

## Outline of Speech

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Who is CASSA?

SA communities:

South Asian as an identity of solidarity

Diversity within the South Asian communities

- regional diversity
- religious diversity
- linguistic diversity
- immigration status/history
- intersections of class, gender, sexual orientation, ability etc

South Asians in the GTA:

Quick mention of the distribution of South Asians, refer them to South Asian community profile created by SALCO.

Myths:

- South Asians don't care much about health promotion
- volunteerism is low in the South Asian communities
- South Asians are not affected by racism and discrimination

Best outreach:

- faith groups
- cultural groups
- ethnic media

Outcome of Health Roundtable:

- mental health, sexual health, chronic diseases, health care governance
- need to collaborate and get out of silos
- need to address health inequities

CASSA – next steps