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Learn how to prevent spreading infections—and getting them—at the next PACE talk

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Tuesday, December 10, 2019—This month's PACE conversation will take place at Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH), 1000 DePalma Drive, Cobourg, on **Wednesday, December 18th at 5:30 PM** with guest speaker Dr. Daniel Ricciuto exploring a timely topic: *Don't Be a Vector! How to Prevent Spreading Infections – and Getting Them.*

An Internal Medicine and Infectious Disease specialist, Dr. Ricciuto's primary practice site is Lakeridge Health, where he is the Chief and Medical Director of Quality and Patient Experience and the Physician Lead for Infection Prevention and Control and Antimicrobial Stewardship. He is also co-Chair of the Public Health Ontario Antimicrobial Stewardship Advisory Committee.

Dr. Ricciuto consults regularly at NHH, performing weekly rounds via Ontario Telemedicine Network and working closely with NHH's Pharmacy team to provide input on antimicrobial stewardship.

Dr. Ricciuto has participated in multiple areas of research over his career, with topics including efforts to reduce rates of hospital-acquired infections like *C. difficile*, novel technologies to

improve hand hygiene, as well as the microbiome and biomarkers in sepsis. During his PACE conversation, Dr. Ricciuto will highlight ways we can all prevent spreading and getting infections.

The Northumberland PACE talks are free, monthly public education sessions on a broad range of health and wellness topics, and consistently draw large groups of community members with a range of questions and perspectives.

Lasting an hour in length, each PACE event consists of a 30-minute talk, a 20-minute question-and-answer period with the guest speaker and a 10-minute moderator summary. PACE talks start at 5:30 PM on the third Wednesday of each month, and rotate between Cobourg (at NHH, 1000 DePalma Drive) and Port Hope (at the Community Health Centres of Northumberland, 99 Toronto Road).

Bring your questions, your suggestions and your experience and join in what is expected to be another lively discussion.

Pre-registration is required to manage room capacity. Register for Dr. Ricciuto's December 2019 session today at www.pacetalks.com, where you'll also find a listing of the upcoming speaker and topic line-up along with video highlights from last season's talks and, now available, video and audio recordings from PACE talks delivered earlier this season.

Next up for PACE? *Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) - Where Are We in 2020?* with Dr. Mark Essak, on January 15, 2020 at Community Health Centres of Northumberland. Registration for the January PACE talk will open the week of December 16th.

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About Northumberland PACE – A collaborative between community health-care providers and local residents interested in learning more and promoting health and wellness, PACE (which stands for Personalized Assessment and Change Education) is a TED Talks-inspired speakers' series hosted (on a rotating basis) at Northumberland Hills Hospital in Cobourg and the Community Health Centres of Northumberland in Port Hope. Northumberland Hills Hospital, the Northumberland Family Health Team, The Community Health Centres of Northumberland, internal medicine specialists IMCare and local patients and caregivers are all represented on the PACE planning table, as is the Interactive Media Development – Film and Television Production program at Loyalist College, which has partnered with the team to support audio and visual recording and distribution and, most recently, the NHH Foundation. Talks are held monthly at 5:30 PM, September through June, on the third Wednesday of the month. One hour in total, each talk consists of a 30-minute presentation followed by a 20-minute, interactive question and answer speaker/audience discussion and a short moderator summary to conclude. Seats are available free of charge, on a first-come, first-reserved basis. Preregistration is required, to manage room occupancy limits. For information, please visit www.pacetalks.com.

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