2017 CMN Annual Conference - Biographies

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Dr. Arun Radhakrishnan is a family physician with a focused clinical practice in chronic non-cancer pain and a teaching affiliation with University of Toronto. His research interests are in knowledge translation and the use of information and communication technologies in healthcare. Over the last 5 years he has studied how the members of the Medical Mentoring for Addictions and Pain (MMAP) are using technology to translate knowledge. Currently he is the co-chair of both MMAP and the Collaborative Mental Health Network (CMHN).

Dr. Leah Skory completed her medical degree at Memorial University of Newfoundland and family practice residency at Queen's University. She currently provides comprehensive primary care at the Barrie Community Health Centre where the majority of her patients suffer from mental illness. She is particularly interested in working with transitional aged youth.

Dr. Mireille St-Jean is the Assistant Professor, Department of Family Medicine, University of Ottawa and a Family Physician Clinician Teacher in full-time practice at The Ottawa Hospital Academic Family Health Team, Melrose Teaching Unit. She has a keen interest in the care of patients with mental health needs and is the co-founder of www.primarycare.ementalhealth.ca. She enjoys collaborative work and shared mental health care as part of the Ontario College of Family Physicians’ Collaborative Mental Health Network former steering committee member and co-chair of the 2014 Ottawa Regional and the Provincial Ontario College of Family Physician’s Collaborative Mental Health Network & Medical Mentoring for Addictions and Pain Network Conference since 2015.
DEBATE MODERATOR

Dr. Sharon Cirone is a Family Practice physician with areas of focus in Addiction Medicine and Psychotherapy. She provides trauma informed clinical services to adolescents and young adults with alcohol and substance use disorders, in hospital-based and community programs. Sharon has been involved with the OCFP Medical Mentoring in Addictions and Pain (MMA) and Collaborative Mental Health Care Network (CMHCN) for many years. She enjoys the creative and collegial support of the mentorship model at the OCFP.

SPEAKERS

Dr. Jonathan Bertram is in his first five years of practice and works within LHIN 9 - Central East and has experience working in small towns, urban and inner city practice settings. He currently works at both the Centre for Addictions and Mental Health (CAMH) in Addictions Medicine three days per week and with the Bowmanville FHO in Chronic Pain and Addictions two days per week. He also travels throughout northern Ontario and First Nations communities two to three days every four to six weeks. Every two weeks he spends a half day as a clinical consultant for a community care agency, COPA, consulting on geriatric addictions. He understands Fee-for-Service, works in both FHO and Group/Academic settings and has a focused practice interest in Addictions and Chronic Pain. Dr. Bertram speaks English, French and Tamil. He also has experience in Board Governance.

Dr. Joel Bordman graduated from the University of Toronto Medical School in 1985. He has achieved credentials in both addiction and pain from international societies. He is a Mentor to other doctors as part of The College of Family Physicians of Ontario’s “Medical Mentorship in Addiction and Pain” (MMAP) Network. He has experience in Emergency Medicine, Palliative Care, Family Practice and Long Term Care. His main interest is in treating Opioid Addiction and assessing Chronic Pain treatment in the complex patient.

Dr. Lisa Bromley, MD, FCFP, is a family physician at the Sandy Hill Community Health Centre. She has a focused practice in opioid addiction treatment and complex chronic pain patients. She had been a methadone prescriber since 2001. She is a medical staff member of The Ottawa Hospital. She is a Lecturer with the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Ottawa. Dr. Bromley is a mentor for the MMAP program, Medical Mentoring for Addictions and Pain, of the Ontario College of Family Physicians. She has participated in policy initiatives with the Ministry of Health and Ontario Public Drug Programs. She is a member of the Health Quality Ontario Opioid Prescribing for Pain Quality Standard Advisory Committee. She lectures frequently to a variety of audiences on the topics of opioid addiction and safe opioid prescribing in chronic pain.
Dr. Andrea Furlan is an Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine at the University of Toronto and staff physician and scientist at the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute. She is also Associate Scientist at the Institute for Work & Health in Toronto. She completed a PhD in Clinical Epidemiology from the Department of HPME of the University of Toronto and has extensive experience in reviewing the scientific literature for the Cochrane Collaboration and for clinical practice guidelines. She received a CIHR New Investigator Award and her research focus is on treatments of chronic pain including medications, complementary and alternative therapies, and rehabilitation. She was the team leader for the development of the Canadian Opioid Guideline, and is now involved with Guideline's National Faculty in dissemination and implementation of the guideline across Canada. She developed the Opioid Manager, a point-of-care tool for physicians using opioids for chronic pain, which is available in many EMR platforms and as an App for iPad/iPhone. Dr. Furlan is a co-Chair of Echo Ontario for Pain and Opioid Stewardship

Dr. Wiplove Lamba is an addiction physician at St. Michael’s Hospital and a lecturer at the University of Toronto. He completed his medical school training at the University of Ottawa, his psychiatry residency at the University of Toronto, and an addiction fellowship at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Addiction Medicine and skilled in Motivational Interviewing, Cognitive Behaviour Therapy and the Community Reinforcement Approach. His main interest is in capacity building for addiction medicine and psychosocial interventions.

Dr. Katharine Gillis serves as Head of Department of Mental Health at The Ottawa Hospital. Dr. Gillis was appointed Chair of the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Ottawa in 2009 and Interim Head, Department of Psychiatry, Ottawa Hospital in July 2013. She serves as Clinical Director of the Shared Care Mental Health Program at The Ottawa Hospital, which provides clinical services combined with education and research in the teaching units of the Department of Family Medicine, University of Ottawa. She holds a cross appointment to this department and is a member of their Behavioral Medicine teaching program for residents. Her areas of research are in shared / collaborative mental health care in primary care and young adult mental health. She serves as a Board Member of the University of Ottawa Institute of Mental Health Research. During her medical career, she has worked in Canada, the United States and New Zealand. She completed a psychiatry residency at the University of Ottawa in 1995 and has worked in consult liaison psychiatry and shared / collaborative mental health care since then. She has been a National Leader in psychiatry education starting with serving as Psychiatry Residency Training Director for the University of Ottawa in 1999. She joined the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) Exam Board in Psychiatry in 2001 and from 2004 to 2008, she served as National Chair of the Psychiatry English Exam Board at the RCPSC and a member of the Working Group on a National Strategy for enhancing Postgraduate Education in Psychiatry. She has been a Member of the RCPSC Council since 2011. Dr. Gillis is a 1982 graduate of Memorial University of Newfoundland Medical School and was a family physician.
**Dr. Melissa Holowaty** is a graduate of the University of Toronto, where she completed a PhD in Molecular Virology in 2004, and an MD in 2008. She completed her family medicine training at the University of Toronto from the rural medicine residency program in January of 2011. She is an Adjunct Assistant Professor in Family Medicine at Queen's University and Lecturer in Family Medicine at the University of Ottawa. She is currently a member of the OMA Rural Expert Panel and a committee member of the Addiction Medicine Program Committee of the CFPC. She offers full family medicine care to her practice in Marmora, but has special interests in chronic pain, addiction medicine, and palliative care. She prescribes suboxone and methadone for the treatment of opiate addiction, and provides treatment for hepatitis C among this vulnerable population.

**Dr. Jon Hunter** is the current Head of the Consultation-Liaison Program at Mount Sinai Hospital's Department of Psychiatry. He is also Head of Psychosocial Services in the Marvelle Koffler Breast Centre. His clinical practice centers on the psychiatric care of cancer patients, with particular emphasis placed on psychotherapeutic interventions. He has a longstanding interest in the way people’s personalities interact with the world around them, for instance, when dealing with illness. Research interests include psychological management of chemotherapy side-effects, group psychotherapy in women at high risk for breast cancer, and the role of early life experience in adaptation to disease.

**Dr. Sarah-Lynn Newbery** has been a rural physician in comprehensive community practice in Marathon since 1996 and she is really proud of the work of both her family health team and the care delivery at Wilson Memorial General Hospital where she is Chief of Staff. Dr. Newbery completed her medical degree at McMaster University in 1993 and her residency in 1995, through the Northwestern Ontario Medical Program (NOMP) in Thunder Bay. She became a fellow of the College of Family Physicians of Canada in 2006. In addition to precepting undergraduate and postgraduate learners through NOMP, and now the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM), she has had several curriculum and committee roles within NOSM since its inception in 2002. She has been on the board of the Ontario College of Family Physicians since 2008. She has also been actively involved in water and environmental protection in the community of Marathon for several years.

**SPEAKER BIOS COMING SOON**

Dr. Heather Flett
Dr. Helen Spenser