



# School of Health Information Science

## Seminar:

# Unlocking Canada's Health Data: Challenges and Opportunities



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Canada, compared to its OECD counterparts, lags in innovative prowess and the effective application of knowledge and data to enhance healthcare delivery to its citizens. The Covid-19 pandemic exposed critical weaknesses in our healthcare systems, particularly in how we collect, monitor, report, and utilize information to inform continual learning health systems.

The objectives of this presentation are threefold: first, to examine the conditions and issues at the national, provincial, and local levels that contribute to Canadians' limited access, understanding and use of their health data. Second, demonstrate how this contributes to the suboptimal performance of healthcare organizations and providers. Third chart a path in response to the challenges.

The asymmetrical distribution of data, information, and knowledge contributes to a nescience among citizens, healthcare providers, and government entities, ultimately impacting health outcomes and often with negative consequences. Despite incremental efforts, we find ourselves in cycles of path dependency resulting in only marginal improvements.

This webinar will delve into the governance, political, regulatory, policy, economic, ethical, and social barriers that hinder progress. Additionally, we will highlight emerging initiatives that hold promise for addressing these challenges. However, significant political hurdles must be overcome to incentivize meaningful reforms. Participants are encouraged to advocate for change to accelerate our journey toward a more responsive healthcare system.

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