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ESIAHAS AMDEMICHAEAL, CCFP, FRCP

Dr. Amdemichael is a dermatologist in private practice in Kitchener primarily interested in general dermatology. He is also a consultant Dermatopathologist. He received his MD from the University of Toronto followed by postgraduate training in Anatomic Pathology and Dermatology at the University of Toronto and University of Ottawa respectively. He has been involved in both undergraduate and postgraduate education and is Assistant Professor of Medicine (Adjunct) at McMaster University. He is actively involved in various committees of the Canadian Dermatology Association and is past secretary of the Canadian Dermatology Association.

LARRY BARZELAI, MD

Dr. Larry Barzelai has been a family physician in Vancouver for over 30 years. He also works on a geriatric rehabilitation ward and in nursing homes. He enjoys teaching students, residents and IMG's. The Residential Care Subcommittee of the Division of Family Practice has provided a great opportunity to improve medical care in care facilities.

ROSS BERRINGER, MD

Ross Berringer graduated from the University of British Columbia in 1980. He completed a residency in emergency medicine in Jacksonville Florida in 1985. From 1985-2006 he worked full time as an emergency physician at St. Paul's Hospital in downtown Vancouver. In 2006 he joined the CMPA as a physician risk manager. He continues to work clinically at the Ottawa General Hospital.

JEFF BLACKMER, MD, MHSC, FRCPC

Dr. Jeff Blackmer currently serves as the Executive Director of the Office of Ethics, Professionalism and International Affairs at the Canadian Medical Association, a position he has held since 2003. He has previously served as the interim Director of Ethics for the World Medical Association in Geneva.

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DAVID CONN, MB, BCh, BAO, FRCPC

Dr. David Conn is the Vice-President of Education and inaugural Director of the Centre for Education & Knowledge Exchange at Baycrest. He is a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry, University of Toronto. He is founding Co-Chair of the Canadian Coalition for Seniors' Mental Health and Chair of the Coalition's National Guidelines Project.

BARBARA FARRELL, BScPhm, PharmD, FCSHP

Dr. Barbara Farrell is a Scientist, Bruyère Research Institute, Assistant Professor, Department of Family Medicine, University of Ottawa and Adjunct Assistant Professor, School of Pharmacy, University of Waterloo. She is currently funded to develop, implement and evaluate deprescribing guidelines for the elderly, and works clinically in the Bruyère Geriatric Day Hospital.

SID FELDMAN, MD, CCFP, FCFP

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Dr. Hirdes is a Professor and Ontario Home Care Research and Knowledge Exchange Chair in the School of Public Health and Health Systems, University of Waterloo. He is the senior Canadian Fellow and a Board Member of interRAI, an international consortium of researchers from over 35 countries.

SHERI-LYNN KANE, MD, FRCPC

Dr. Sheri-Lynn Kane is a Geriatrician at Western University. She completed her fellowships in both Internal Medicine and Geriatric Medicine at McMaster University. Her interests include dementia and frailty. Dr. Kane works in both the outpatient, inpatient, and outreach settings. She is Postgraduate Program Director for Internal Medicine at the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry.

PAUL KATZ, MD, FRCPC

Dr. Paul Katz is currently Vice President of Medical Services and Chief of Staff at the Baycrest Health Sciences Centre in Toronto, Ontario and is Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto. His research currently focuses on medical staff organization models and physician practice patterns to long term care settings.

GALIT KLEINER-FISHMAN, MD, FRCPC

Galit Kleiner-Fisman obtained her MD from McGill University, did her Neurology residency at Harvard in Boston Massachusetts and a fellowship at TWH in Movement Disorders. She is on faculty at the University of Toronto and is the Medical Director at the Assistive Technology Clinic at Baycrest Hospital.

JANET MacEACHERN, MD, FRCPC

Dr. MacEachern is a graduate of the University of Toronto (1995) and completed her hematology training in 2000. She is a hematologist at the Grand River Regional Cancer Centre, Kitchener, Ontario.

DEVIANI MAHER, MD, FRCPC

Dr. Maher has a long standing interest in long term care that began as a teen volunteer in residential care. She is a clinical geriatrician in Victoria and, as well, is involved in the Geriatric Medicine Outreach Clinic and LTC in Bella Bella, BC. As a Clinical Associate Professor with UBC, she also participates in medical education and her main academic interests are dementia and bioethics.

ALLISON MCGEER, MD, MSc, FRCPC

Dr. McGeer trained in internal medicine and infectious diseases at the University of Toronto, then completed a fellowship in hospital epidemiology at Yale New Haven Hospital in 1989/90 before returning to Mount Sinai Hospital. Her research interests are in the prevention of infection in health care institutions and control of antimicrobial resistance.

JANE MEADUS, BA, LL.B.

Jane Meadus is a lawyer with the Advocacy Centre for the Elderly, where she has been the Institutional Advocate since 1995. She was called to the Ontario Bar in 1993. Her practice is restricted to representing institutionalized clients (long-term care homes, hospitals, psychiatric facilities and retirement homes) with respect to related legal issues.

SUSAN MITCHELL, MD, MPH

Geriatrician and health services researcher, Professor of Medicine at Harvard and Senior Scientist at Hebrew Senior Life Institute for Aging Research in Boston. She graduated from the University of Ottawa Medical School. Her research focuses on decision-making, outcomes, and resource utilization in advanced dementia.

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BRIAN MURRAY, MD, FRCPC(D), ABSM

Brian Murray is an associate professor at the University of Toronto in neurology. His major interests are in neurological aspects of sleep medicine. He is currently the Director of Integrated Medical Education for the University of Toronto Department of Medicine and Chair of the Sunnybrook Research Ethics Board.

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DAVID NEWMAN, MD, FRCPC, FACC

Dr. David Newman received his MD at Dalhousie University followed by training in internal medicine and cardiology at the University of Toronto. He trained in cardiac electrophysiology at the University of California San Francisco followed by basic research at Stanford University. He is now associated with the arrhythmia service at Sunnybrook medical center where he teaches fellows, and does ablation procedures. He has a large community based outpatient arrhythmia focused practice.

DOUG OLIVER, MSc, MD, CCFP

Dr. Oliver is an Associate Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at McMaster University, where he serves as Care of the Elderly Curriculum Coordinator. He is the program director for a Long Term Care clinical rotation in Family Medicine. Dr. Oliver's clinical commitment to this patient population continues with weekly nursing home rounds and house calls to frail elderly patients.

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RON RIESENBACH, BSc, MSc, MBA, P.Eng

Ron Risenbach is the VP Innovation and CTO of Baycrest Health Sciences, one of the worlds leading centres for brain science and care for the aged. He leads a diverse team developing novel solutions to support innovative clinical care, research and education. Prior to Baycrest, he was the VP of Emerging Business with the Ontario Telemedicine Network.

DUNCAN ROBERTSON, FRCP (Lond. & Edin.) FRCPC, FACP

Duncan Robertson is Senior Medical Director of Alberta's Seniors Health Strategic Clinical Network Practicing geriatric medicine since 1976, he was formerly a Professor in Saskatchewan, Alberta, BC and Toronto where he was Director of the RGP. He contributed to establishing specialized geriatric services in eleven cities in four provinces.

KEN SCHWARTZ, MD, FRCPC

Ken Schwartz, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto is a group therapist and Psychoanalyst who works at Baycrest Psychiatric Day Hospital for Depressed Elderly and LTC homes. He has published and presented at national and international conferences on group therapy, depression, sexuality and the Affect Educational Model.

ROGER SKINNER, BA, MD, CCFP(EM)

Dr. Roger Skinner is the Regional Supervising Coroner for Toronto West Region. He is the current chair of the Geriatric and Long Term Care Review Committee of the Office of the Chief Coroner.

MARTIN SMALBRUGGE, MD, PhD

Dr. Martin Smalbrugge is senior researcher at the department of general practice & elderly care medicine, VU University Medical Center (VUmc) Amsterdam and head of the vocational training programme for elderly care physicians of the same department. He is currently involved in several research-projects with a focus on problem behavior in dementia, depression, apathy, psycholeptic medication and pharmacotherapy, all carried out in the nursing home setting.

MARCIA SOKOLOWSKI, CPsych, PhD (Phil)

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BRIAN STEEVES, MD

Brian Steeves is a family physician and Medical Director of a large nursing home in Nova Scotia. His areas of interest include developing guidelines to optimize medication use for Elders, creating positive social environments in LTC, and improving dementia training for care partners. His group posts guidelines on the site polypharmacy.ca.

BALDWIN TOYE, MD, FRCPC

Dr. Baldwin Toye is a Medical Microbiologist and Infectious Diseases consultant at The Ottawa Hospital, Associate Professor at the University of Ottawa, and also a consultant for several hospitals in the Champlain Local Health Integration Network. His clinical and academic interests include the diagnosis and management of antimicrobial-resistant organisms.

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ANGELA UY, RN, MN, GNC(C)

Angela Uy received her Master of Nursing from the University of Toronto and is a Certified Gerontological Nurse through the Canadian Nurses Association. Angela is Quality Partner to Baycrest's Apotex Centre, Jewish Home for the Aged. She is Project Lead for implementation of the INTERACT® quality improvement program.

CHRISTINA VAN SICKLE, BSW, MSW, RSW

Christina is the Professional Practice Chief of Social Work at Baycrest and Unit Director in the Apotex, Jewish home for the Aged. Christina's career has focused on the fields of mental health, addictions and geriatrics. Christina sits on the provincial board of directors for the Ontario Association of Social Workers.

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Dr. Lawrence Weisbrod is a lecturer in the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Toronto. He is on staff at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre where he trains Ophthalmology residents in medical and surgical ophthalmology. He also practices at the Toronto East General Hospital and Kensington Eye Institute where he has a surgical interest in cataract and glaucoma surgery.

EVELYN WILLIAMS, MD, FCFP, MHSc, CMD, CHE

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