

# CANCER: Prevention, Treatment & You

## Find out more about our Moderator and Panelists



Panel Moderator: **Eilish Bonang**, Anchor, Global News Morning

Eilish Bonang has had a passion for storytelling ever since she was a little girl. Her favourite subjects in school included English Language Arts, creative writing, and of course, gym class.

She began her journey into media when she completed the Radio, Television, Journalism diploma program at NSCC's Waterfront campus, with a concentration in Broadcast Journalism.

Starting her career behind the scenes, she has held multiple positions within newsrooms across the Maritimes. Her first official gig included rolling auto-cue at CTV Atlantic in Halifax. From there, she worked her way up in roles from production assistant to tape-chase, before ultimately landing a video journalist position in Moncton, New Brunswick.

After spending three busy years telling stories in the Hub city, she happily accepted a position with Global News back in her hometown of Halifax.

Eilish joined the Global News Morning team in February of 2021 as a digital broadcast journalist and show producer, conducting live hits out in the community. In December of the same year, she officially accepted the full-time co-host position for GNM.

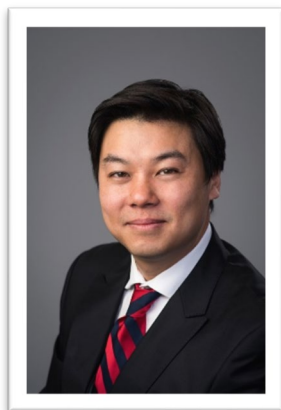
When she's not busy wearing multiple news hats, she enjoys spending time with her friends and family, exploring all the corners of the Maritimes, and trying as many of the amazing restaurants in our region as she can!



**Dr. Nathalie Saint-Jacques**, MSc, PhD

Senior Epidemiologist, Nova Scotia Health Cancer Care Program  
Adjunct Professor, Department of Medicine, Dalhousie University  
Associate Research Scholar, Healthy Populations Institute  
Associate Scientist, Beatrice Hunter Cancer Research Institute

Dr. Saint-Jacques is a senior epidemiologist with the Nova Scotia Health Cancer Care Program, an Adjunct Professor with the Department of Medicine at Dalhousie University, and Scholar at Dalhousie's Healthy Populations Institute. Her research interests are in cancer prevention, environmental health, and health equity. Her research integrates community-level profiles of cancer incidence with cancer risk factors and socioeconomic conditions, to inform locally relevant and equitable cancer prevention strategies.

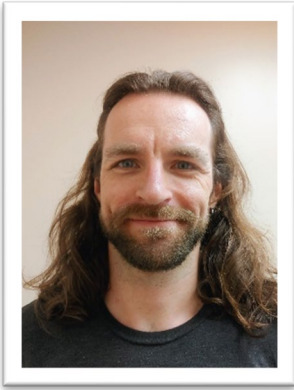


**Dr. Michael N. Ha**, MD, PhD, FRCPC

Radiation Oncologist, Nova Scotia Health  
Assistant Professor, Dalhousie University  
I3V Clinician Scientist in Oncology  
Associate Member, Beatrice Hunter Cancer Research Institute

Dr. Michael Ha is a Radiation Oncologist and a Clinician Scientist at Dalhousie University and Nova Scotia Health. He completed his medical studies and residency at Dalhousie Medical School. Prior to that he received a Ph.D. in Medical Biophysics from the University of Toronto where he studied molecular biology, innate immunity and virology. Dr. Ha is the clinical lead in a project that uses gold nanoparticles as radiosensitizers in combination with a prototype linear accelerator located at Nova Scotia Cancer Care. For this work, his team successfully was awarded the Innovation Grant from the Canadian Cancer Society and the work has been presented at multiple international meetings.

Dr. Ha specializes in treating lung and CNS malignancies and is a founding member of the Thoracic Rapid Intake Palliative (TRIP) Radiotherapy Clinic which quickly assesses and treats palliative lung cancer patients. This clinic is a translational research hub where samples obtained from patients undergoing radiotherapy are studied to improve our understanding of radiation and its effect on the body's immune system. His current research interests include cancer-immune system interactions, nanoparticle mediated radiosensitization, and the abscopal effect.



**Tom Christensen**, MSc

Clinical Exercise Physiologist and Research Coordinator, Physical Activity and Cancer (PAC) Lab, Dalhousie University

Tom has been helping people improve, maintain, and enjoy their quality of life as an exercise professional for the last ten years and has been a Clinical Exercise Physiologist with the PAC Lab since 2020. In his free time, he likes to cook, play outside, read, and practice guitar.