



The O'Brien Institute for Public Health &  
the Department of Community Health Sciences present:

## Alberta's Tomorrow Project: Health Data to Support Your Research

Speaker: Jennifer Vena, PhD

Thursday, March 15, 2018 - 12:00 to 12:50 p.m.

Theatre 3, Health Sciences Centre Building, 3330 Hospital Dr NW

Alberta's Tomorrow Project (ATP) is the province's largest-ever health research platform, launched in 2000 to help investigate the causes and prevention of cancer and chronic disease. As it tracks the health of 55,000 adults aged 35-69 years at enrollment for up to 50 years, ATP is enabling exceptional investigation into the health and lifestyle of Albertans.

Learn how the project got off the ground, and how researchers across Alberta and around the world are learning from its massive - and growing - database.

Dr. Jennifer Vena is the Scientific Director and Principal Investigator with Alberta's Tomorrow Project. As Scientific Director, Dr. Vena is responsible for setting scientific direction and developing long-term strategic plans to guide the evolution of Alberta's Tomorrow Project (ATP) from a traditional cohort study to a broad research platform. Dr. Vena works jointly with ATP's Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) and Scientific Steering Committee (SSC) to identify emerging areas of cancer and chronic disease research, and secures funding from external sources to support day-to-day operations of the study. Dr. Vena also collaborates with other Canadian researchers as co-lead of the Canadian Partnership for Tomorrow Project (CPTP), a collaboration of six cohorts across the country funded by the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer and a number of provincial funding agencies.

### Objectives:

1. Describe the mission and history of Alberta's Tomorrow Project (ATP)
2. Review selected past and current research projects using ATP data and biospecimens to study the development and prevention of cancer and chronic diseases
3. Review the steps necessary to apply for ATP data and biospecimens for individual research projects

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