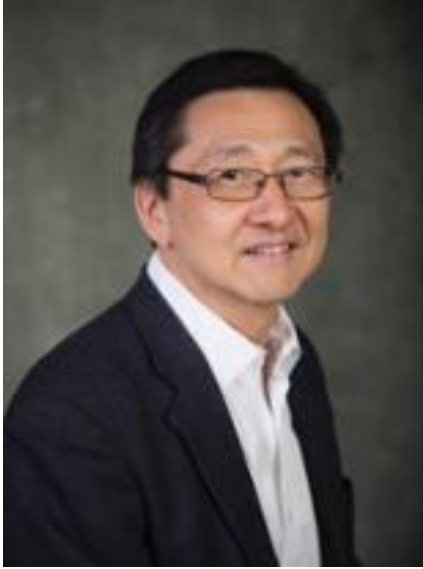




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Health Information Science Seminar Series



Dr. Francis Lau Presents:

**Modernizing Gender, Sex and Sexual
Orientation Information Practices in
Canadian Electronic Health Record Systems**

Wednesday, March 10th, 2021

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Pacific

Online via [Zoom](#)

Abstract: Sexual and gender minorities (SGM) are amongst the most marginalized people in Canada. One structural challenge is the inability of existing electronic health records (EHRs) to capture gender, sex and sexual orientation (GSSO) information beyond a single data field with male and female options. This has made SGM largely invisible in EHRs, and by extension within the health eco-system. The Infoway Sex and Gender Working Group spent most of last year working with organizations and communities across Canada to address this challenge. The result was the co-creation of a high level action plan on ways to modernize GSSO information practices in Canadian EHR systems. In this seminar we will review the content of this action plan, invite audience feedback, and discuss next steps ahead.

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