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KEYNOTE SPEAKER – DR NAOMI STEENHOF BIOGRAPHY

Naomi Steenhof, PhD is a pharmacist and health professions education researcher based in Toronto, Canada. Her work focuses on how learners develop adaptive expertise in complex clinical and educational environments, with particular attention to feedback, productive failure, and cognitive integration.

Her research examines learning at the interface between the known and the unfamiliar. She explores how educational design can prepare learners not only to perform, but to learn in and from new situations as they arise. This includes work on productive failure as a way to support deeper understanding and future capability, as well as flexible application in practice. Her work also considers how changing practice contexts such as artificial intelligence and expanding scopes of practice reshape what it means to be prepared for professional practice.

Naomi's work centers on helping educators design for uncertainty while supporting meaningful learning and performance in practice.