

SPEAKER PROFILES

GERIATRICS AND ELDERCARE UPDATE 2019
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Dr. Ken Schwartz

Dr. Schwartz received his MD from the University of Manitoba. He completed a residency in psychiatry at the University of Toronto, a fellowship in geriatric psychiatry at the Johnston R. Bowman Centre, Rush-Presbyterian-St. Lukes Medical Centre in Chicago, Illinois, and completed psychoanalytic training at the Toronto Institute of Psychoanalysis. He is on staff at Baycrest Centre, where he works at the Psychiatric Day Hospital for Depressed Elderly, and also serves as a psychogeriatric consultant, individual and group therapist at the Apotex and Cummer Lodge Homes for the Aged. Dr. Schwartz is also an Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto.

Dr. Schwartz's publications, presentations and research are all related to geriatric psychiatry, pertaining to the areas of individual and group therapy, sexuality, coping with aging in both patients and healthcare providers, and the development and teaching of a model to help long-term care staff and family caregivers of individuals with behavioral and psychological symptoms of dementia.

Dr. Schwartz is a passionate advocate of the care of the elderly, serving as a co-chairman of the Issues of Aging Special Interest Group of the American Group Psychotherapy Association, and as a member of the Executive and Board of Directors of the Canadian Group Psychotherapy Association. He is a recipient of the 2017 best poster award at the European Association of Psychosomatic Medicine Annual Conference for his caregiver model and of the Perry Roth Memorial Award at the 2017 American Group Psychotherapy Association Annual Meeting for his workshop on coping with aging.



Dorothy (Sam) Williams, MD, FRCPC

Dr. Dorothy 'Sam' Williams received her MD from the University of Alberta. She went on to complete her Internal Medicine residency training and a fellowship in Geriatric Medicine from the University of Alberta.

Dr. Williams has been working as a Geriatrician on Vancouver Island for the past 19 years. Her interests lie in Dementia Care and Rehabilitation in the setting of complex medical needs. She is currently involved in qualitative research looking at First Nations Elder Care in Emergencies.

She has been Chief of Medical staff in South Island and now in Port Alberni for 7 years. She is Division Head for General Internal Medicine through Center and South Island and the Department Head of Medicine for Vancouver Island.

Her interest in Medical Administration is based in a strong belief that focusing on the wellness and integrity of physician groups leads to safer patient care and improved Health in the Medical Staff. She holds a clinical instruction position at UBC.