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| **Title of Innovation in policy and practice presentation** (Surrey City Lab: where healthy campus meets healthy city |
| **Setting/problem**The *Okanagan Charter: An International Charter for Health Promoting Universities and Colleges* calls on academic institutions to partner on and off campus in order to lead action for health promotion locally and globally. Building academic-community partnerships can create opportunities for civic engagement and the development of future citizens with the capacity to act as agents of change. This presentation focuses on a living lab in the City of Surrey, which is one of the most diverse and fastest growing cities in Canada. It faces increasingly complex social and health equity challenges such as the prevalence of chronic diseases, food security, and social exclusion. **Intervention**The Surrey City Lab is a new academic-community partnership between the City of Surrey, Simon Fraser University and Kwantlen Polytechnic University that uses a living lab approach as recommended by the United Nations. The lab is experimental, systems-oriented and aimed at supporting the strategic goals of the municipality laid out in its Sustainability Charter. The lab engages faculty and city staff to co-create learning experiences for students enabling them to help address pressing public health issues in the Surrey community. **Outcomes**Since the Surrey City Lab is experimental in nature, it has offered many learning opportunities to better understand the process and outcomes of a living lab and its role in promoting sustainability. The lab process includes engagement of municipal partners, academics and students, as well as understanding the barriers and enablers that can impede or support its success. This unique experiential program also enables students from a wide range of disciplines to work together to find practical solutions to real-world challenges. To date, students have developed prototypes related to citywide priorities such as refugee resettlement, senior’s social isolation, mental health and substance use crisis, active transportation and food security. The lab has also promoted student health by improving youth civic engagement and student involvement in municipal issues.**Implications**The Surrey City Lab has resulted in innovative prototypes that are aligned with sustainability goals of the City of Surrey. These co-created projects aim to make Surrey a safe, inclusive, equitable and resilient city. The lab ultimately serves as model for academic –community partnerships to foster innovation and break down institutional barriers in service of the needs of the Surrey community.**Preferred presentation format - Oral** |