



## SUMMARY AND ABSTRACT TEMPLATE

You must provide ONE document that includes your 50 word abstract as well as the 250 word summary by email to the address below to complete the workshop submission process. Please ensure to include all required information below. Please note that the abstract will be included in the conference program as well as the names of the organizer(s) and presenters.

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**Name of organizer:** Dr. Anita Gagnon  
**Title of workshop:** Health & Access to It for Migrants After Birth  
**Format of Workshop:** Presentation Workshop

**Name of co-organizer:** Ms. Denise Bradshaw  
**Organization:** Vancouver Coastal Health

**Name of co-organizer (if applicable):** Ms. Marlo Turner-Ritchie  
**Organization:** Head and Hands

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**Name of first presenter:** Dr. Olive Wahoush  
**E-mail address:**  
**Organisation:** McMaster University  
**Title/Theme of presentation (not applicable for Roundtable):** Childbearing Health And Related Service Needs of Newcomers (CHARSNN)

**Name of second presenter:** Ms. Lisa Merry  
**E-mail address:**  
**Organisation:** McGill University  
**Title/Theme of presentation (not applicable for Roundtable):** Access to health and social services after birth: the narratives

**Name of third presenter:** Ms. Beth Jackson  
**E-mail address:**  
**Organisation:** PHAC  
**Title/Theme of presentation (not applicable for Roundtable):** PHAC's role in promoting access to health care for migrant mothers and infants

**Name of fourth presenter:** Ms. Stephanie Bouris  
**E-mail address:**  
**Organisation:** McGill University  
**Title/Theme of presentation (not applicable for Roundtable):** Dual-country motherhood

**Name of fifth presenter:** Ms. Angelyn Warmington  
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**Organisation:** Refugee Branch, CIC



**Title/Theme of presentation (not applicable for Roundtable):** Refugee Resettlement policies and programming

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**Abstract** Insert the 50 word abstract

Tri-city (Vancouver, Toronto, and Montreal) data on the health and service needs of refugee, asylum-seeking, non-refugee immigrant and Canadian-born women and their infants during pregnancy, at birth and during the first four months after birth will be presented in conjunction with potential policy responses to these data.

**Summary** Insert the 250 word summary

Some women and infants new to Canada will have poor health and unmet health and social needs during pregnancy and after birth, while others will have better health than Canadian-born women. The forced nature of their migration, separation from their families, lack of knowledge of English or French and for some, a precarious immigration status and limited eligibility for health care services, are likely to be associated with their pregnancy and post-birth health risk and care. Three presentations will be made during this workshop based on results of a recent study, the *Childbearing Health and Related Service Needs of Newcomers (CHARSNN)*, examining pregnancy, birth, and post-birth outcomes and care across 1500 women-infant pairs in one of four group (refugees, asylum-seekers, non-refugee immigrants, Canadian-born) living in either Vancouver, Toronto, or Montreal. Preliminary results suggest that post-birth depression risk, lack of social support, and severe lack of resources occur more often in migrant than in Canadian-born women, and that refugees have the highest rate of concerns not addressed by the health care system. Interspersed with these, will be presentations in which representatives of the *Public Health Agency of Canada* and *Citizenship and Immigration Canada*, review policies related to the issues highlighted by the research results, and suggest potential revisions to those policies or creation of new policies to optimize Canadian responsiveness to them. In addition to short question-answer periods between presentations, a general discussion and debate including views from representatives of the NGO sector will complete this workshop.