

Community Resident Consultation: School of Medicine

Notes

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1. Event Information

On April 19, 2022, a community consultation was held with residents of southern Ontario and beyond. More than 200 people registered for the event and more than 100 participated including individuals from Aurora, Barrie, Cannington, Keswick, King City, Kleinburg, London, Markham, Mississauga, Newmarket, North York, Rexdale, Richmond Hill, Thornhill, Toronto, and Vaughan. International participants were present from the USA and Uganda.

Quick Facts:

221 people registered and 188 people participated in the event.

Domestic and international participants attended.

468 distinct communications were received during the event from participants using digital tools including responses to survey questions, chat messages, and questions through the Q&A function.

26 participants submitted questions in advance of the event.

187 participants indicated they are interested in signing up to receive updates about York University's School of Medicine.

36 signatures were received on the community letter of support for York University's School of Medicine immediately following the consultation.

Panelists were:

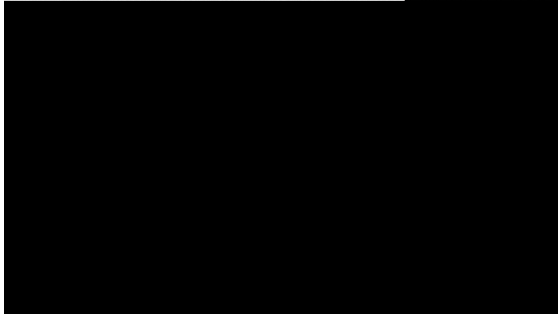
Rhonda L. Lenton, President and Vice-Chancellor York University
Lisa Philipps, Provost & Vice-President Academic
Amir Asif, Vice-President Research, and Innovation

Ijade Maxwell Rodrigues welcomed participants and offered a land acknowledgment (see Appendix A) on behalf of York University. The event was moderated by Dr. Emily P. K. Reid, PhD, and moderated by Dr. Emily P. K. Reid, PhD.

2. Engagement and Discussion

Polling

Participants were invited to engage with polling software to indicate their responses to the following questions:



Question 1: How true is the following statement for you: I have access to a doctor.

Question 2: When I think of the future of health care, the following words come to mind



Question 3: An aspect of health care that is working well for me is...

Question 4: An aspect of health care that I would like to see improve is...

Question 5: Why do you feel a new medical school is needed?

Live Q&A

Questions were received from participants before the event, through the chat function, and through the Q&A function in Zoom. Core questions centered around:
admissions to the Medical School

Questions Received through the Q&A function in zoom were as follows:

- Many medical schools offer an 8 year program and we are considering a variety of models with this and shorter time to graduation. While there are advantages to accelerated training, we need to consider the needs and wellbeing of students as they move through the program.

Location

- The Vaughan Healthcare Precinct location offers opportunities for extended research and programming in Kinesiology, Biotech, and multidisciplinary research for example.
- Health care should be integrated across providers and designed to keep people in their communities for care.

Programming

- We are looking to develop programming that sees both the doctor and the patient as people with knowledge and needs. Our focus on mental health for example, needs to start with our own students.
- We are thinking through the ways in which students move around between health-related career paths.

Access, Equity and Inclusion

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