

*Health Canada WHIMS 2015 Update*  
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*Presenter biography*

Rosslynn became the Director of WHMB in 2016. She has experience in all aspects of the program, having previously played a leading role in the development of the draft legislation and regulations to implement the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) in Canada and represented Canada at negotiations of the GHS by the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the GHS. She was also previously the Manager of the Assessment, Compliance and Enforcement Division in WHMB, responsible for oversight of the WHMIS claims for exemption operational program, as well as national coordination of compliance and enforcement.

Rosslynn has an M.Sc. in Biochemistry from the University of Western Ontario and an M.B.A from Heriot-Watt University. She previously worked in the private sector as a consultant on regulatory submissions for new chemicals and natural health products. She joined Health Canada in 2009.

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Health Canada implemented the GHS in Canada through the publication of the *Hazardous Products Regulations* in February, 2015. An update on implementation will be provided, including important milestones for transition, information about the protection of confidential business information, compliance promotional material that is available, and work underway with the US OSHA under the banner of the Regulatory Cooperation Council.

*Health Canada WHIMS 2015 Technical Guidance, Phase 1*  
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*Presenter biography*

Amira is the Acting Manager of the Policy and External Relations Division in the Workplace Hazardous Materials Bureau at Health Canada. She leads the team responsible for providing technical and regulatory expertise for the WHMIS program and recently led the development of the GHS regulations in Canada which came-into-force on February 11, 2015. Amira is also Canada's Head of Delegation at negotiations of the GHS by the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the GHS.

Amira comes from a scientific research background with extensive experience in toxicology, pharmaceutical sciences, biology, chemistry and biochemistry. She also has over 10 years of experience in a regulatory science environment. Her career in the federal government started as a regulatory scientist in controlled substances and tobacco at Health Canada. She then went on to fulfil various roles, including the development of the current *Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulations* in Canada.

Amira has a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry from Carleton University in Ottawa and a Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences from the University of Toronto.

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Health Canada released Phase 1 of its Technical Guidance relating to WHMIS 2015 on July 29, 2016. An overview of the structure of the document, to help orient users, as well as a review of the guidance in areas of particular interest will be provided.