

**9th International Clinical Skills Conference, Prato Tuscany
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Professor Saleem Razack – Keynote Speaker

Saleem Razack is recently a professor of pediatrics at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver Canada. He joined UBC in January 2023 after a 26 year career at McGill University. He is a practicing pediatric intensive care physician at BC Children's Hospital and was the director of the pediatric intensive care unit at the Montreal Children's Hospital. He is a professor of pediatrics and is dually appointed in Pediatrics and the Centre for Health Education Scholarship at UBC. His academic focus has always been within health professions education, specifically, issues of equity, diversity, inclusion and anti-racist educational practice. His research has included a discourse analysis of equity, diversity, and inclusion within student selection to medicine, and he has since moved towards understanding concepts such as meritocracy and professionalism within medicine with respect to equity, diversity and inclusion. He is currently a coinvestigator on several grants studying social accountability discourses in medical education, and how patient experience can be brought into curricular design. He has been a residency program director, assistant dean of admissions, and was the inaugural director of McGill's Social Accountability and Community Engagement Office.

He does not apologize for being a highly subspecialized technologically based specialist who cares deeply about the impact of social context and structural determinants on the health of the young patients he cares with critical life-threatening illness. On the contrary, his rallying metaphor for this type of medical practice is one of collision – finding beauty, reward and witnessing healing in the tragic impact between life-threatening critical illness in children and their social contexts.

He is an older dad of 4-year-old twins, in a two-dad situation, and has been humbled as never before by this experience.