11, 2011 - No cost to attend & lunch will be provided.

To register, contact: **Leanne Hindmarch**, Data & Geospatial Librarian | Scholars Portal, a program of OCUL | [leanne@scholarsportal.info](mailto:leanne@scholarsportal.info)

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