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May 31 – June 1, 2024
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The Western Canada Addiction Forum would like to acknowledge the land on which we gather is the unceded territory of the Syilx (Okanagan) Peoples. The Syilx Okanagan Nation and their peoples have taken care of their homelands for thousands of years.

The Western Canada Addiction Forum is respectful of the Syilx Okanagan Nation and their peoples, their knowledge, language, and history, as well as their ongoing relationship to the land and natural world.

Overarching Event Learning Objectives

- Describe current treatment approaches to co-occurring mental health conditions in a range of substance use disorders.
- Employ new skills for addressing co-morbidities in the setting of addiction.
- Compare innovative, best practice treatments for substance use in special populations.



Friday May 31

- 0715h Breakfast and Registration
Okanagan Room and Grand Foyer
- 0800h Welcome and Opening Remarks
- 0830h Approach to Treating People with Psychosis and Concurrent Substance Use Disorders
Dr. Bill Macewan
- Information forthcoming
- 0910h Moderated Question and Answer
- 0920h Approach to Complex Conversations in Addiction Treatment
Dr. Wiplove Lamba
- Information forthcoming
- 0950h Moderated Question and Answer
- 1000h Refreshment Break
Grand Foyer. Exhibit Booths are open.
- 1030h Presentation Forthcoming
- 1050h Moderated Question and Answer
- 1100h Presentation Forthcoming
- 1145h Moderated Question and Answer
- 1200h Lunch
Okanagan Room and Grand Foyer. Exhibit Booths are open.

- 1330h **Welcome Back!**
- 1330h **Presentation Forthcoming**
- 1410h **Moderated Question and Answer**
- 1425h **Buprenorphine Initiation Strategies in the Fentanyl Era**
 Dr. Pouya Azar, Dr. Annabel Mead and Dr. Martha Ignaszewski
- At the conclusion of this presentation, participants will be able to:**
- Understand the challenges of initiating patients with active opioid use disorder onto buprenorphine using the classical induction approach.
 - Appreciate the range of existing low-dose to high-dose buprenorphine induction strategies, demonstrating an understanding of their respective applications and clinical considerations.
 - Describe a novel induction method utilizing transdermal buprenorphine patches to overcome induction strategies and to rapidly transition patients onto sublingual or extended release buprenorphine.
- 1525h **Moderated Question and Answer**
- 1540h **Refreshment Break**
 Grand Foyer. Exhibit Booths are open.
- 1610h **Welcome Back**
- 1610h **Longitudinal Course of Illness in Clients with Co-Occurring Schizophrenia Spectrum and Amphetamine-Type Substance Use Disorders: Lessons Learned from a Provincial Centre for Mental Health and Addiction Treatment and Research in British Columbia**
 Dr. Nick Mathew and Reza Rafizadeh
- At the conclusion of this presentation, participants will be able to:**
- Discuss current Canadian and global evidence on risk of transition to a persistent psychotic disorder in individuals with amphetamine-type substance use disorder.
 - Decipher how course of illness, cross sectional and longitudinal symptoms, and response to therapeutic interventions are used for diagnostic clarification.
 - Examine whether the effects of antipsychotic medications on outcomes associated with amphetamine-type substance use disorder vary.
- 1650h **Moderated Question and Answer**

1705h	Presentation Forthcoming
1735h	Moderated Question and Answer
1745h	Closing Remarks
1750h	Conclusion of Day One
1930h	Welcome Reception – Grand Foyer

Saturday June 1

0730h	Breakfast and Sign in Okanagan Room and Grand Foyer
0815h	Opening Remarks and Presentation of the 2024 WCAF Innovation Awards
0900h	Youth Mental Health and Resilience Factors and Intersection with Addiction Chris Primeau

Informed by rigorous and extensive research, this presentation offers a deep dive into resilience-building practices that foster mental strength. He will elucidate his methodologically sound approach to developing resilience-enhancing programs that bolster youth and caregiver well-being. Practical strategies for implementing similar evidence-based initiatives in educational institutions will be discussed. Leveraging our robust experience working with youth, he will underscore how resilience-building, underpinned by empirical findings, can significantly influence mental health and long-term outcomes for young people spanning across all socio-economic environments. Additionally, he will accentuate the pivotal role of community partnerships and alignment with the burgeoning practices of Social Emotional Learning (SEL) in nurturing mental health and well-being both for early intervention ideology and adolescent addiction recovery.

At the conclusion of this presentation, participants will be able to:

- identify the link between resilience factors with long term recovery outcomes.
- become empowered with tools needed to build strength-based communication habits both in early intervention and addiction recovery care.
- explore the role community partnerships play to support mental health in early intervention and addiction recovery.

0945h Moderated Question and Answer

1000h Refreshment Break
Grand Foyer. Exhibit Booths are open.

Concurrent Workshops

*25% of each workshop will include Question and Answer

1030h Workshop One: Cannabis in Pregnancy and Postpartum: What is a Provider to do?
Dr. Lisa Graves

At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

- Describe the research on cannabis in pregnancy and postpartum.
- Recognize at risk cannabis use.
- Plan conversations with patients about cannabis use.

1030h Workshop Two: Treatment Matching - Selecting Settings: Rapid Fire Presentations from
Western Canada's Top Treatment Centers

Information forthcoming

1130h Lunch
Okanagan Room and Grand Foyer. Exhibit Booths are open.

1300h Workshop Three: How to Incorporate Peers into Your Treatment Team
Jean-Paul Michael, Chris Anhorn and Melissa Dreyer

Information forthcoming

1300h Workshop Four: Treatment as Prevention – The Key to End HIV/AIDS
Dr. Julio Montaner

At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

- Employ updated information in the care of people living with HIV particularly with regards to antiretroviral therapy and pre-exposure prophylaxis
- Recognize emerging issues in the context of the management of people living with HIV and related comorbidities.
- Identify morbid conditions amenable to Treatment as Prevention strategies.

1400h Refreshment Break
Grand Foyer. Exhibit Booths are open.

1430h Workshop Five: Therapeutic Living Units
Dr. Paul Sobey and Amanda Staller

Therapeutic Living Units (TLUs) are Therapeutic Communities (TC) adapted for correctional facilities. TCs are a highly effective and evidence-based intervention for treatment of severe SUDs with more than 60 years of therapeutic value in communities, jails and other settlements. The presenters will discuss the unique approach taken in establishing and operating TLUs in Alberta, the daily program, including the rationale and philosophy and the evidence for the approach.

At the conclusion of this activity, participants will be able to:

- Identify the evidence base for the TLU model (TC adapted for a correctional facility).
- Explore the unique process RSG took in standing up and operating TLUs.
- Familiarize themselves with the unique program RSG developed and modifications made to achieve best possible outcomes.

1430h Workshop Six: Trends on the Street: Current State of Illicit Drug Trade and Organized Crime
Conor King

Illicit drugs have never been more available, more toxic and cheaper in price. What's driving these changes? What drugs are out there and why are they more toxic? Who's profiting? This talk will explore what law enforcement officers know about the swiftly changing illicit drug environment in Canada.

At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

- Identify the controlled substances that are currently dominating the illicit drug market.
- Analyze the most commonly detected cutting agents or adulterants being added to illicit substances and recognize the role of these agents in the drug trade.
- Explain the role of Organized Crime Groups in: importing, producing and distributing illicit substances.

1535h Presentation Forthcoming

1605h Moderated Question and Answer

- 1615h **Mandated Treatment – Really?**
 Dr. Rob Tanguay
Information forthcoming
- 1645h **Moderated Question and Answer**
- 1700h **Closing Remarks**
 Conference Passport Draw
- 1715h **Conference Concludes**

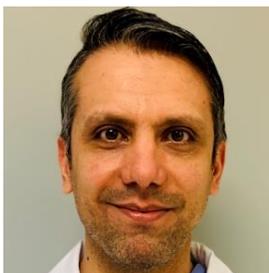
Meet our Presenters and Moderators



Chris Anhorn
Peer Support Worker
Alberta Health Services

Chris Anhorn has been working in the mental health and addiction field since 2018. He has worked as a Housing First Coordinator, a Client Care Assistant and currently works as a Peer Support Worker for Alberta Health Services. These roles have included, advocating for clients needs, supporting complex case management, system navigation and building therapeutic rapport.

Chris has experienced trauma, addictions, homelessness and recovery. He now utilizes his experiences as a tool to help people find hope on their journey. By openly talking about his struggles and successes, Chris has found his passion to help build up trusting relationships and assist individuals to face their fear and talk freely about themselves.



Dr. Pouya Azar, MD, FRCPC, DABAM

Dr. Pouya Azar is the Head of the Complex Pain and Addiction Service (CPAS), a consult service under the Department of Psychiatry at Vancouver Coastal Health, which provides management of pain, mental health disorders, and substance use disorders across all clinical services at Vancouver General Hospital, UBC Hospital, and GF Strong Rehabilitation Centre. He is also the Addiction Lead at Foundry Vancouver Granville, a consulting physician for adolescent addiction medicine at BC Children’s Hospital, a consulting physician for psychiatry

and addiction medicine at British Columbia Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, a consulting physician for the VGH Transitional Pain Clinic and a clinical instructor at the UBC Department of Psychiatry. Dr. Azar's clinical and translational research focuses on the development of novel opioid agonist therapy initiation protocols.



Dr. George Budd, Pharm.D., FBCCSU, B.Sc. (Pharm)., R.PEBC., R.Ph.
Addiction Medicine Fellowship (British Columbia Centre on Substance Use), Doctor of Pharmacy (Idaho State University), Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Sciences (Cairo University)

George P. Budd, a practicing pharmacist since 1992 from Cairo University, further obtained his Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2011 from Idaho State University. He has experience in many different practice settings within the profession such as hospital pharmacy residency, community pharmacy and as a pharmacist-manager in community settings. Former Senior Investigator for the College of Pharmacists of BC (CPBC), and formally a Professional Conduct Review Consultant/Policy Liaison with the BC College of Nursing Professionals (BCCNP). Currently a Research Associate at Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) and a member of the Complex Pain and Addiction Services Team at Vancouver General Hospital.

George is on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Society of Addiction Medicine (CSAM), a public member on the Professional Practice Standards at BCCNP, a Past-President of the Western Canada Addiction Society, and a former public representative to the Methadone Panel and the Prescription Review Program at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC.



Robert De Clark, MSW

Rob has been passionately working in the inpatient mental health and addiction field since 1999. Starting in Kamloops, BC at the Kiwanis House, Robert worked his way up the ranks as a support worker, admissions coordinator, and finally as a counsellor before leaving to complete his Masters in Social Work at Carleton University in Ottawa.

In 2006, Robert came to Vancouver Island to embark on a successful career with Cedars at Cobble Hill, developing and leading the implementation of life changing programs at the centre. For the next 11 years, Robert would lead Cedars as the Clinical Director and eventually as the Vice President of Clinical Services. In 2017, Robert joined Homewood Health in the development and operation of Homewood Ravensview, where he spent his time focused on program and business development. Currently, Robert is Executive Director and founding partner with The Healing Institute At Forbidden Plateau, a new mental health and addiction facility located in the Comox Valley.



Dr. Lisa Graves MD CCFP (AM) FCFP MClSc
Professor, Family and Community Medicine
WMU Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine

Lisa Graves is a family physician and graduate of the University of Ottawa. She completed her residency in family medicine and enhanced skills training in maternal and child health at McGill University. She maintains an active practice including addictions with a special interest in women, substance use and pregnancy in Northern Ontario. She is an author of over 100 peer-reviewed papers including papers related to substance use and pregnancy/breastfeeding. Her clinical, teaching and research interests include medical education, maternal/child health and vulnerable populations. She is currently professor of Family and Community Medicine at Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine in Kalamazoo Michigan.



Dr. Martha Ignaszewski
MD, FRCPC, DiplABPN, DiplISAM, DiplABPM
Psychiatrist and Education Lead, Complex Pain and Addiction Service (CPAS)

Dr. Martha J Ignaszewski is a Harvard and UCSF trained psychiatrist with board certification in Adult, Addiction, and Child and Adolescent Psychiatry in Canada and the USA. She is the Clinical Lead of the Substance Use Response and Facilitation (SURF) Service at BC Children's and Women's Hospital and works on the Complex Pain and Addiction Service (CPAS) at Vancouver General Hospital. Currently, Dr. Ignaszewski is the Education Lead for the VGH CPAS service, and Director of Fellowships & Off-Service Postgrad Education for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at BCCH relating to her interest in medical education and working with learners across the educational spectrum. Destigmatization of addiction, the intersection between addiction and concurrent disorders, and providing an understanding about the developmental perspective and impacts of social determinants of health on substance use disorders are areas of focus with learners and clinically.

Dr. Ignaszewski possesses a background in clinical excellence, research and has held many leadership positions including ongoing roles with the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry (AAAP) and American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP). She has received many awards in recognition of her clinical education including the ASAM Ruth Fox Scholarship Award, the AACAP Educational Outreach Program Award for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Residents and the Stuart J. Goldman Psychiatry Education Award, among others.



Conor King
Member of the Order of Merit
Victoria Police Department - Investigative Services Division

Inspector Conor King is a twenty-five-year veteran of law enforcement and is currently the officer-in-charge of the Victoria Police Department's Investigative Services Division. He specializes in drug investigations, addiction issues and the intersection of Public Safety and Public Health.

King has worked extensively in Major Crime policing and covert operations including criminal intelligence, surveillance and undercover operations.

In 2013 King was one of the first officers to detect fentanyl in the illicit drug supply, in what became North America's Overdose Crisis. Seeing the need for alternate solutions to stop overdose deaths he partnered his agency with experts in mental health and addiction medicine.

King has been qualified as an expert witness in the Provincial and Supreme Court of British Columbia on the trafficking of heroin, cocaine, fentanyl, oxycodone, cannabis, MDMA, Psilocybin, methamphetamine, LSD and GHB.

For 15 years King has been an educator in the police and medical community, teaching at the Justice Institute of British Columbia, Canadian Police College and for the Canada Border Services Agency and BC Coroner Service. He's been a guest lecturer for the University of British Columbia's Faculty of Pharmaceutical Science, Faculty of Medicine, and Faculty of Psychiatry, as well as the British Columbia College of Pharmacists.

In 2023 the Governor General of Canada inducted King as a member of the Order of Merit of Police Forces for exceptional service and performance of duty for his contribution to the police profession and community wellness.



Dr. Morris Markentin, M.D., CCFP (AM), FCFP

Dr. Markentin is a Family Physician graduated from the University of Saskatchewan. Practiced 15 years in rural Saskatchewan then transitioned to inner – city clinic and addictions. Currently working at the Westside Community Clinic and the Opiate Agonist Therapy Clinic on Saskatoon. Currently the medical manager for the Opiate Agonist Therapy Program for the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan.



**Dr. Nick Mathew MD, ABPN (Addiction Psychiatry), FRCPC (Forensic Psychiatry),
ABPM (Addiction Medicine)
Clinical Associate Professor, UBC**

Dr. Mathew completed an addiction psychiatry fellowship at Yale University and a forensic psychiatry fellowship at the University of British Columbia. He is board certified in addiction psychiatry, addiction medicine and forensic psychiatry. He is a clinical associate professor at the University of British Columbia. All opinions expressed are his own and not affiliated to any organization.



**Dr. Annabel Mead, MBBS FChAM DABAM
Physician (Specialist in Addiction Medicine)
WCAF Conference Co-Chair**

Dr. Mead has been practicing addiction medicine for over 20 years with expertise in women's health, concurrent psychiatric disorders and pain management. She is a Fellow of the Australasian Chapter of Addiction Medicine, a diplomate of the American Board of Addiction Medicine and Clinical Assistant Professor, UBC.

Dr. Mead has worked in many community, inpatient and outpatient treatment settings in Vancouver. These include the Addiction Medicine Consult Service at St Paul's Hospital and New Dawn Recovery House. She holds the positions of Senior Medical Director, Mental Health and Substance Use, BC Women's Hospital; Medical Director for BC Correctional Health Services and is the medical lead for the BC Provincial Perinatal Substance Use program.



**Jean-Paul Michael -- Addiction Case Manager
Emergency Room, St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto**

Jean-Paul Michael serves as an Addiction Case Manager in the Emergency Department at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto, applying a harm reduction philosophy to his practice. Before dedicating himself to addiction medicine, Jean-Paul experienced two decades in the depths of his own addiction, primarily as an intravenous drug user. These experiences deeply inform both his professional role and advocacy efforts today. As a Policy Consultant, he advises various national organizations on healthcare reform and social welfare. He also co-hosts 'Captain Hooked: The Addiction Project,' a podcast aimed at dismantling the stigma associated with addiction. With a unique combination of professional expertise and personal history, Jean-Paul passionately advocates for reducing stigma and empowering individuals on their paths to recovery. He is also proud to serve on the Board of Directors for Fife House, actively contributing to the creation of more inclusive and supportive communities.



Julio S. G. Montaner

OC, OBC, MD, DSc (Hon), FRCPC, FCCP, FACP, FCAHS, FRCP, FRSC
Killam Professor of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of British Columbia
UBC and St. Paul’s Foundation Chair in AIDS Research
Executive Director and Physician-in-Chief, BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS,
Providence Health Care;
Head, HIV/AIDS Program, St. Paul’s Hospital, Providence Health Care;

Dr. Julio Montaner is a Killam Professor, of Medicine, at the University of British Columbia, the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS’ Executive Director and Physician-in-Chief, and the Head of HIV/AIDS, at St. Paul's Hospital, Providence Health Care. Julio is widely recognized as one of the fathers of highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART), which has proven to be exquisitely effective to prevent AIDS and premature death. For his work in this area, The Lancet named him the “King of HAART”. In 2006, he went on to pioneer the notion that HAART also stops HIV transmission. He coined the term “Treatment as Prevention” (TasP), to convey the triple benefit of HAART to stop; 1) progression to AIDS, 2) AIDS deaths, and 3) HIV transmission. In 2015, his TasP-inspired 90-90-90 by 2020 Target was formally endorsed by the UN in 2015, and subsequently his 95-95-95 by 2025 Target was endorsed by the UN in 2021 as the global strategy to “End AIDS as a Pandemic”. Currently, Julio has expanded his efforts to adapt TasP to optimize and accelerate the control of other impactful contagious diseases (including infectious diseases [i.e.: HCV], as well as socially contagious diseases [i.e.: type II Diabetes, COPD, opioid use]), with the ultimate goal to enhance Health Care Sustainability.



Chris Primeau
CEO of Impact Society

Christopher Primeau, CEO of Impact Society, is a distinguished leader in program development and organizational leadership, specializing in the charity and education sectors. With extensive domestic and international experience, Christopher excels in creating and implementing evidence-based youth programs.

His work, significantly contributing to the field of resilience, mental health, and well-being education, has been published in renowned academic journals. Currently, Christopher is working with Dr David Nordstokke at the Werklund School of Education on a longitudinal study investigating the long-term increase in resilience among youth participating in the Impact Society's Heroes program. This pivotal research is anticipated to be published soon. And the results of the 4th data point are discussed in this presentation.

As a renowned public speaker and thought leader, Christopher offers valuable insights drawn from his extensive research and expertise in youth development and long-term mental health. His profound understanding of addiction and long-term recovery outcomes uniquely positions him to address the challenges faced by our medical professionals and addiction support programs.



Reza Rafizadeh BScPharm, ACPR, BCPP, PhDCan, RPh
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist
BC Mental Health & Substance Use Services

Reza is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist for BC Mental Health and Substance Use Services. He performs translational research and offers clinical pharmacy services, training, and consultation at Red Fish Healing Centre for Mental Health and Addiction, and BC Psychosis Program. He co-chairs the Annual BC Pacific Psychopharmacology Conference and is an organizing committee member at the monthly BC Psychosis Program Educational Rounds.

Reza received his pharmacy degree at UBC Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences in 2012. In 2013, he finished his residency in clinical pharmacy practice with Lower Mainland Pharmacy Services and completed a Psychiatry Pharmacy Specialty Certification in 2016. He is currently a PhD candidate in the UBC Department of Experimental Medicine, Faculty of medicine. The use of clozapine in people with co-occurring substance use disorders and schizophrenia spectrum disorders is the topic of his thesis.



Dr. Paul Sobey MD CCFP(AM)
Chief Program Officer

My background is in Family Practice. I completed fellowship training in Addiction Medicine at University Hospitals of Cleveland and Case Western Reserve University in 1999. Since this time, I have focused my practice on the treatment of patients with addictions. I have had the honour and opportunity to work extensively in educational, residential treatment, hospital and correctional facility settings, as well as medical-legal, occupational, hospital and administrative roles. I am a past President of the Canadian Society of Addiction Medicine, the nationally representative organization for physicians and allied healthcare professionals providing healthcare services for people with addictions. Given I am a person in long term recovery, my practice has always had a recovery medicine focus, assisting people in finding pathways of recovery. In December 2022, two colleagues and I formed ROSC Solutions Group. After a competitive bid process, we were awarded several healthcare contracts by the Government of Alberta. The contract's scope of work is focused on supporting Alberta's Recovery Oriented System of Care in addressing addiction and mental health challenges.



Amanda Staller
TLU Counsellor

Amanda Staller recently joined ROSC as a TLU counselor. Ms. Staller is Certified by the Canadian Addiction Counselors Certification (CACCF) as an Addiction Counselor. She received her Addictions and Community Support Worker diploma from Vancouver Career College. Ms Staller is also a two -timed published author of Mothers Mothering and Sex Trade and Releasing Hope. Amanda has over a decade of experience working with men and women in addiction from the frontlines to facilitating groups and in community events through a trauma informed lens. Amanda Staller was the recipient of the Courage to Come Back Award 2020 in the addiction category. She is a passionate advocate that recovery is possible for anyone and should be the expected outcome.



Dr. Rob Tanguay BSc (Hons), MD, FRCPC, CISAM, CCSAM
Chief Medical Officer, The Newly Institute
Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Calgary
Departments of Psychiatry and Surgery
WCAF Conference Co-Chair

Dr. Tanguay is a psychiatrist who completed two fellowships, one in Addiction Medicine and Pain Medicine. He is a clinical assistant professor with the departments of Psychiatry and Surgery at the Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary.

Dr. Tanguay is the co-founder, developer, and Chief Medical Officer, at The Newly Institute, a rehabilitation and return to work program dedicated to providing medical and psychological intervention for people living with mental health disorders such as PTSD, depression, anxiety, addiction, and chronic pain with evidence-based psychotherapy and trauma-focused therapy.

He is the co-chair of the internationally recognized Alberta Pain Strategy and helps lead the Alberta Virtual Pain Program implementation. He is the founder of the Opioid Deprescribing Program with AHS, the Rapid Access Addiction Medicine (RAAM) Community Clinic with AHS, and the Transitional Outpatient Pain Program for Spine (TOPPS) clinics with the University of Calgary and is renowned for his innovation in creating clinical programs for complex chronic medical and psychiatric illnesses. He was also the Provincial Medical Lead for Addiction Education for Alberta Health Services (AHS) where he helped develop award winning CME programs for physicians and health care practitioners.

Dr. Tanguay has been recognized for his work and is the 2021 Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada recipient of the Early Career Leadership Award, was inducted into the University of Lethbridge Alumni Honour Society, and is a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal.

Dr. Tanguay is member of the Calgary Police Commission, recently appointed for a 3-year term. He is the Co-Chair of the Western Canadian Addiction Forum and director of the Canadian Addiction Counsel. Dr. Tanguay has been heavily involved in health policy including helping to lead the Alberta Psychedelic

Legislative Committee and the Alberta Safe Supply Legislative Committee. He is a member of the Alberta Recovery Expert Advisory Panel leading the implementation of the Recovery Orientated System of Care. He is a member of the Public Health Emergencies Governance Review Panel for the Government of Alberta and was a member of the Supervised Consumption Review Committee. He also sits on the Policy Committee for the Canadian Society of Addiction medicine (CSAM).

Academically, he is involved in research in trauma, addiction, chronic pain, opioids, cannabis, and psychedelics and is a member of the Hotchkiss Brain Institute and the Mathison Centre for Mental Health Research & Education at the University of Calgary.

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