

Benjamin Wong

EDUCATION

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND, Dublin, Ireland Medicine (MB BCh BAO)	2025 (Expected)
DALLA LANA SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON Master of Public Health (MPH), Epidemiology	2017
SCHULICH SCHOOL OF MEDICINE & DENTISTRY, Western University, London, ON Bachelor of Medical Sciences (BMSc), Honours Specialization in Medical Sciences	2015

WORK EXPERIENCE

NICOTINE DEPENDENCE SERVICE, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Toronto, ON Epidemiologist / Research Coordinator	2020–2021
CENTRE FOR GLOBAL HEALTH RESEARCH, St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, ON Epidemiologist / Research Coordinator MPH Practicum Student	2018–Present Winter 2017
MAP CENTRE FOR URBAN HEALTH SOLUTIONS, St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, ON Epidemiologist / Research Coordinator Junior Epidemiologist	2017–2018 Fall 2016
SUDBURY & DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT, Sudbury, ON MPH Practicum Student	Summer 2016
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, Toronto, ON Summer Research Assistant, Faculty of Dentistry	2012–2015
DR. GABRIEL WONG & DR. ALAN HOFFMAN FAMILY CLINIC, Ajax, ON Patient Database Manager	Summer 2011

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

DALLA LANA SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism Consultant	2021–Present
DALLA LANA SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON Peer Mentor	2021–Present
COVID-19 CANADA OPEN DATA WORKING GROUP, Toronto, ON Data and Development Contributor	2021–Present

COVID-19 DISPERSED VOLUNTEER RESEARCH NETWORK, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA Researcher	2020–Present
BOPOMA VILLAGES (NPO), Masvingo, Zimbabwe Consultant, Analytics and Program Evaluation	2019–Present
DISTRESS CENTRES OF GREATER TORONTO, Canadian Suicide Prevention Service, Toronto, ON Crisis Line Responder	2019–2021
DALLA LANA SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON Founding Member, Students for Indigenous Health Equity	2016–2017
UNIVERSITIES ALLIED FOR ESSENTIAL MEDICINES, Toronto, ON Volunteer	2015–2017
INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP OF CANADA, London, ON Executive Leadership Committee Member	2011–2015
WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH JOURNAL, Western University, London, ON Editor-in-Chief	2014–2015
BAPTIST MEDICAL AND DENTAL MISSION INTERNATIONAL, Guaimaca, Honduras Medical Volunteer	Summer 2011
NORTH YORK GENERAL HOSPITAL, North York, ON Day Surgery Volunteer	Summer 2011
TEACHING & OUTREACH EXPERIENCE	
ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL, Toronto, ON Workshop Facilitator, R Workshop Series	2019
ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL, Toronto, ON Workshop Facilitator, Data Analytic Methods Seminars	2017
DALLA LANA SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON Graduate Teaching Assistant	2017
WESTERN STUDENT RESEARCH CONFERENCE, Western University, London, ON Conference Coordinator	2014–2015
DIVISION OF HOUSING & ANCILLARY SERVICES, Western University, London, ON Residence Orientation Leader	2012–2013
PUBLICATIONS, ABSTRACTS, AND REPORTS	

Veldhuizen S, Selby P, Wong B, Zawertailo L. 2021. Effect of COVID-19 on smoking cessation outcomes in a large primary care treatment programme: an observational study. *BMJ Open* 2021;11:e053075.
<https://doi.org/10.1136/bmjopen-2021-05307>

Rahmani N, Veldhuizen S, Wong B, Selby P, Zawertailo L. 2021. The effectiveness of nicotine replacement therapy in light versus heavier smokers. *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* ntab096.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/ntr/ntab096>

Wong BKC, Fadel SA, Awasthi S, Khera A, Kumar R, Menon G, Jha P. 2019. The impact of measles immunization campaigns in India using a nationally representative sample of 27,000 child deaths. *eLife* 8:e43290. <https://doi.org/10.7554/eLife.43290>

King M, Wong BKC, Malaviarachchi D, Palangio A, Dowdall-Smith S, Lefebvre M. Sudbury & District Health Unit. 2018. SDHU Population Health Profile: Injuries and poisonings. Sudbury, ON.
<https://www.phsd.ca/resources/research-statistics/health-statistics/public-health-sudbury-districts-population-health-profile/injuries-and-poisonings>

Shakeri A*, Wong B*, Burchell A, Tan DHS, Al-Salman A, Gesink D, Allen V, Aral S, Mishra S. 2017. Syphilis re-infection amid a global resurgence: a systematic review and meta-analysis. *AMMI Canada – CACMID Annual Conference* (p. 51). Toronto: Journal of the Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Disease Canada.
<https://doi.org/10.3138/jammi.2.suppl-1.1>

Brito C, Tenenbaum HC, Wong BKC, Schmitt C, Nogueira-Filho G. 2014. Is keratinized mucosa indispensable to maintain peri-implant health? A systematic review of the literature. *J Biomed Mater Res Part B* 102B:643–650. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jbm.b.33042>

POSTERS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Impact of COVID-19 on a Primary Care Smoking Cessation Program in Ontario”. Centre for Addiction and Mental Health on February 5, 2021. Presentation.

“Survey Interviews, Data Collection, and Data Entry Practices”. Bopoma Villages on November 29, 2019. Presentation.

“Trends in Tobacco- and Alcohol-attributable Mortality in India”. Clinical and Population Research Rounds at St. Michael’s Hospital on April 11, 2019. Grand Rounds Presentation.

Zahid S, Wong B, Srivastav S, Lightfoot D, Ziegler C, Mishra S. 2017. The HIV care continuum among men who have sex with men in Sub-Saharan Africa: a systematic review and meta-analysis. St. Michael’s Hospital Research Day: Toronto, ON. Poster.

“Impact of measles immunization campaigns on 1-to-59-month measles mortality in India”. St. Michael’s Hospital on April 24, 2017. Presentation.

“Trends and prevalence of injuries and poisonings in the SDHU area”. Sudbury & District Health Unit on August 11, 2016. Presentation.

Sutherland SC, Wong B, Ma J, Bhuiyan SU. 2016. Maternal & Child Health Handbook: Reducing Mortality and Improving Health System Efficacy in Guatemala. 10th Annual MCH Handbook Conference. Tokyo, Japan. Poster.

"Cytotoxicity Assays and Assessment Methodology". Biological Basis Seminar Series at University of Toronto on July 17, 2013. Presentation.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Peer Review:

- Journal of Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (2019-Present)
- International Journal of Indigenous Health (2019-Present)
- BMC Infectious Diseases (2017-Present)

Hiring Committees:

- Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (2020)
- Centre for Global Health Research (2018)
- MAP Centre for Urban Health Solutions (2017)

Memberships:

- Canadian Medical Association (2019-Present)
- Society for Epidemiologic Research (2019-Present)
- Canadian Association for Global Health (2021-Present)
- Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research (2016-2020)
- Canadian Public Health Association (2016-Present)

HONOURS & AWARDS

2019 STAT Wunderkind Nominee, Stat News	2019
Robert Remis Award, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto	2019
LEP Certificate in Individual & Group Leadership, Western University	2013
Platinum Award for Excellence in Leadership, Western University	2012

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

SciNet High Performance Computing Consortium, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON	
Certificate in Data Science	2018
Completed coursework in: Introduction to Computational Biostatistics with R, Introduction to Programming with Python, Neural Network Programming, Introduction to Linux Shell, Advanced Shell Programming, Relational Database Basics	
PROVINCIAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA	
San'yas Indigenous Cultural Safety Training Certification	2018
CITI PROGRAM	
CITI-GCP (Good Clinical Practice) Certification	2017
GOVERNMENT OF CANADA PANEL ON RESEARCH ETHICS	
Tri-Council Policy Statement Course on Research Ethics (TCPS2 CORE) Certification	2017

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Statistical Programming: R (advanced), Stata, Python, QGIS, Shiny
- Database Management: SQL/PostgreSQL, Git (Bash)
- Markup: Markdown, LaTeX