

## SPEAKER PROFILES

### PAIN MANAGEMENT & WOMEN'S HEALTH UPDATE 2019

JAPAN & CHINA AUTUMN VOYAGE: SEPTEMBER 18 – OCTOBER 4, 2019



**Nicholas Leyland, BSc, MD, MHCM, FRCSC**

Dr. Nicholas Leyland is Professor and Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at McMaster University and Chief of Women's Reproductive Health Program at the Hamilton Health Sciences.

Dr. Leyland received his Bachelor of Applied Science degree with distinction from the University of Guelph and his MD with honours from the University of Toronto where he graduated as the Cody Silver Medalist. Dr. Leyland received a Master of Science in Health Care Management from Harvard University.

Dr. Leyland is a nationally and internationally recognized leader in gynecological surgery. He has contributed academically to the advancement of women's health in the development and the provision of the least invasive surgical options for a variety of surgical conditions. He is an award winning teacher and researcher and sought after speaker on a variety of issues in women's health, patient safety and quality in medicine. He has developed many innovative laparoscopic techniques including a laparoscopic operation to correct cervical incompetence in pregnant patients, an operation that he has trained surgeons to perform across Canada and in many other countries.

He is the Chair of the Gynecology Clinical Practice Committee of the Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada, helping to set standards for the profession and is the President of the Society of Minimally Invasive Gynecologists of Canada. The majority of his academic career has been at the University of Toronto where he developed one of Canada's first comprehensive fellowships in minimally invasive gynaecological surgery. He continues to train residents and surgical fellows in complex endoscopic surgery and maintains an active research program in OB/GYN.



**Pam Squire, MD, CCFP**

Dr. Squire currently practices in Vancouver B.C. where she has a consultative practice in complex pain. She is an Associate Clinical Professor in the department of Family Practice at the University of British Columbia and is involved in medical education and curriculum development for both undergraduate and post-graduate physicians. She was a member of the guidelines committee (2010-2012) for Pain Medicine, the national group mandated to write the curriculum for the new Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons specialty of Pain Medicine.

In 2008 she was given the inaugural Helen Hays award for excellence in pain management and in 2010 she was given the Academic Pain Educator of the Year award by the American Society of Pain Educators.



**Owen Williamson, MBBS FRCSC (Orthopedic Surgery & Pain Medicine)**

Dr. Owen Williamson practices as a specialist pain medicine physician in British Columbia, Canada, and is an Associate Professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine, Monash University, Australia. He is the Chair of the Academic Pain Directors of Canada, and the Ethical and Legal Issues in Pain Special Interest Group, International Association for the Study of Pain. Dr. Williamson is involved in clinical pain medicine, research, and the development of the Canadian National Pain Strategy.

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### **David Finkelstein MD, FRCSC**

Dr David Finkelstein attended the University of Toronto, studying History and Philosophy during his undergrad years, and thereafter attended the University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine, obtaining his MD with honours in 1985.

After a Surgical Internship at St Michaels Hospital he entered the Surgical Scientist program at U of T, simultaneously entering the Masters Program( studying tumour immunology )at the Ontario Cancer Institute and completing his Residency in Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery in 1993. Since then he has been in fulltime Surgical Practice in Otolaryngology/ Head and Neck Surgery at Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket Ontario where he has also held several Administrative positions, including President of the Medical Staff, Chief of Surgery, Chairman of the Quality and Resource Management Committee, and, currently, Physician Leader of Quality and Patient Safety. He is the Central Ontario consultant in Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery to the Canadian Armed Forces, is the Lead Quality Peer Assessor in his surgical specialty for the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, and is consultant to the Canadian Medical Protective Association. He is also an Adjunct Lecturer in Otolaryngology / Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Toronto.

His clinical interest in the surgical management of Head and Neck malignancies, particularly of the thyroid and salivary glands, and his administrative interest is in Patient Safety and Quality.

He is married to Helen, a Senior Staff pharmacist at The Hospital for Sick Children, and has four children (Amy, Erin Rose, Tamar and Shane) whose collective ongoing academic and artistic interests ensures his ongoing surgical practice for years to come. In his spare time, he enjoys writing and the theatre.