

School of Health Information Science Seminar:

Population Health Metrics in BC: Current State, Challenges, and Future Perspective



Speaker:

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12:00PM PT

Measurement of population health status and inequalities and their causes provides essential information for public health policy and program development and evaluation. In this presentation, I will share my personal reflections of challenges in BC, introduce population health surveillance programs and data products led by the epidemiology team in Office of the Provincial Health Officer, and discuss the team's developmental works for expanding and enhancing population health metrics in the province.

Dr. Ye has been an epidemiologist and population health researcher for both universities and governments for 20 years. His research interests include population health metrics, cancer epidemiology, environmental epidemiology, and public health program evaluation. Dr. Ye is currently Provincial Epidemiologist and Director of Epidemiology for BC's Office of the Provincial Health Officer. His team uses administrative health databases, health survey data, and open data sources to assess population health status and inequalities in BC. The team provides analytical supports to the illicit drug toxicity crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic responses. Previously, he was a nil-salaried assistant professor of epidemiology with University of Manitoba where he led several epidemiological research grants as Principal Investigator and an adjunct professor with the University of Ottawa School of Epidemiology and Public Health.

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