

COVID-19 Report

# College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO)

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## Executive Summary

This is a preliminary report on the **College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO)**, examining the roles of these individuals in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic. Given the CPSO's penchant to discipline doctors who speak or act contrarily to the college, it is worth exploring whether these policies were influenced from outside interests.

As such, this report frames these CPSO associates in a high-level overview, taking into account their professional, academic and relevant personal connections that may constitute a conflict of interest. As of March 13, 2022, there are 36 members on the CPSO Council. This includes the President, Elected Professional Members, Public Members, and University Representatives. This report features 12 of these council members.

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## Madhu Azad



Dr. **Madhu Azad** is a Canadian physician in Thunder Bay, Ontario. She is notable in the COVID-19 pandemic due to her position at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.

### Education

Azad is a candidate for McGill University's International Masters for Health Leadership (IMHL) program.<sup>1</sup>

### Affiliations

#### College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario

Azad is an Elected Professional Member for Electoral District 9 to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.<sup>2</sup>

#### Northern Ontario School of Medicine

Azad is an Assistant Professor in Family Medicine at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine.<sup>3</sup>

NOSM is funded by AstraZeneca, Barrick Gold Corporation, BMO Financial Group, Bristol-Myers Squibb, the Chronicle-Journal, CMA Foundation, CTV, Eli Lilly, Fidelity, Fort William Family Health Network, Honda, HSBC, Masonic Foundation of Ontario, RBC (Royal Bank of Canada), Scotiabank, Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada, the Sudbury Star, Sun Life Financial, TD Bank Group, and Wyeth.<sup>4</sup>

#### Thunder Bay Medical Centre

Azad works as a physician at Superior Family Health, located within Thunder Bay Medical Centre.<sup>5, 6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Madhu Azad on LinkedIn: *Congratulations to Dr. Madhu Azad (IMHL '23 Candidate) on her election.* (2022, February 18). LinkedIn. [https://www.linkedin.com/posts/madhu-azad-8a633135\\_congratulations-to-dr-madhu-azad-imhl-activity-6900661852473237504-FqEb](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/madhu-azad-8a633135_congratulations-to-dr-madhu-azad-imhl-activity-6900661852473237504-FqEb)

<sup>2</sup> *Meet the Council.* College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. Retrieved February 21, 2022, from <https://www.cpso.on.ca/en/About/Council/Meet-the-College-Council>

<sup>3</sup> *Faculty Listings.* Northern Ontario School of Medicine. Retrieved February 21, 2022, from <https://www.nosm.ca/faculty/clinical-sciences/faculty-by-rank/>

<sup>4</sup> *Donor Wall.* Northern Ontario School of Medicine. Retrieved March 2, 2022, from <https://www.nosm.ca/advancement/giving/yourimpact/donor-wall/>

<sup>5</sup> *Our Team.* Superior Family Health. Retrieved February 21, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/ntl9D>

<sup>6</sup> *Medical Professionals.* Thunder Bay Medical Centre. Retrieved February 21, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/LiG8R>



## Thunder Bay Medical Society

Azad is associated with the Thunder Bay Medical Society.<sup>7</sup> She served as President in 2016.<sup>8</sup> The TBMS is associated with Lakehead University.

## Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre

Azad has hospital privileges at Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> 2017 TBMS Annual General Meeting – Update. (2017, April 11). Thunder Bay Medical Society. <https://archive.ph/579TD>

<sup>8</sup> Sherif, H., Laakso, A., Kisselgoff, O., Oukachbi, S., Robrock, J., Zaib, J., Goodman, E., Yi, J., Shahrour, W., Hassan, H., Bon, S., Fajfrowska, K., & Poel, L. (2016). *Lakehead Summer School 2016*. <https://tbms.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/2016-TBMS-Summer-School-Program.pdf>

<sup>9</sup> Azad, Madhu Sanjay - Doctor Details. College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. Retrieved February 22, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/9Tmxv>



## Glen Bandiera



Dr. **Glen William Bandiera** MD, FRCPC, BASc (Engin.) MEd, is a Canadian emergency physician in Toronto, Ontario. He is notable in the COVID-19 pandemic due to his position with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.<sup>10</sup>

### Education

Bandiera attended McMaster University from 1990-1998 for his Doctor in Medicine, then completed his Master of Education at the University of Toronto from 1996-2000.<sup>11, 12</sup> He also holds a degree in Engineering and Management Science from the University of Waterloo.<sup>13</sup>

### Affiliations

#### Canadian Association of Medical Education

Bandiera formerly served as President of the Canadian Association for Medical Education and the founding Director of the CAME Foundation.<sup>14</sup>

#### College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario

Bandiera represents Electoral District 10 at the CPSO.

#### Ontario Physicians and Surgeons Discipline Tribunal

In addition to his role on the CPSO Council, Bandiera is an adjudicator for the Ontario Physicians and Surgeons Discipline Tribunal alongside colleague Lucy Becker.<sup>15</sup>

#### Medical Council of Canada

Bandiera is a member of the National Assessment Collaboration on the Medical Council of Canada.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>10</sup> *Meet the Council*. College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. Retrieved February 21, 2022, from <https://www.cpso.on.ca/en/About/Council/Meet-the-College-Council>

<sup>11</sup> *Election Results*. (2020, December 1). eDialogue. <https://archive.ph/9svfi>

<sup>12</sup> *Glen Bandiera's email & phone* | *The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada's Executive Director, Specialty Education email*. RocketReach. Retrieved February 24, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/83dzs>

<sup>13</sup> Royal College Staff. (2021, June 2). *Announcing the new Executive Director, Office of Specialty Education - Royal College Newsroom*. Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. <https://web.archive.org/web/20210602230841/https://newsroom.royalcollege.ca/announcing-the-new-executive-director-office-of-specialty-education/>

<sup>14</sup> *The Canadian Association for Medical Education (CAME) Foundation*. CAME - ACEM. Retrieved February 24, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/lx8L1>

<sup>15</sup> *OPSDT: Adjudicators*. Ontario Physicians and Surgeons Discipline Tribunal. Retrieved March 6, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/H05RR>

<sup>16</sup> *Annual Report 2019-2020*. (2020). Medical Council of Canada. <https://www.mcc.ca/media/MCC-Annual-Report-2019-2020.pdf>

## Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada

In June 2021, Bandiera was announced as the new Executive Director for the Office of Specialty Education (OSE) at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. His term began August 30, 2021.

## International Competency-Based Medical Education Collaborators

Bandiera is a member-at-large of the International Competency-Based Medical Education (ICBME) Collaborators, an initiative hosted at the RCPSC.<sup>17</sup>

## Unity Health Toronto

Bandiera is employed at St. Michael's Hospital under Unity Health Toronto.<sup>18</sup>

UHT receives funding through the St. Michael's Foundation by American Express, Amgen, Apple, AstraZeneca, Barrick Gold, Baxter, Bayer, BD, Bell, Bloomberg, BMO Financial Group, Brookfield, Cadillac Fairview, Calgary Foundation, Canadian Heart Research Centre, Cerner, CIBC, Cisco, Corus Entertainment, Credit Suisse, Cystic Fibrosis Canada, Dell, Deloitte, Fidelity, General Motors, Green Shield Canada, the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Honeywell, HSBC, Huawei Technologies, IBM, Johnson & Johnson, Johnson Controls, KPMG, Li Ka Shing Foundation, Loblaws, Longview Communications and Public Affairs, Manulife, Mastercard, Merck, Merrill Lynch, the Municipality of Metro Toronto, National Bank of Canada, OMeGA Medical Grants Association, Pancreatic Cancer Canada Foundation, Pfizer, PricewaterhouseCoopers, the RBC (Royal Bank of Canada), Roche, Rogers, Salesforce, Samsung, Sanofi, SAS Institute, Scotiabank, Staples, Stryker, Sun Life Financial, Sysco, Tangerine Bank, TD Bank Group, TELUS, Thomson Reuters, Toronto Mayor John Tory, University of Ottawa, Viatrix, ZebraPeutics, and Zimmer Biomet.<sup>19, 20, 21</sup>

## University of Toronto

Bandiera is the Associate Dean of Post-Graduate Medical Education for the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto.<sup>22, 23</sup>

## Research

Bandiera has published research on cognitive bias.<sup>24</sup>

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<sup>17</sup> ICBME collaborators – Roster. International Competency-Based Medical Education. Retrieved February 24, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/vXfMq>

<sup>18</sup> Glen Bandiera. Unity Health Toronto. Retrieved February 22, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/BZPBa>

<sup>19</sup> St. Michael's Foundation. (2021). *Saint Michael's Foundation 2020-2021 Annual Report*. Internet Archive. <https://archive.org/details/smhf-20-21-annual-report-web-final>

<sup>20</sup> St. Michael's Foundation. (2020). *St. Michael's Foundation Annual Donor Report 2019/2020*. Internet Archive. <https://archive.org/details/smhf-20-0038-annualreport-2020-web-updated-july-8-2020>

<sup>21</sup> St. Michael's Foundation. (2019). *Annual Report to Donors 2018/19*. Internet Archive. <https://archive.org/details/smhf-ar-2019-flipbook>

<sup>22</sup> Glen Bandiera | University of Toronto. Academia. Retrieved February 24, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/utJrr>

<sup>23</sup> Giroday, G. (2020, March 27). *Through new partnership, U of T medical trainees given safe place to stay, self-isolate during COVID-19*. University of Toronto News. <https://archive.ph/JdtoM>

<sup>24</sup> Bandiera, G. (2019). *Know thy platypus the insidiousness of cognitive bias*. Medical Teacher, 1–2. <https://doi.org/10.1080/0142159x.2019.1657820>

## Lucy Becker



**Lucy Becker** (née Rybka) is a Canadian communications and public affairs specialist based in Toronto, Ontario. She is notable in the COVID-19 pandemic due to her role with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.

Becker holds simultaneous positions with the CPSO, the Ontario Physicians and Surgeons Discipline Tribunal (OPSDT), and the Bereavement Society of Ontario, meaning she both influences and enforces policies governing healthcare providers and burials/cremations.

Her LinkedIn interests include Brookfield, Globe Advisor (of the Globe and Mail), the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and the Toronto District School Board.<sup>25</sup>

## Education

Becker studied Public Administration at Ryerson University, Political Science at Trent University, and Journalism at Durham College.<sup>26</sup> While attending the latter, she acted as journalist and Feature Editor for The Chronicle newspaper.<sup>27</sup>

## Family

On September 8, 1984, Rybka married Harold Becker.<sup>28</sup>

## Affiliations

### The News Advertiser

Becker was a reporter for The News Advertiser, a local newspaper in Ajax, Ontario.<sup>29</sup>

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<sup>25</sup> Lucy (Rybka) Becker (She/Her) - Interests. LinkedIn. Retrieved March 7, 2022, from <https://www.linkedin.com/in/lucy-becker-02b40913/details/interests/>

<sup>26</sup> Lucy (Rybka) Becker (She/Her) - Education. LinkedIn. Retrieved March 7, 2022, from <https://www.linkedin.com/in/lucy-becker-02b40913/>

<sup>27</sup> Locke, J. (1984, February 13). *Intelligent critics preferable*. The Chronicle. 4. [http://dspace.library.dcu-uoit.ca/uoit/bitstream/dcuoit/1926/1/Feb\\_13\\_1984\\_Issue\\_9.pdf](http://dspace.library.dcu-uoit.ca/uoit/bitstream/dcuoit/1926/1/Feb_13_1984_Issue_9.pdf)

<sup>28</sup> *Classifieds*. (1984, February 13). The Chronicle. 12. [http://dspace.library.dcu-uoit.ca/uoit/bitstream/dcuoit/1926/1/Feb\\_13\\_1984\\_Issue\\_9.pdf](http://dspace.library.dcu-uoit.ca/uoit/bitstream/dcuoit/1926/1/Feb_13_1984_Issue_9.pdf)

<sup>29</sup> Purdy, B. (1998, August 23). *Only here for The Beer Store*. The News Advertiser, 6. [https://corporate.pickering.ca/PLHCWebLink/0/edoc/173939/NA1998\\_08\\_23.pdf](https://corporate.pickering.ca/PLHCWebLink/0/edoc/173939/NA1998_08_23.pdf)

## **Government of Ontario (1988-1997)**

Becker worked in various senior communications positions within the Government of Ontario and on political staff, including Press Secretary to several Cabinet Ministers. She ran unsuccessfully as a member of the New Democratic Party (NDP) in the 1993 federal election.<sup>30</sup>

## **Brewers Retail Incorporated (1997-1999)**

Becker worked as Communications Manager at Brewers Retail Incorporated (The Beer Store) from February 1997 to November 1999.

## **Law Society of Upper Canada (1999-2005)**

Becker was hired as Manager of the Law Society of Upper Canada (now the Law Society of Ontario), and was quickly promoted to Director.<sup>31</sup> She headed up communications and public affairs.<sup>32</sup>

## **AGF Management Limited (2006-2011)**

From November 2006 until July 2011, Becker worked as Vice President of Corporate Communications for AGF Management Limited, a capital markets firm.<sup>33</sup>

## **Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (2011-2021)**

In July 2011, Becker acted as a spokesperson and Vice President, Public Affairs and Member Education Services for the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada.<sup>34</sup> She concluded this role in June 2021.<sup>35</sup>

On November 19, 2014, Becker was quoted in a press release discussing the IIROC's partnership with JA Central Ontario. JACO (associated with JA Canada and JA Worldwide) is funded by Accenture, Aecon, AGF Management, AIG, American Express, AXA, AXIS, Barclays, Barrick Gold, Baxter, BMO Financial Group, Booz Allen Hamilton, Broadridge Financial Solutions, Brookfield, Business Development Bank of Canada, Cadillac Fairview, Canadian Supply Chain Sector Council, Capital One, Centre for Commercialization of Regenerative Medicine, CIBC, Cisco, Citi, Cognizant Foundation, Corus Entertainment, Dell, Deloitte, Equifax, Ernst & Young, FedEx, Fidelity, Freedom Mobile, General Electric, Goldman Sachs, Google, the Government of Canada, the Government of Ontario, Hewlett Packard, HSBC, IBM, Invesco, Johnson & Johnson, KPMG, LinkedIn, Manulife, Marsh McLennan, Mastercard, McAfee, McDonald's, Medcan Health, Microsoft, Morgan Stanley, National Bank of Canada, Nestlé, Nokia, Ontario Pharmacists' Association,

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<sup>30</sup> *Durham (electoral district)*. (2021, August 30). Wikipedia. <https://archive.ph/8Pzai>

<sup>31</sup> Public Affairs Department. (2000, June 6). *Report to Convocation*. Yumpu; The Law Society of Upper Canada.

<https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/read/32529390/june-the-law-society-of-upper-canada>

<sup>32</sup> Lucy Becker. Bereavement Authority of Ontario. Retrieved March 6, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/NKbm4>

<sup>33</sup> Becker, L., & Marchment, A. (2009, November 2). *AGF Management Limited Confirms Name Change*. Cision Newswire; CNW Group Ltd. <https://archive.ph/fiAw5>

<sup>34</sup> Lucy Becker, *Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada*. Bloomberg. Retrieved March 5, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/S2e7d>

<sup>35</sup> Lucy (Rybka) Becker (She/Her) - Experience. LinkedIn. Retrieved March 5, 2022, from <https://www.linkedin.com/in/lucy-becker-02b40913/details/experience/>

Ontario Securities Commission, Oracle, PepsiCo, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Procter & Gamble, RBC (Royal Bank of Canada), Refinitiv, Rogers, Salesforce, SAP, Scotiabank, Staples, State Street, Sun Life Financial, Swiss Re, TC Energy, TD Bank Group, TELUS, Thomson Reuters, UBS, WestJet, and the Zurich Foundation.

<sup>36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46</sup> Many of these are member organizations of the World Economic Forum.<sup>47</sup>

Importantly, JA Central Ontario is also funded by IIROC itself.

Additional partnerships include Boston Consulting Group and the Toronto District School Board.<sup>48</sup>

Becker's hiring at IIROC immediately following her employment at AGF Management is of note, given the \$30,000.00 - \$74,999.00 cumulative donation from AGF to IIROC.

### **Don Valley Community Legal Services (2021-present)**

In June 2021, Becker joined the Board of Directors for Don Valley Community Legal Services.<sup>49</sup>

### **College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (2021-present)**

In August 2021, Becker was announced as a new public member on the Council for the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, representing Toronto. She is also a member of the Fitness to Practice Committee.

### **Ontario Physicians and Surgeons Discipline Tribunal (2021-present)**

The month after her appointment to the CPSO, Becker also became an adjudicator for the Ontario Physicians and Surgeons Discipline Tribunal (OPSDT).<sup>50</sup>

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<sup>36</sup> *Our Donors*. Junior Achievement Central Ontario. Retrieved March 8, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/7G3gX>

<sup>37</sup> *Our Corporate Partners*. Junior Achievement Central Ontario. Retrieved March 8, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/2a088>

<sup>38</sup> *Annual Report 2020/2021*. (2021, October). JA Central Ontario.

<https://www.jacentralontario.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/JA-Central-Ontario-Annual-Report-update.pdf>

<sup>39</sup> *Annual Report 2019-2020*. (2020). JA Central Ontario.

[https://www.jacentralontario.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/AR20\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.jacentralontario.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/AR20_FINAL.pdf)

<sup>40</sup> *Annual Report 2018/19*. (2019). JA Central Ontario. <https://www.jacentralontario.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/2019.pdf>

<sup>41</sup> *2017/18 Annual Report*. (2018). JA Central Ontario.

<https://www.jacentralontario.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/AnnualReport2018.pdf>

<sup>42</sup> *Annual Report 2016-17*. (2017). JA Central Ontario.

[https://www.jacentralontario.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/JA\\_Annual\\_Report\\_2017.pdf](https://www.jacentralontario.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/JA_Annual_Report_2017.pdf)

<sup>43</sup> *Annual Report 2014-15*. (2015). JA Central Ontario.

[https://www.jacentralontario.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/JA\\_Annual\\_Report\\_2015.pdf](https://www.jacentralontario.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/JA_Annual_Report_2015.pdf)

<sup>44</sup> *Annual Report 2014*. (2014). JA Central Ontario.

[https://web.archive.org/web/20220309035922/https://www.jacentralontario.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/JA\\_Annual\\_Report\\_2014.pdf](https://web.archive.org/web/20220309035922/https://www.jacentralontario.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/JA_Annual_Report_2014.pdf)

<sup>45</sup> *Annual Report 2013*. (2013). JA Central Ontario.

[https://web.archive.org/web/20211026184113/https://www.jacentralontario.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/JA\\_Annual\\_Report\\_2013.pdf](https://web.archive.org/web/20211026184113/https://www.jacentralontario.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/JA_Annual_Report_2013.pdf)

<sup>46</sup> *Annual Report 2012*. (2012). JA Central Ontario.

[https://web.archive.org/web/20211026184114/https://www.jacentralontario.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/JA\\_Annual\\_Report\\_2012.pdf](https://web.archive.org/web/20211026184114/https://www.jacentralontario.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/JA_Annual_Report_2012.pdf)

<sup>47</sup> *Partners*. World Economic Forum. Retrieved March 8, 2022, from <https://www.weforum.org/partners>

<sup>48</sup> *Annual Report 2015-2016*. (2016). JA Central Ontario.

[https://www.jacentralontario.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/JACO\\_F16AnnualReport\\_Final\\_reducedsize.pdf](https://www.jacentralontario.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/JACO_F16AnnualReport_Final_reducedsize.pdf)

<sup>49</sup> *Our Board*. Don Valley Community Legal Services. Retrieved March 6, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/HeFCT>

<sup>50</sup> *OPSDT: Adjudicators*. Ontario Physicians and Surgeons Discipline Tribunal. Retrieved March 6, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/H05RR>

## **Bereavement Authority of Ontario (2022-present)**

In January 2022, Becker joined the Board of Directors for the Bereavement Authority of Ontario.

## **Other Affiliations**

### **Blue Line Magazine**

Becker served as a contributing writer to Blue Line Magazine during the early 1990's.<sup>51</sup>

### **Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation**

At some point, Becker was associated with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The JDRF is funded/sponsored by and/or partnered with Abbott, AGF Management, AMG Medical, Ascensia Diabetes Care, Astral Media, Avison Young, Bank of America, Bayer, BD, Bell Media, BlackRock, BMO Financial Group, Broadbridge, Cadillac Fairview, Calgary Herald, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), Canadian National Railway, Canadian Pediatric Endocrine Group, Canadian Paediatric Society, Capital One, CIBC, Cisco, Citi, CTVglobemedia, Deloitte, DexCom, Diabetes Canada, Diabetes Express Pharmacy, Dignity Memorial, Eli Lilly, Ernst & Young, FedDev Ontario, Fidelity, Ford, the Georgia Straight, GlaxoSmithKline, Global News, the Globe and Mail, Goldman Sachs, Honda, HSBC, IBM, Innovative Medicines Canada, JPMorgan Chase, KPMG, LifeScan, LMC Healthcare, Loblaws, London Drugs, Mastercard, Medtronic, Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, Motorola, Mount Sinai Hospital, PepsiCo, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, National Bank of Canada, Novo Nordisk, Insulet, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Quebecor, RBC (Royal Bank of Canada), Roche (through Accu-Chek), Rothschild Inc., Sanofi, Satellos Bioscience, Scotiabank, Shaw, SNC-Lavalin, Sun Life Financial, Tandem Diabetes Care, TD Bank Group, TELUS, Toronto Community Foundation, UBS, United Way, University Health Network, UPS, Vancouver Foundation, Walmart, Wells Fargo, and Ypsomed Selfcare Solutions.<sup>52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59</sup>

### **Ontario Community Council on Impaired Driving**

Becker was also at some point associated with the Ontario Community Council on Impaired Driving.

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<sup>53</sup> *Home*. Junior Diabetes Research Foundation. Retrieved March 11, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/7ZFLS>

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<sup>56</sup> *2017 Annual Impact Report*. Junior Diabetes Research Foundation. Retrieved March 11, 2022, from [https://web.archive.org/web/20220312072216/https://www.jdrf.ca/sitejdrfca/assets/File/Annual\\_Report\\_EN\\_2017.pdf](https://web.archive.org/web/20220312072216/https://www.jdrf.ca/sitejdrfca/assets/File/Annual_Report_EN_2017.pdf)

<sup>57</sup> *JDRF 2015 Report to Donors*. Junior Diabetes Research Foundation. Retrieved March 11, 2022, from [https://www.jdrf.ca/sitejdrfca/assets/File/NSO/Annual\\_Report\\_2015\\_Eng.pdf](https://www.jdrf.ca/sitejdrfca/assets/File/NSO/Annual_Report_2015_Eng.pdf)

<sup>58</sup> *2014 Annual Report*. Junior Diabetes Research Foundation. Retrieved March 11, 2022, from [https://web.archive.org/web/20170628043959/http://www.jdrf.ca/sitejdrfca/assets/File/NSO/Annual\\_Report\\_2014\\_Eng.pdf](https://web.archive.org/web/20170628043959/http://www.jdrf.ca/sitejdrfca/assets/File/NSO/Annual_Report_2014_Eng.pdf)

<sup>59</sup> *Annual Report 2013*. Junior Diabetes Research Foundation. Retrieved March 12, 2022, from [https://web.archive.org/web/20170628035024/http://www.jdrf.ca/sitejdrfca/assets/File/NSO/Annual\\_Report\\_2013\\_Eng.pdf](https://web.archive.org/web/20170628035024/http://www.jdrf.ca/sitejdrfca/assets/File/NSO/Annual_Report_2013_Eng.pdf)



## Public Affairs Association of Canada

Becker is listed as a “PAAC Professional” associated with the Public Affairs Association of Canada.<sup>60</sup> PAAC is partnered with Amazon Web Services, Postmedia, and the Samara Centre for Democracy.<sup>61</sup>

## Media

On October 6, 2020, Becker participated in a webinar on economic security hosted by CanAge.<sup>62</sup> CanAge is affiliated with the University of Toronto and United Way.<sup>63</sup>

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<https://web.archive.org/web/20220305222622/https://www.publicaffairs.ca/paac-professionals/lucy-becker>

<sup>61</sup> *Corporate Engagement Leaders*. Public Affairs Association of Canada. Retrieved March 6, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/JJ4Fe>

<sup>62</sup> *Webinars*. CanAge. Retrieved March 7, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/EZCjz>

<sup>63</sup> *Partners*. CanAge. Retrieved March 7, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/JnG1p>

## Mary Bell



Dr. **Mary Jane Bell**, M.D., FRCP(C), is a Canadian physician and rheumatologist located in Toronto, Ontario. She is notable during the COVID-19 pandemic due to her position with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.

Bell is registered to conduct business as Mary Jane Bell Medicine Professional Corporation. The initial filing was dated June 1, 2010, though the corporation name appears to include a typo.<sup>64</sup>

### Education

Dr. Bell attended McGill University, graduating in 1973 with her Bachelor of Sciences in Physical Therapy. She received her medical degree in 1979 and her Master's degree in design, measurement and evaluation in clinical epidemiology and biostatistics from McMaster University in 1988.<sup>65</sup> She completed her postgraduate training at McMaster and the University of Toronto.

### Affiliations

#### Canadian Rheumatology Association

Bell has received several grant awards from the Canadian Rheumatology Association.<sup>66, 67, 68</sup>

The CRA is sponsored by AbbVie, Gilead Sciences, Janssen, Novartis, Pfizer, Amgen, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Eli Lilly, AstraZeneca, Fresenius, Boehringer Ingelheim, Merck, Organon, GlaxoSmithKline, Medexus, Roche, Sobi, Viatrix, Teva Pharmaceuticals, UCB, Accord Healthcare, Sandoz, Alexion, JAMP Pharma, Innomar Strategies, Sanofi, Mallinckrodt, Association of Women in Rheumatology, Celltrion Healthcare, Esaote, The

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<sup>64</sup> MARY JANE BELL MEDICINE PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION (1826889) [Ontario Business Corporation]. Onbis; Government of Ontario. Retrieved February 26, 2022, from [https://www.appmybizaccount.gov.on.ca/onbis/corporations/viewInstance/view.pub?id=280aa9d4fbca6577ccb365bb8f57e85a6ea3570a020a4226e01ace8d0fe997dc&\\_timestamp=1580333330186524](https://www.appmybizaccount.gov.on.ca/onbis/corporations/viewInstance/view.pub?id=280aa9d4fbca6577ccb365bb8f57e85a6ea3570a020a4226e01ace8d0fe997dc&_timestamp=1580333330186524)

<sup>65</sup> Mary Bell. Sunnybrook Research Institute. Retrieved February 26, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/qq7KZ>

<sup>66</sup> 2017 Grant Awards Mary Bell and Barry Koehler. (2017). Canadian Rheumatology Association. <https://rheum.ca/research/2017-grant-awards/2017-grant-awards-mary-bell-and-barry-koehler/>

<sup>67</sup> 2008 Grant Awards Mary Bell. (2017, November 21). Canadian Rheumatology Association. <https://archive.ph/6tmYu>

<sup>68</sup> 2014 Grant Awards Mary Bell. (2017, November 20). Canadian Rheumatology Association. <https://rheum.ca/research/2014-grant-awards/2014-grant-awards-mary-bell/>



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Rounds Network, Arthritis Society, MD Financial Management, the Canadian Medical Association Celgene, and Scotiabank.<sup>69, 70, 71, 72</sup>

## **College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario**

Bell is the Academic Representative for the University of Toronto at the CPSO.<sup>73</sup>

## **Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons**

Bell is a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

## **Southlake Regional Health Centre**

Bell has hospital privileges at Southlake Regional Health Centre.<sup>74</sup>

## **Sunnybrook Research Institute**

Bell is an Associate Scientist in Evaluative Clinical Sciences and clinician investigator at the Sunnybrook Research Institute, working as Division Head and Staff Rheumatologist, Division of Rheumatology, Department of Medicine at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. Her work is in partnership with the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES).<sup>75</sup>

## **University Health Network**

Bell is a research scientist in the Arthritis Community Research and Evaluation Unit and in the Arthritis and Immune Disorder Research Centre, University Health Network in Toronto.

## **University of Toronto**

Bell is Director of Continuing Education in the Department of Medicine at the University of Toronto.<sup>76</sup>

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<sup>69</sup> 2020-2021 Annual Report. (2021). Canadian Rheumatology Association.

[https://web.archive.org/web/20220301043916/https://rheum.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/CRA\\_20-21\\_AnnualReport\\_EN.pdf](https://web.archive.org/web/20220301043916/https://rheum.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/CRA_20-21_AnnualReport_EN.pdf)

<sup>70</sup> 2019-2020 Annual Report. (2020). Canadian Rheumatology Association.

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<sup>71</sup> Zbib, A., & Ahluwalia, V. (2019). 2018-2019 Annual Report. Canadian Rheumatology Association.

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<sup>72</sup> Corporate Sponsors. Canadian Rheumatology Association. Retrieved March 1, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/gSfI9>

<sup>73</sup> Meet the Council. College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. Retrieved February 21, 2022, from

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<sup>74</sup> Bell, Mary Jane - Doctor Details. College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. Retrieved February 26, 2022, from

<https://archive.ph/eliXI>

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## Consulting

A LinkedIn page apparently representing Bell lists her as having worked as a healthcare marketing consultant with Martine Taylor Consulting from 2004-2006.<sup>77</sup>

## Research

Bell is one of the lead investigators on the National Getting a Grip on Arthritis project, funded by Health Canada's Primary Health Care Transition fund and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).<sup>78</sup>

Dr. Bell's research is focused on arthritis and medical education. Her latest project, "Self-Assessment Triage in Inflammatory Arthritis: A Pilot Study," is funded by Canadian Initiative for Outcomes in Rheumatology Care (CIORA).

She recently completed a study funded by CIORA on medication adherence in people with rheumatoid arthritis.

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<sup>77</sup> mary bell. LinkedIn. Retrieved March 1, 2022, from <https://www.linkedin.com/in/mary-bell-98a83113/>

<sup>78</sup> Lineker, S., Fleet, L., Bell, M., Sweezie, R., Curran, V., Brock, G., & Badley, E. (2019). *Getting a Grip on Arthritis Online: Responses of rural/remote primary care providers to a web-based continuing medical education programme*. Canadian Journal of Rural Medicine, 24(2), 52. [https://doi.org/10.4103/cjrm.cjrm\\_10\\_18](https://doi.org/10.4103/cjrm.cjrm_10_18)

## Brenda Copps



Dr. **Brenda Copps** is a family physician in Hamilton, Ontario.

### Family

Copps is a member of the influential Copps family.<sup>79</sup>

### Victor Copps

Her father Victor Copps served in the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II, and moved to Hamilton in 1945, where he was hired as a sports reporter for CHML Radio.<sup>80</sup> He was elected as senior controller on the Board of Control in 1960, and became Deputy Mayor of Hamilton. He was then elected as Mayor in December 1962 - the office he held until a major heart attack in 1976<sup>81</sup> - and was an unsuccessful candidate for the

Ontario Liberal Party in 1964.<sup>82</sup>

### Geraldine Copps

Copps mother Geraldine (née Guthro) served as a citizenship court judge from 1976 - 1985. She was then elected five times to the Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Council from 1985 - 2000.<sup>83</sup> Among several controversial actions was an “unauthorized visit” to a sewage treatment plant that nearly resulted in a police confrontation. However, she also contributed to substantial reform in Ontario building code standards to increase accessibility for the disabled population, for which she received a plaque recognizing her work.

### Sheila Copps

Copps sister Sheila followed the family tradition and became a Member of Provincial Parliament for Hamilton Centre from 1981 - 1984, then Member of Parliament for Hamilton East, serving from 1984 - 2004.<sup>84</sup> She concurrently served as Deputy Prime Minister under Jean Chrétien from 1993 - 1997 and as Minister of the Environment from 1993 - 1996. She also originated the role of Heritage Minister, serving from 1996 - 2003. She is considered one of Canada’s foremost female politicians. Since retiring from political office, Copps has written for the National Post and the Hill Times.<sup>85</sup> In March 2020, Copps exchanged emails with the office of the Procurement Minister in which she offered to provide a source for personal protective

<sup>79</sup> *Matriarch of Copps political family dies in Ottawa at 91.* (2016, October 18). The Hamilton Spectator. <https://archive.ph/cQPcM>

<sup>80</sup> *1963-1976 - Victor Kennedy Copps.* (2014, December 2). Hamilton Public Library. <https://archive.ph/epMDQ>

<sup>81</sup> Lennon, F. (1974, April 18). *Vic Copps: Hamilton's former mayor, Copps collapsed from a stroke while running.* Toronto Public Library. <https://archive.ph/TuItW>

<sup>82</sup> *Hansard Issue: L088.* (1988, October 17). Ontario Hansard. <https://archive.ph/YQOk2>

<sup>83</sup> Wells, J. (2016, October 19). *Copps family matriarch remembered as a “formidable woman.”* Toronto. <https://archive.ph/gdNwh>

<sup>84</sup> *The Hon. Sheila Maureen Copps, P.C., O.C., M.P.* Parliament of Canada. Retrieved February 14, 2022, from [https://lop.parl.ca/sites/ParlInfo/default/en\\_CA/People/Profile?personId=11520](https://lop.parl.ca/sites/ParlInfo/default/en_CA/People/Profile?personId=11520)

<sup>85</sup> Copps, S. (2021, September 2). *Trudeau has to get out of the way.* The Hill Times. <https://archive.ph/nTUKf>

equipment (PPE) in response to the COVID-19 crisis.<sup>86</sup> Conservative MP Michael Barrett called for an investigation into whether her actions constituted a violation of lobbying laws. Copps had co-founded her own PPE company around the same time, and was appointed to the Board of Advisors for stem cell therapy company Hemostemix in April 2020.<sup>87</sup> She is named on a list of PPE providers for the City of Toronto, dated June 2021.<sup>88</sup>

All in all, the Copps family “has dominated Hamilton-area politics on the municipal, provincial and federal levels” for generations.<sup>89</sup>

## Education

Copps studied Health Sciences at the University of Waterloo after high school, and later graduated from McMaster University in 1981.<sup>90</sup>

## Career

### College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario

Copps served as President of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) in 2020. She was a practicing physician at Core Care Family Health Team at the time of her election. Copps tapped Dr. Christine Glenney (a new addition to her team) to cover her appointments on Tuesdays while she attended CPSO meetings in Toronto.<sup>91</sup>

It is unclear why Dr. Copps was chosen as President, as she has a history of mixed reviews from patients from well before (and after) 2020.<sup>92</sup> Interestingly, Google displays contradictory information as the search results place her 2.5 star rating from Rate MDs right overtop three five-star ratings.<sup>93</sup>

Copps remained with the CPSO in 2021 as an “Elected Professional Member” for “Electoral District 4”.<sup>94</sup>

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<sup>86</sup> Nardi, C. (2021, April 1). *Conservatives ask lobbying commissioner to investigate contacts by former Liberal minister Sheila Copps*. National Post. <https://archive.ph/qNbO4>

<sup>87</sup> Newsfile Corp. (2020, April 7). *Hemostemix Appoints the Honourable Sheila Copps, OC, PC, to Board of Advisors and Ratifies Thomas Smeenk as Chief Executive Officer*. Yahoo! News. <https://archive.ph/swOYk>

<sup>88</sup> COVID19 - PPE Offerings - City of Toronto. (2021, June 21). City of Toronto. <https://web.archive.org/web/20210817095805/https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/9754-Posted-PPE-Supplier-List-June-21-2021.xlsx>

<sup>89</sup> Sheila M. Copps. (2005, August 31). Our Campaigns. <https://archive.ph/tZbli>

<sup>90</sup> Copps, Brenda Elizabeth - Doctor Details. College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. Retrieved February 12, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/IIIUY>

<sup>91</sup> Dr. Brenda Copps. Core Care Family Health Team. Retrieved September 23, 2020, from <https://web.archive.org/web/20200923171152/https://www.corecarefht.ca/dr-brenda-copps/>

<sup>92</sup> Rate MDs. Dr. Brenda Copps. Retrieved November 30, 2021, from <https://www.ratemds.com/doctor-ratings/71032/Dr-Brenda-Copps-Hamilton-ON.html/>

<sup>93</sup> Google. dr brenda copps - Google Search. Retrieved November 30, 2021, from <https://web.archive.org/web/20211130192755/https://www.google.com/search?q=dr+brenda+copps&og=dr+brenda+copps>

<sup>94</sup> College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. CPSO - Meet the Council. Retrieved November 30, 2021, from <https://www.cpso.on.ca/About/Council/Meet-the-College-Council>

## Hamilton Family Health Team

Copps is currently listed as actively practicing at Core Family Health Team under Hamilton Family Health Team.<sup>95, 96</sup> She operates under the corporate entity “Dr. Brenda Copps Medicine Professional Corporation”, certified on July 28, 2006. Her registered business addresses and places of work include McMaster Children’s Hospital,<sup>97</sup> Juravinski Hospital,<sup>98</sup> St. Joseph’s Healthcare’s Charlton Campus,<sup>99</sup> and Hamilton General Hospital.<sup>100</sup> She served as a board member and Chairperson of the Hamilton Family Health Team.<sup>101</sup> Her practice at Core Care Family Health Team doctors “STRONGLY recommend” their patients receive a COVID-19 injection, and direct people with questions to a page called “VaxFacts” run by the Scarborough Health Network (SHN).<sup>102, 103</sup>

## St. Joseph’s Hospital

She also served a term as chief of the Department of Family Medicine at St. Joseph’s Hospital.

## McMaster University

She is an Assistant Clinical Professor (Adjunct) in Family Medicine in the Faculty of Health Sciences at McMaster University.<sup>104</sup>

## Art Gallery of Hamilton

Copps formerly served on the Board of Directors of the Art Gallery of Hamilton,<sup>105</sup> which received at least \$59,500.00 from the Hamilton Community Foundation in 2020/2021 out of COVID-19 relief funds.<sup>106, 107, 108</sup> The Gallery gave the Foundation \$247,720.00 in 2019/2020.<sup>109</sup>

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<sup>95</sup> Hamilton Family Health Team. *Doctors*. Retrieved November 30, 2021, from <https://www.hamiltonfht.ca/en/who-we-are/Doctors.aspx>

<sup>96</sup> Copps, B. [@brendacopps]. (Joined January 2014). *Family doctor within @HamiltonFHT & past @cpso\_on President. Proud #HamOnt resident. Fan of @TheAGH, @RBGCanada. [Profile]*. Twitter. <https://twitter.com/brendacopps>

<sup>97</sup> McMaster Children’s Hospital. Hamilton Health Sciences. Retrieved February 12, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/4dQGr>

<sup>98</sup> Juravinski Hospital. Hamilton Health Sciences. Retrieved January 14, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/44cZM>

<sup>99</sup> Maps and Directions. St. Joseph’s Healthcare Hamilton. Retrieved February 12, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/c4WXy>

<sup>100</sup> Hamilton General Hospital. Hamilton Health Sciences. Retrieved February 13, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/3XXsz>

<sup>101</sup> Q&A: A Champion for Quality Care (audio clip). (2019, December 20). eDialogue. <https://archive.ph/aamaJ>

<sup>102</sup> Home. Core Care Family Health Team. Retrieved January 12, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/h7Q6Y>

<sup>103</sup> VaxFacts. Scarborough Health Network. Retrieved February 12, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/io4lG>

<sup>104</sup> McMaster University. *Brenda Copps - McMaster Experts*. Retrieved November 30, 2021, from <https://experts.mcmaster.ca/display/bcopps>

<sup>105</sup> Dr. Brenda Copps. AGH Board Member. (2016, October 23). Art Gallery of Hamilton. <https://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/dr-brenda-copps-agh-bod/>

<sup>106</sup> Hamilton Community Foundation. (2021). *Hamilton Community Foundation Annual Report 2021*. Retrieved December 3, 2021, from <https://hamiltoncommunityfoundation.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/HCF-Annual-Report-2021.pdf>

<sup>107</sup> Art Gallery of Hamilton. (2014, June 2). *Art Gallery of Hamilton 2013 Annual Report*. Retrieved November 30, 2021, from <https://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/AGH-2013-Annual-Report.pdf>

<sup>108</sup> Hamilton Community Foundation. (2021, October 29). *Pandemic Response Fund Grantees*. Retrieved December 3, 2021, from <https://hamiltoncommunityfoundation.ca/pandemic-response-fund/c19grantees/>

<sup>109</sup> Hamilton Community Foundation. (2020). *2019-2020 Hamilton Community Foundation Annual Report*. Retrieved December 3, 2021, from [https://www.hamiltoncommunityfoundation.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/HCF\\_AR2019-20\\_final.pdf](https://www.hamiltoncommunityfoundation.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/HCF_AR2019-20_final.pdf)

## Robert Gratton



Dr. **Robert Jeffrey Gratton** is a Canadian physician in London, Ontario, specializing in obstetrics and gynecology.

### Education

Gratton trained in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Western Ontario, and attended the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine for a fellowship in Maternal Fetal Medicine.<sup>110</sup>

### Affiliations

#### American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Gratton is a Diplomate of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

#### College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario

Gratton is the elected representative for District 2 of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.<sup>111</sup> He first joined the CPSO Council in December 2016.

#### Government of Ontario

Dr. Gratton is a member of the Maternal and Perinatal Review Committee under Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario.

#### Lawson Health Research Institute

Gratton is a scientist at the Lawson Health Research Institute, the research institute of London Health Sciences Centre and St. Joseph's Health Care London.<sup>112</sup> The LHRI “works with over 200 business and industry partners in more than 25 countries.” Partners include the Children's Health Foundation, Institute of Biology and Experimental Medicine (IBYME), Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile (PUC), Robarts Research Institute, South West Regional Cancer Program, and University of Western Ontario.<sup>113</sup>

<sup>110</sup> Rob Gratton. LinkedIn. Retrieved February 25, 2022, from <https://www.linkedin.com/in/rob-gratton-68671486/>

<sup>111</sup> Meet the Council. College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. Retrieved February 21, 2022, from <https://www.cpso.on.ca/en/About/Council/Meet-the-College-Council>

<sup>112</sup> Dr. Robert Gratton. Lawson Health Research Institute. Retrieved February 25, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/C6tnd>

<sup>113</sup> Partners. Lawson Health Research Institute. Retrieved February 25, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/6KcyC>

## London Health Sciences Centre

Gratton is a medical practitioner at Victoria Hospital under London Health Sciences Centre, where he recently completed a six-year term as Chief of Obstetrics.<sup>114, 115</sup> LHSC is funded in part by Air Canada, Berkshire Hathaway, TD Bank Group, and Walmart.<sup>116</sup>

## Provincial Council for Maternal and Child Health

Gratton was a member of the Provincial Council for Maternal and Child Health.<sup>117</sup>

## Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada

Gratton is a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

## Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada

Gratton is a member of the Obstetrical Review Committee for the Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada.

## St. Joseph's Health Care London

Gratton has hospital privileges at St. Joseph's Health Care London. Donors to the St. Joseph's Health Care Foundation include 3M, Cerner, CIBC, Toyota, Trudell Medical, and Volkswagen.<sup>118</sup>

## University of Western Ontario

Gratton is an Associate Professor of Maternal-Fetal Medicine at the Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry at the University of Western Ontario. His salary in 2012 was \$106,420.00.<sup>119</sup>

## Research

Gratton developed the first Obstetrical Triage Acuity Scale (OTAS©) which is implemented in hospitals across Canada and in other countries. This research received an Accreditation Canada Leading Practice Award and an Academic Medical Organization of Southwestern Ontario Provincial Innovation Award.<sup>120, 121</sup>

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<sup>114</sup> Robert Gratton. University of Western Ontario. Retrieved February 25, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/wU1pa>

<sup>115</sup> Doctor Gratton, Robert J - Obstetrics and Gynecology. (2019, May 31). SouthWest Healthline. <https://archive.ph/8w83v>

<sup>116</sup> Partners. Children's Health Foundation. Retrieved February 25, 2022, from <https://childhealth.ca/partners/>

<sup>117</sup> Rob Gratton. (2015, July 20). Provincial Council for Maternal and Child Health. <https://archive.ph/Fbvko>

<sup>118</sup> Coming Together to support mental health in our community. St. Joseph's Health Care London. Retrieved February 25, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/pKDxn>

<sup>119</sup> Ontario Public Sector Employee. OpenGovCA. Retrieved February 25, 2022, from <https://opengovca.com/ontario-employee/GRATTON>

<sup>120</sup> Robert Gratton – IFPOC. The Innovation Fund Provincial Oversight Committee. Retrieved February 25, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/nVwxT>

<sup>121</sup> Innovation Fund Awards 2015 – IFPOC. (2015). Innovation Fund Provincial Oversight Committee. <https://archive.ph/bx4dc>

## Funding

Gratton has had research funded by the Academic Medical Organization of Southwestern Ontario (AMOSO),<sup>122, 123</sup> Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR),<sup>124</sup> Institute of Indigenous Peoples' Health,<sup>125</sup> Lawson Health Research Institute,<sup>126</sup> Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-term Care<sup>127</sup> and the National Institutes of Health (NIH).<sup>128</sup>

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## Roy Kirkpatrick



Dr. **Howard Roy Kirkpatrick** is a Canadian general surgeon based in Muskoka, Ontario. He is relevant in the COVID-19 pandemic due to his position with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.

His CPSO registration number is 50976. He received the 2018 Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Section Service Award for General Surgery, having been nominated by the OMA Section on General Surgery and the Ontario Association of General Surgeons (OAGS).<sup>129</sup> He was also awarded the rural specialist merit award by the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada.<sup>130</sup>

Kirkpatrick's front facing email is [kirkpatrickroy@hotmail.com](mailto:kirkpatrickroy@hotmail.com).<sup>131</sup>

### Education

Kirkpatrick graduated from Queen's University in 1977.<sup>132</sup>

### Affiliations

#### Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada

Kirkpatrick sits on the Council of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and on the Specialty Education Committee and Regional Advisory Council. He is an advocate for Competence by Design, an educational framework for continuous improvement of medical residents.<sup>133</sup>

#### Canadian Red Cross

He is known for his contributions to health care outside of Muskoka as a volunteer aid worker with the Canadian Red Cross Emergency Response Team, which took him to Haiti in 2010.<sup>134</sup>

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## Cuso International

Kirkpatrick moved to Muskoka after a two-year stint in Papua New Guinea, where he and his wife volunteered with Cuso International.<sup>135</sup>

## Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare

Kirkpatrick is on staff at Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, practicing medicine at the South Muskoka Memorial Site and Huntsville District Memorial Hospital.

MAH is funded by BDO, Bell, BMO Financial Group, Canadian Cancer Society, CIBC, CMA Foundation, IBM, Kodak, McDonald's, Petro Canada, RBC (Royal Bank of Canada), Sanofi, Scotiabank, Shoppers Drug Mart, TD Bank Group, the Toronto Foundation, Toyota, United Way, and Walmart.<sup>136, 137</sup>

## Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders)

He has been affiliated with Médecins Sans Frontières, or Doctors Without Borders, and completed a trip to Pakistan in the spring of 2015.<sup>138</sup>

## Northern Ontario School of Medicine

Kirkpatrick is a general surgeon and Chair of the Division of Surgery at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine.<sup>139</sup> See the “Madhu Azad” section for NOSM’s financial conflicts.

## College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario

In November 2020, Kirkpatrick was announced as the new academic representative from the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) on the Council for the CPSO.<sup>140</sup> He replaced Dr. Robert Smith.<sup>141</sup> He previously served as an Independent Assessor. He also serves as an Adjudicator on the Ontario Physicians and Surgeons Discipline Tribunal.<sup>142</sup>

## Canadian Resident Matching Service

He also assists the Canadian Resident Matching Service (CaRMS) in reviewing General Surgery applications.

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<sup>137</sup> SMHF Foundation Newsletter Fall 2021 Issue. South Muskoka Hospital Foundation. Retrieved March 12, 2022, from <https://web.archive.org/web/20220121001051/https://www.healthmuskoka.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/DIGITAL-FINAL-FALL-2021-SMHF-NEWSLETTER.pdf>

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## North Bay Physicians Local Education Group Association

Kirkpatrick is a Local Education Group lead for Huntsville, as part of the North Bay Physicians Local Education Group Association (NBPLEGA).

## COVID-19

Early in the COVID-19 pandemic, Kirkpatrick claimed that SARS-CoV-2 is most easily transmitted in the early days of infection when patients are asymptomatic. He also stated that fit-tested N95 masks were the only mask that would protect the wearer, whereas surgical and cloth masks would only stop droplets from leaving the face area.<sup>143</sup>

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<sup>143</sup> Doppler Online. (2020, May 21). *COVID-19 Q&A with Dr. Roy Kirkpatrick: Wearing masks*. Huntsville Doppler. <https://archive.ph/21OuY>

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## Lionel Marks de Chabris



Dr. **Lionel Marks De Chabris** is a Canadian family physician based in Sudbury, Ontario, specializing in pain and disability management. He practices medicine as “Lionel Marks de Chabris Medicine Professional Corporation”.

### Education

After completing his Bachelor's Degree in Biology, Marks De Chabris graduated from McGill University's Faculty of Medicine in 1988 with his MD.<sup>144</sup> He then completed a combined residency in Family and Emergency Medicine at the University of Ottawa, finishing in 1991. He was certified by the American

Board of Emergency Medicine in 2000.

### Affiliations

#### American Board of Addiction Medicine

Dr. Lionel is a Diplomate of the American Board of Addiction Medicine.<sup>145</sup>

#### American Board of Independent Medical Examiners

Dr. Lionel is a Certified Independent Medical Examiner, authorized by the American Board of Independent Medical Examiners.

#### Canadian Academy of Pain Management

Dr. Lionel is a Diplomate of the Canadian Academy of Pain Management.

#### Canadian Academy of Psychologists in Disability Assessment

Dr. Lionel has participated in speaking events with the Canadian Academy of Psychologists in Disability Assessment.

#### Canadian Medical Association

Dr. Lionel underwent further training in Addiction Medicine and then Pain Medicine, sponsored by the College of Family Physicians of Canada and the Canadian Medical Association from 2006 - 2007.<sup>146</sup>

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<sup>145</sup> Everything you Wanted to Know About Marijuana and More... (2018, March 2). Canadian Academy of Psychologists in Disability Assessment. [https://www.capda.ca/1\\_02\\_everything-you-wanted-to-know-about-marijuana-and-more.html](https://www.capda.ca/1_02_everything-you-wanted-to-know-about-marijuana-and-more.html)

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## Canadian Mental Health Association

Dr. Lionel delivered six two-hour presentations to the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) on Substance Use Disorders including Alcohol Use Disorder, Cannabis Use Disorder, Stimulant Use Disorder, Opioid Use Disorder, Sedative Use Disorder and Other Drugs of Abuse.<sup>147</sup>

The CMHA is partnered with the University of British Columbia (UBC), the Wellesley Institute, Children First Canada, the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH), United Way, YMCA, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Mental Health Commission of Canada, Academica Group, Edgewood Health Network Canada, and Kids Help Phone.<sup>148</sup> Additional funding comes from RBC (Royal Bank of Canada), Shoppers Drug Mart, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Bell Media, Rexall, Siemens, Rogers, Daily Hive, Otsuka Canada Pharmaceutical, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, Capital One, Emergent BioSolutions (through ADAPT Pharma), Medavie Health Foundation, Zurich Pharma, Spectrum Therapeutics, Janssen, the Ontario Teachers Insurance Plan, Medicine Shoppe, Salesforce, Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC), Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse and Addiction, Vetoquinol, and the Mood Disorders Association of Ontario.<sup>149, 150, 151</sup>

## Canadian Society of Medical Evaluators

Dr. Lionel is a Clinician Member of the Canadian Society of Medical Evaluators.

## College of Family Physicians of Canada

Dr. Lionel was certified by the College of Family Physicians of Canada in Family Medicine and Emergency Medicine in 1991, and became a Fellow in 2001.<sup>152</sup>

## College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario

Dr. Lionel is the elected representative for District 8 on the Council for the CPSO, as well as a Medical Inspector.<sup>153</sup>

## Espanola Pain Clinic

Dr. Lionel provides chronic pain management services at the Espanola Pain Clinic within Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre.<sup>154</sup>

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<sup>150</sup> *Impact Report 2019*. (2019). Canadian Mental Health Association.

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<sup>153</sup> *Meet the Council*. College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. Retrieved February 21, 2022, from

<https://www.cpso.on.ca/en/About/Council/Meet-the-College-Council>

<sup>154</sup> *Doctor Lionel Contact Page - Chronic Pain*. Doctor Lionel. Retrieved March 1, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/AhsnU>

## Headway Clinic

Dr. Lionel's primary location of practice is Headway Clinic, a facility offering various counselling services. He is an Associate of the company, and has worked there since November 2010.<sup>155</sup>

## Health Sciences North Sudbury

Dr. Lionel is one of three founding physicians of the Rapid Access Addiction Medicine Clinic at Health Sciences North Sudbury, founded in December 2015.<sup>156, 157</sup>

## New Zealand TechAlliance

Dr. Lionel has presented at the MedCan Summit, an event organized by the New Zealand TechAlliance.<sup>158</sup> Sponsors for the event include Helius Therapeutics, Eqalis, Elysian Pharmaceuticals, CannaPlus+, Hill Laboratories, Greenlab, Conviron, Scitek, Cannasouth, and Pharmacy Today.<sup>159</sup>

## Northern Ontario School of Medicine

Dr. Lionel is an Assistant Professor at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine.<sup>160</sup> See the “Madhu Azad” section for NOSM’s financial conflicts.

## Ontario College of Family Physicians

Dr. Lionel is a Mentor in Addiction Medicine and Pain Medicine for the Ontario College of Family Physicians.

## Sudbury Prosthetic & Orthotic Design

Dr. Lionel is also registered to practice medicine at Sudbury Prosthetic & Orthotic Design.

## ZYUS Life Sciences

On June 2, 2020, ZYUS Life Sciences announced the appointment of Dr. Lionel to their executive team as Chief Medical Officer. ZYUS is a pharmaceutical company focused on “development and commercialization of innovative and patient-focused cannabinoid-based formulations and product candidates”.<sup>161</sup>

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<sup>156</sup> Rapid Access Addictions Medicine (RAAM) Clinic. Health Sciences North Sudbury. Retrieved March 1, 2022, from <https://hnsudbury.ca/en/Services-and-Specialties/Mental-Health-and-Addictions/Rapid-Access-Addictions-Medicine-RAAM-Clinic>

<sup>157</sup> Russell, R. (2019, June 12). New Espanola RAAM clinic officially opens, first Spoke location. My Espanola Now. <https://www.myespanolanow.com/26852/new-espanola-raam-clinic-officially-opens-first-spoke-location/>

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## Research

Dr. Lionel has published research on the subject of medical marijuana.<sup>162</sup> He has delivered several presentations on the topic to the Wahta Mohawks, Mohawk First Nation in the District Municipality of Muskoka, Ontario.

He has also given presentations on the subject of opioid use disorder.

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<sup>162</sup> Dessau, E., Hamilton, L., Hyde, N., & Ronald, K. (2010, October 17). *Psychotropic Medications and Driving Assessment: Medical Marijuana*. Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists.  
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## Kashif Pirzada



Dr. **Kashif Pirzada** is an emergency doctor and entrepreneur in Ontario, Canada. He is an elected district representative on the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) and has frequently appeared on legacy media as a COVID-19 pandemic “expert”.

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### Education

Pirzada attended Trinity College at the University of Toronto from 1997 - 2000, completing his Bachelor of Sciences in Biology. He graduated with his MD from U of T in 2004 and was given the school’s Arbor Award in 2019.<sup>163</sup> His postdoctoral training was completed at McGill University from 2004-2006.

### Affiliations

#### College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario

Pirzada is an “Elected Professional Member” of the the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario for Electoral District 5, elected in December 2020.<sup>164, 165</sup>

#### Conquer COVID-19

Pirzada is associated with Conquer COVID-19, a non-governmental organization (NGO) that sold COVID-related merchandise including t-shirts and hats to raise money for personal protective equipment (PPE) “such as masks, gloves, and gowns, and other supplies that are essential in treating patients and minimizing the spread of the virus.”<sup>166, 167, 168</sup>

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<sup>163</sup> University of Toronto. (2019). *Kashif Pirzada. University of Toronto Alumni*. Retrieved November 30, 2021, from <https://alumni.utoronto.ca/events-and-programs/awards/arbor-award/recipients/2019/kashif-pirzada>

<sup>164</sup> Copps, B. (2020, December 1). *Election Results*. eDialogue. Retrieved November 30, 2021, from <https://archive.ph/9svfi>

<sup>165</sup> Ronnie. (2021, May 13). *Meet Kashif Pirzada: Shilling For More Lockdown Measures, While He Has Interests On The Side*. Canuck Law. Retrieved December 2, 2021, from <https://archive.ph/3Gp1X>

<sup>166</sup> Conquer COVID-19. (2020). *Featured Products*. Retrieved May 12, 2020, from <https://archive.md/UMpvr>

<sup>167</sup> Conquer COVID-19. (2020). *Meet Our Team*. Retrieved May 12, 2020, from <https://archive.md/hF7Ud>

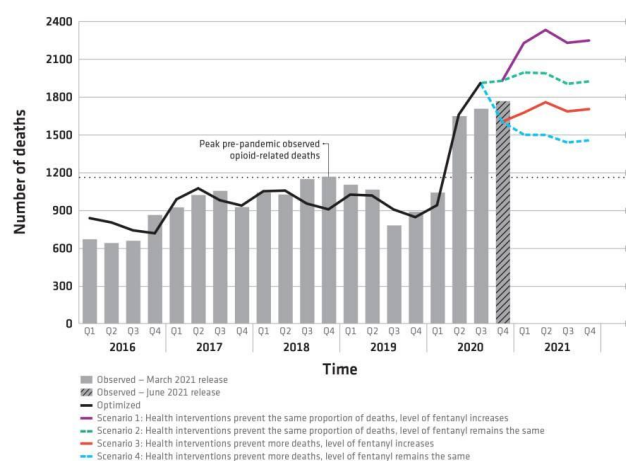
<sup>168</sup> Ronnie. (2020, May 12). *CV #17: ConquerCovid19, The IDRF, And Other “Covid” Groups Springing Up*. Canuck Law. Retrieved December 2, 2021, from <https://canucklaw.ca/cv-17-conquercovid19-the-idrf-and-other-covid-groups-springing-up/>



## Critical Drugs Coalition

Pirzada is also a founder of the Critical Drugs Coalition (CDC), a group lobbying for wider access to (and increased funding for) certain pharmaceuticals.<sup>169</sup> Specifically, the group cites shortages in ketamine, fentanyl, midazolam, propofol and morphine - powerful sedative and painkiller drugs that the group alleges are “desperately needed in critical care settings in the fight against COVID-19”.

This is deeply disturbing on a number of levels. First of all, there is a staggering opioid crisis that the Government of Canada describes as “one of the most serious public health crises in Canada's recent history,” attributed in large part to contamination of the illicit drug supply with fentanyl.<sup>170</sup> As expected, mortality data from across the country “show a worrying increase in opioid-related harms and deaths since the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak.” This has been observed in Canada as well as the United States.<sup>171</sup>



Additionally, healthcare staff in the United Kingdom have been accused of causing substantial excess deaths through overprescription of midazolam, potentially amounting to medical malpractice.<sup>172</sup> Legal action is underway in the wake of a growing number of whistleblowers and testimonies alleging intentional or negligent death by “misuse of sedatives”, primarily midazolam.<sup>173, 174</sup> The number of prescriptions for the drug doubled in April 2020 compared to the prior months, but its use in COVID-19 is suspect because of its effects; “Midazolam depresses respiration and it hastens

death. It changes end-of-life care into euthanasia.”<sup>175, 176</sup>

<sup>169</sup> Healthy Debate. (2021, February 18). *Kashif Pirzada*. Retrieved December 1, 2021, from <https://healthydebate.ca/contributor/kashif-pirzada/>

<sup>170</sup> Health Canada. (2021, June 23). *Modelling opioid-related deaths during the COVID-19 outbreak*. Government of Canada. Retrieved December 1, 2021, from

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/opioids/data-surveillance-research/modelling-opioid-overdose-deaths-covid-19.html>

<sup>171</sup> Baumgartner, J. C., & Radley, D. C. (2021, March 25). *The Spike in Drug Overdose Deaths During the COVID-19 Pandemic and Policy Options to Move Forward*. Commonwealth Fund. Retrieved December 1, 2021, from

<https://www.commonwealthfund.org/blog/2021/spike-drug-overdose-deaths-during-covid-19-pandemic-and-policy-options-move-forward>

<sup>172</sup> Fuller, A. (2020, July 12). *Care homes accused of using powerful sedatives to make coronavirus victims die more quickly as use...* The Sun. Retrieved December 1, 2021, from

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/12100515/care-homes-accused-sedatives-coronavirus-die-quickly/>

<sup>173</sup> The Exposé. (2021, June 21). *The Evidence - “You must stay at home, to protect the NHS, so they can give Midazolam to the Elderly and tell you they are Covid Deaths.”* Retrieved December 1, 2021, from

<https://dailyexpose.uk/2021/06/13/stay-at-home-protect-the-nhs-give-midazolam-to-the-elderly-and-tell-you-they-are-covid-deaths/>

<sup>174</sup> Cook, S. (2021, November 8). *The UK Midazolam murders – update on Legal progress*. The Liberty Beacon. Retrieved December 1, 2021, from <https://www.thelibrarybeacon.com/the-uk-midazolam-murders-update-on-legal-progress/>

<sup>175</sup> Adams, S., & Bancroft, H. (2020, July 12). *Number of prescriptions for the drug midazolam doubled during height of the pandemic*. Daily Mail. Retrieved December 1, 2021, from

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<sup>176</sup> Deevoy, J. (2021, July 14). *MIDAZOLAM- The scandal that cannot be ignored*. Unity News Network. Retrieved December 1, 2021, from <https://unitynewsnetwork.co.uk/midazolam-the-scandal-that-cannot-be-ignored/>

Despite claiming to be independent volunteers, Pirzada's colleagues on the Critical Drugs Coalition team are individuals who stand to benefit personally or through their employer from increased funding for pharmaceutical products and policies:

- **John Adams** is:
  - Board Chair of the Best Medicines Coalition;<sup>177</sup>
  - Co-founder and President of Canadian PKU & Allied Disorders (sponsored by Biomarin, Vitaflo, Innovative Medicines Canada, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, PTC Therapeutics, and Canadian Red Cross);<sup>178</sup>
  - Volunteer co-chair of the Disability Tax Fairness Alliance;<sup>179</sup>
  - Past member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Organization of Rare Disorders;<sup>180</sup>
  - Former reporter for the Globe and Mail;<sup>181</sup>
  - Former Chief of Staff to the Ontario Minister of Community and Social Services;
  - Former Director of Marketing Services for the Urban Transportation Development Corporation;
  - Former Director of Government Relations for the Ontario Public School Boards' Association;
  - Former Councilor for the City of Toronto;
  - Global Director of Business Development for OZ Systems International<sup>182</sup>
  - Speaker with the Canadian Institute.
- **Saad Ahmed** is a physician and lecturer at the Scarborough Health Network;
- **Ahmed Bagit** graduated from Brock University. He is a member of the Canadian Muslim COVID-19 Task Force as a volunteer in Communications and Media.<sup>183</sup> He has also co-written several pro-pharmaceutical articles.<sup>184</sup>
- **Abdul Basith** is an emergency physician at the Markham Stouffville Hospital at Oak Valley Health, associated with the University of Toronto;
- **Aman Chatha** is:
  - Founder of Social Impact Agency,<sup>185, 186</sup>
  - Founder of Group Buy United
  - Vice President of Innovation and Strategic Partnerships at The Marketing Department (TMD)

<sup>177</sup> Board of Directors. Medicines Coalition. Retrieved February 20, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/ofcEu>

<sup>178</sup> Sponsors. Canadian PKU and Allied Disorders. Retrieved February 20, 2022, from <https://canpku.org/Sponsors>

<sup>179</sup> Adams, J., & Weissman, P. (2021). *DTFA Budget 2021 Letter*. Fighting for Fairness.

<https://web.archive.org/web/20220220191051/http://www.fightingforfairness.ca/pdf/DTFABudget2021LetterMay3.pdf.pdf>

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<https://www.linkedin.com/in/john-adams-1687239/details/experience/>

<sup>181</sup> John Adams. Facebook. Retrieved February 20, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/Uwa3N>

<sup>182</sup> John Adams. Environmental Law & Regulation. Retrieved February 20, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/aQc98>

<sup>183</sup> Canadian Muslim COVID-19 Task Force. *Who We Are*. Retrieved December 1, 2021, from <https://www.cmcovidtf.com/who-we-are>

<sup>184</sup> Healthy Debate. (2021, February 19). *Ahmed Bagit*. Retrieved December 1, 2021, from

<https://healthydebate.ca/contributor/ahmed-bagit/>

<sup>185</sup> Aman Chatha (@amanchatha). *Founder SocialImpactAgency.com Founder GroupBuyUnited.com*. Twitter. Retrieved February 20, 2022, from <https://twitter.com/amanchatha>

<sup>186</sup> Hicks, D., Cliche, D., & Chatha, A. (2018). *Mapping The Customer Experience on The Path to Increased ROI*.

<https://web.archive.org/web/20220221080125/https://www.electrofed.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/David-Hicks-Connecting-with-the-Customer-Threat-or-Opportunity-Through-Mapping-the-Customer-Experience.pdf>

- Leader of Corporate Partnerships & Sponsors at Conquer COVID-19
- Senior Business Development Consultant at Cloud Dynamics Inc.
- Senior Strategy & Business Development Consultant at Tench Labs
- Various senior positions with Aon
- Former teacher at Sheridan College
- **Ian Hilley** is self-described as an “experienced pharmaceutical executive” and “effective advocate and lobbyist.”<sup>187</sup> He is President of Hilley Pharma Advisors, President of the Canadian Hemochromatosis Society, former Chair of Community and Home Assistance for Seniors (CHATS) and Member of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.<sup>188</sup> Hilley’s CV also includes history of “providing strategic leadership and advice to clients to achieve their commercial goals in areas such as business development, engaging private payors, product development, market access and pricing.” Those positions include:
  - Vice President of Government Affairs and Market Access at Mylan Pharmaceuticals ULC, which merged with Upjohn (a former Pfizer subdivision) to form Viatris Inc. in November 2019.<sup>189, 190, 191</sup>
  - Vice President of North American Partnerships (and other positions) at Genpharm Inc., which provides services to multinational pharmaceutical companies in Commercial Partnerships and Strategic Advice. Their medical portfolio includes CRISPR Gene Editing and Gene Replacement Therapy, and the company is partnered with Albireo, Avexis, Orchard Therapeutics, Sarepta Therapeutics, PTC Therapeutics, BioHaven Pharmaceuticals, UltraGenyx Pharmaceutical, Novartis, GlaxoSmithKline, Gedeon Richter, AB Biotics, LeMaitre Vascular, Life Codexx, Map BioPharma, Sintetica, and the Global Network of the American Chamber of Commerce.<sup>192</sup>
- **Rameeka Khan** is a clinical pharmacist, also at Markham Stouffville Hospital;
- **Amirpouyan Namavarian** is a resident at the University of Toronto’s Department of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery section.<sup>193</sup> He began his postdoctoral training on July 1, 2021.<sup>194</sup> He served as a Research Assistant at London Health Sciences Centre (June 2016 - June 2017); Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry (July 2016 - May 2017); Trillium Health Partners (January 2018 - January 2021); and Mount Sinai Hospital (June 2019 - August 2019).<sup>195</sup> He previously completed his

<sup>187</sup> Hilley, I. [@inhilleu]. *Experienced Pharmaceutical Executive, President Canadian Hemochromatosis Society- Canada’s #1 genetic disorder, involved in the health & wellness of seniors [Profile]*. Accessed December 1, 2021. Twitter. <https://twitter.com/inhilley>

<sup>188</sup> The Canadian Institute’s Pharma Symposium Canada. (2016, May). *Ian Hilley*. Retrieved December 1, 2021, from <https://www.canadianinstitute.com/pharma-symposium-canada-350x16-tor/speakers/ian-hilley/>

<sup>189</sup> RocketReach. *Ian Hilley’s Email & Phone Number*. Retrieved December 1, 2021, from [https://rocketreach.co/ian-hilley-email\\_11454948](https://rocketreach.co/ian-hilley-email_11454948)

<sup>190</sup> Waller, C., Trombetta, M., Kelly, P., Crowe, R., & Business Wire. (2019, November 12). *Mylan and Pfizer Announce Viatris as the New Company Name in the Planned Mylan-Upjohn Combination [Press release]*. <https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20191112005863/en/>

<sup>191</sup> Pfizer Inc. (2019, November 12). *Mylan and Pfizer Announce Viatris as the New Company Name in the Planned Mylan-Upjohn Combination [Press release]*. <https://investors.pfizer.com/investor-news/press-release-details/2019/Mylan-and-Pfizer-Announce-Viatris-as-the-New-Company-Name-in-the-Planned-Mylan-Upjohn-Combination/default.aspx>

<sup>192</sup> Genpharm. (2019, April 20). *Partners*. Retrieved December 1, 2021, from <https://www.genpharmservices.com/partners/>

<sup>193</sup> Pouyan Namavarian, MD (@Namavarian). *Resident @UofT\_OHNS . MD @UofTMedicine . BMSc @SchulichMedDent . Interests in #GlobalSurgery, #Politics, #MedTech, & #Raptors*. Twitter. Retrieved February 19, 2022, from <https://twitter.com/Namavarian>

<sup>194</sup> Namavarian, Amirpouyan - *Doctor Details*. College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. Retrieved February 19, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/237ve>

<sup>195</sup> Amirpouyan Namavarian. LinkedIn. Retrieved February 20, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/VnVm6>

Bachelor of Sciences in Interdisciplinary Medical Science at the University of Western Ontario, where he attended from 2012-2016. Namavarian has authored several articles regarding COVID-19, vaccination and its associated behavioural science.<sup>196</sup> Co-founder of Vaccines for the World, advocating for Canada's mass exportation of COVID-19 vaccines.<sup>197</sup> Part of a team of "academics, doctors and doctors in training, entrepreneurs, software developers, and other volunteers from a wide range of backgrounds" that created MyTrace, a mobile contact tracing application.<sup>198</sup> The project was a collaboration with the University of Toronto and the Vector Institute, and was shuttered in June 2020 when the Government of Canada announced a national contact tracing app. Other partners included Empower Health, 247 Labs and Safe Paths (a project of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology)<sup>199, 200</sup>

- Rahil Shah is:<sup>201</sup>
  - Design Technologist Intern at Shopify
  - Product Design Intern at Robinhood, Meta, and Twitch
  - Front-End Developer at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry
  - Various roles, including Co-Director, at DeltaHacks
  - Product designer for CanTrace, presented to the Government of Canada
  - Web Design Intern at Nova Solutions
  - Sponsorship Executive at McMaster Design League
- **Abdulwahab Sidiqi** is a fourth-year medical student at the University of Toronto. He co-wrote the following articles strongly advocating for pharmaceutical products:
  - "Anti-vaxxers may be a lost cause but the vaccine-hesitant must be brought on board"<sup>202</sup>
  - "To catch up on vaccinations, we must include family doctors, pharmacists in rollout plans"<sup>203</sup>
  - "Canada must double-down on mRNA production to overcome vaccine nationalism"<sup>204</sup>
  - "Speed is of the essence: Canada falling behind in rapid COVID testing"<sup>205</sup>

<sup>196</sup> Amirpouyan Namavarian. Healthy Debate. Retrieved February 20, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/pMTxz>

<sup>197</sup> Ahmed, S., Barnes, S., Khan, F., et al. Home. Vaccines for the World. Retrieved February 20, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/loytk>

<sup>198</sup> Aspuru-Guzik, A., Chan, Z. M., & Guo, S. Y. (2020, June 18). *Our journey into contact tracing: The MyTrace/MaTrace project*. The Matter Blotter. <https://archive.ph/cpnr6>

<sup>199</sup> Private Kit: Safe Paths; Privacy-by-Design. (2020). Safe Paths. <https://archive.ph/zUqQA>

<sup>200</sup> Semeniuk, I. (2020, July 31). *Ottawa launches "COVID Alert" app that notifies users about contact with coronavirus cases*. The Globe and Mail. <https://archive.ph/wefw4>

<sup>201</sup> Rahil Shah. LinkedIn. Retrieved February 21, 2022, from <https://www.linkedin.com/in/rahillshah>

<sup>202</sup> Bagit, A., Namavarian, A., Sidiqi, A., Ahmed, S., Pirzada, K., & Khan, U. (2020, December 29). *Anti-vaxxers may be a lost cause but the vaccine-hesitant must be brought on board*. Healthy Debate. Retrieved December 1, 2021, from <https://healthydebate.ca/2020/12/topic/anti-vaxxers-vs-vaccine-hesitant/>

<sup>203</sup> Bagit, A., Wang, W., Namavarian, A., Sidiqi, A., & Ahmed, S. (2021, March 26). *To catch up on vaccinations, we must include family doctors, pharmacists in rollout plans*. Healthy Debate. Retrieved December 1, 2021, from <https://healthydebate.ca/2021/03/topic/catching-up-on-vaccinations/>

<sup>204</sup> Bagit, A., Namavarian, A., Sidiqi, A., Pirzada, K., & Ahmed, S. (2021, February 18). *Canada must double-down on mRNA production to overcome vaccine nationalism*. Healthy Debate. Retrieved December 1, 2021, from <https://healthydebate.ca/2021/02/topic/canada-mrna-production/>

<sup>205</sup> Wang, W., Bagit, A., Namavarian, A., Sidiqi, A., & Pirzada, K. (2020, September 22). *Speed is of the essence: Canada falling behind in rapid COVID testing*. Healthy Debate. Retrieved December 1, 2021, from <https://healthydebate.ca/2020/09/topic/falling-behind-rapid-covid-testing/>

## Curativ

Pirzada described building a startup called Curativ.<sup>206</sup>

## EasyFit Inc.

Pirzada is the CEO of EasyFit Inc., a “social fitness marketplace and platform for online exercise prescription.” For doctors, it describes itself as “a platform that allows them to prescribe and monitor evidence-based exercises to their patients using our intelligent exercise prescription algorithm, without resorting to opioids and other dangerous therapies.”<sup>207</sup> EasyFit is a business venture that would benefit from increased interest in at-home activity, which resulted from lockdown measures that closed gyms, for which Pirzada advocates.<sup>208</sup>

## Humber River Hospital

Pirzada has hospital privileges at Humber River Hospital, where he practices emergency medicine.<sup>209</sup> HRH has received funding through the Humber River Hospital Foundation from Abbott Laboratories, Air Canada, Apotex, AstraZeneca, Baxter, Bayer, Bell Media, Dr. Ira Bernstein, BMO Financial Group, Canadian Cancer Society, CIBC, Cisco, Dell EMC, Deloitte, Delta Airlines, General Electric, Hewlett Packard, HSBC, IBM, Janssen, Johnson Controls, KPMG, LEO Pharma, McDonald's, Meditech, Methapharm, Michael Kors, Minogue Medical, Nordstrom, Novartis, Ontario Medical Association, Pfizer, PricewaterhouseCoopers, RBC (Royal Bank of Canada), Roche, Rogers Communications, Sanofi, Scotiabank, Shoppers Drug Mart, Sterimax, Sun Life Financial, TD Bank Group, TELUS, Toronto Foundation, Uber, and Zimmer Biomet.<sup>210, 211</sup>

## Masks4Canada

Pirzada is Co-Chair of Masks4Canada, an organization that has lobbied Provincial and Federal governments to impose mandatory masking, testing, vaccination, travel restrictions and isolation.<sup>212, 213</sup> The group proposes exercising influence “under an order or regulation” or by withholding federal funds for noncompliant groups.<sup>214</sup> The scientific literature cited for their policies is outdated, flimsy and misleading.<sup>215</sup>

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<sup>206</sup> Eventbrite. (2021, May 20). *Think With ABD - Are We Ready for the Future of Healthcare?* Retrieved December 2, 2021, from <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/think-with-abd-are-we-ready-for-the-future-of-healthcare-registration-151418814751>

<sup>207</sup> EasyFit Inc. F6S. Retrieved December 2, 2021, from <https://www.f6s.com/geteasyfit>

<sup>208</sup> Krans, B. (2020, March 13). *How to Exercise at Home If You're Avoiding the Gym During the COVID-19 Outbreak*. Healthline. Retrieved December 2, 2021, from

<https://www.healthline.com/health-news/exercise-at-home-to-avoid-gym-during-coronavirus-outbreak#What-fitness-centers-are-doing>

<sup>209</sup> College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. *Kashif Pirzada - Doctor Details*. Retrieved December 1, 2021, from <https://doctors.cpso.on.ca/DoctorDetails/K-Pirzada/0210693-85708>

<sup>210</sup> *New Hospital Donors Helped Bring a New Future in Patient Care*. Humber River Hospital Foundation. Retrieved February 18, 2022, from <https://www.hrhfoundation.ca/our-thanks/new-hospital-campaign-donors/>

<sup>211</sup> *To Our New Donors, We Give Acknowledgment and Heartfelt Thanks*. Humber River Hospital Foundation. Retrieved February 18, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/mR3Mk>

<sup>212</sup> The Orca. *Kashif Pirzada Archives*. Retrieved December 1, 2021, from <https://theorca.ca/contributor/kashif-pirzada/>

<sup>213</sup> Masks4Canada. *Our Team*. Retrieved November 20, 2020, from <https://archive.ph/2osqm>

<sup>214</sup> Masks4Canada. (2021, April 12). *Letter to our Prime Minister, Premiers, Ministers of Health, and Chief Medical Officers*. Canuck Law. Retrieved December 1, 2021, from <https://canucklaw.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Masks4Canada-National-Standard-Letter-Apr-12-2021.pdf>

<sup>215</sup> Masks4Canada. (2020). *Scientific Literature*. Retrieved December 1, 2021, from <https://masks4canada.org/current-information/scientific-literature/>

Pirzada wrote a separate letter to York Region Councillors to lobby for these measures to be implemented as bylaws, where he states that “there is very little controversy over the science of masking in the medical community,” though he acknowledges conflicting advice and disagreements over “the efficacy of cloth masks.” He advocates against waiting for evidence of their effectiveness, and insists the Councillors dismiss any scientific sources that raise concerns about mask wearing as “fringe and mostly discredited sources”.<sup>216</sup>

## McMaster University

Pirzada is an Assistant Clinical Professor (Adjunct) in Family Medicine in the Faculty of Health Sciences at McMaster University.<sup>217</sup>

## Ontario Consent and Capacity Board

Pirzada is a member of the Ontario Consent and Capacity Board, listed as a Physician Member with a term of January 11, 2017 until January 10, 2019.<sup>218</sup>

## Ontario Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services

Pirzada also served as an Investigating Coroner at the Ontario Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services.

## Raven

His other business venture is Raven, a news aggregation app “that collects the best of news and social media in one place.”<sup>219, 220</sup>

## Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

Pirzada is employed as an emergency doctor at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. Sunnybrook is funded by such organizations as Toronto Mayor John Tory, AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Canadian National Railway (whose primary stakeholder is Bill Gates), Janssen, the University of Toronto, Johnson & Johnson and many others.<sup>221</sup>

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<sup>216</sup> Pirzada, K., MD, CCFP-EM. (2020, July 8). *Letter to York Region*. York Publishing. Retrieved December 1, 2021, from <https://yorkpublishing.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=13958>

<sup>217</sup> McMaster University. *Kashif Pirzada - McMaster Experts*. Retrieved November 30, 2021, from <https://experts.mcmaster.ca/display/pirzadak>

<sup>218</sup> Consent and Capacity Board. (2017, December 31). *Consent and Capacity Board 2018–2021 Business Plan*. Retrieved December 2, 2021, from <http://www.ccboard.on.ca/english/publications/documents/Business%20Plan%202018%20-%202021.pdf>

<sup>219</sup> Raven [@theRavenApp]. *A free app that collects the best of news and social media in one place. Avoid the noise, follow [Profile]*. Accessed December 2, 2021. Twitter. <https://twitter.com/theRavenApp>

<sup>220</sup> Pirzada, K. [@KashPrime], MD. *Emergency Physician in Toronto, co-founder of @conquercovid19, #masks4canada, @medscritical ; love history/politics and tech. My startup: [Profile]*. Accessed December 2, 2021. Twitter. <https://twitter.com/kashprime>

<sup>221</sup> Sunnybrook Foundation. *Our donors - Your Impact*. Retrieved December 1, 2021, from <https://sunnybrook.ca/foundation/your-impact/our-donors-2021.html>

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## University of Toronto

Pirzada was employed by the University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine as a Lecturer from July 2009 until at least May 2020.<sup>222</sup> He also acted as Governor on the Governing Council of the University of Toronto on the executive committee, planning and budget committee, academic appeals and others.<sup>223</sup>

## William Osler Health System

Pirzada is employed as an emergency doctor in the William Osler Health System.

## Media Appearances

He is frequently featured as an “expert” speaking authoritatively to Canadian news channels including the state-funded CBC News, Business Insider, CTV News, and Zoomer Radio about various aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>224, 225, 226, 227</sup>

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<sup>222</sup> Critical Drugs Coalition. (2021). *About Us*. Retrieved December 1, 2021, from <https://www.criticaldrugscoalition.ca/about-us>

<sup>223</sup> LinkedIn. (2020). *Kashif Pirzada, MD*. Retrieved May 12, 2020, from <https://archive.md/1Duas>

<sup>224</sup> Paling, E. (2021, April 24). *More COVID-19 patients dying at home, Ontario coroner says*. CBC News. Retrieved December 2, 2021, from <https://archive.ph/oEEQY>

<sup>225</sup> Mark, M. (2021, April 3). *Canada's 3rd wave of COVID-19 is "killing faster and younger" and is fueled by new variants*. Business Insider. Retrieved December 2, 2021, from <https://archive.ph/NwjRU>

<sup>226</sup> Lee, M. (2021, November 14). *Does a fabric mask provide enough protection against COVID-19? Experts weigh in*. CTV News. Retrieved December 2, 2021, from <https://archive.ph/stSYa>

<sup>227</sup> Brown, J. (2021, November 15). *DESPITE EQUAL NUMBER OF BREAKTHROUGH COVID CASES, VAST MAJORITY IN ONTARIO ICUs ARE NOT FULLY VACCINATED*. Zoomer Radio AM740. Retrieved December 2, 2021, from <https://archive.ph/JiWWT>



## Judith Plante



Dr. **Judith Plante**, née Blore, served as President of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario for the year 2021 after serving as Vice President in 2020.<sup>228, 229</sup>

### Education

She received her medical education at McGill University and the University of Ottawa Department of Family Medicine, and has served on the CPSO since 2015.<sup>230, 231</sup>

### Career

### College of Physicians and Surgeons

At a CPSO Future Leaders' Day event in 2014, former President Marc Gabel suggested Plante run for council as there was an opening in her district.<sup>232</sup> She was elected as District 7 Councilor for 2015.

She was elected Vice President for the year 2020, and President for 2021.

### University of Ottawa

Plante served as Director of the Pembroke Family Medicine Teaching Unit at the University of Ottawa from 2008 - 2016.

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<sup>228</sup> College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. (2020, December 11). *Introducing CPSO's New President, Vice-President*. eDialogue. Retrieved November 30, 2021, from <https://dialogue.cpso.on.ca/2020/12/introducing-cpsos-new-president-vice-president/>

<sup>229</sup> College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario [@cpso\_ca]. (2020, March 6). *#CPSOCouncil has voted to have Dr. Judith Plante as the new Vice President for 2020. [Tweet]*. Twitter. [https://twitter.com/cpso\\_ca/status/1235938831007956993](https://twitter.com/cpso_ca/status/1235938831007956993)

<sup>230</sup> McGill University. (1989). *1989 Yearbook*. Retrieved November 30, 2021, from [https://yearbooks.mcgill.ca/viewbook.php?campus=downtown&book\\_id=1989#page/266/mode/2up](https://yearbooks.mcgill.ca/viewbook.php?campus=downtown&book_id=1989#page/266/mode/2up)

<sup>231</sup> University of Ottawa. (2021, March 1). *Chair Announcements in March 2021*. Department of Family Medicine. Retrieved November 30, 2021, from <https://med.uottawa.ca/family/news/chair-announcements-march-2021>

<sup>232</sup> *Pembroke FP becomes College President*. (2020, December 11). eDialogue. <https://dialogue.cpso.on.ca/2020/12/pembroke-fp-becomes-college-president/>



## Karen Saperson



Dr. **Karen Saperson** is a psychiatrist in Hamilton, Ontario.

### Affiliations

#### College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario

Saperson is a University Academic Representative with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario for McMaster University.

#### McMaster University

She is employed as a Professor in Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosciences at McMaster University, and is head of that department.<sup>233</sup> She is also the Program Director for Geriatric Psychiatry, and the Academic Head for the Division of Geriatric Psychiatry.<sup>234</sup>

### Psychiatric Practice

Saperson practices psychiatry through St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton, and has hospital privileges at McMaster Children's Hospital, St. Peter's Hospital (Hamilton Health Sciences), Juravinski Hospital and Cancer Centre, and St. Joseph's Centre for Mountain Health Services.<sup>235</sup>

### Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada

Saperson was a recipient of the 2017 Royal College's AMS/Donald R. Wilson Award from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. "Dr. Saperson is unquestionably a pioneer in the field of mentorship." She was selected for the reward "for inspiring and developing novel teaching methodologies that have raised the quality and quantity of research and scholarship emanating from her department at McMaster University."

<sup>233</sup> Saperson, K. [@karensaperson]. *Professor, McMaster University Department of Psychiatry & Behavioural Neurosciences physician, mom, grandma, medical educator. she/her. Tweets my own [Profile]*. Accessed December 3, 2021. Twitter. <https://archive.ph/bfecv>

<sup>234</sup> Nisbett, M. (2017). *Dr. Karen Saperson — 2017 AMS/Donald Wilson award recipient*. Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. <https://archive.ph/PKMmP>

<sup>235</sup> College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. *Karen Saperson - Doctor Details*. Retrieved December 3, 2021, from <https://archive.ph/0d7nU>

## World Psychiatric Association

Saperson's publication history includes studies funded by the World Psychiatric Association (WPA), associated with the World Health Organization (WHO)<sup>236, 237</sup> and the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH).<sup>238</sup>

## COVID-19

Saperson retweeted a Globe and Mail article blaming the “roughly 1.5 million eligible Ontarians [who are aged 12 or older] without a single jab” as being “the people responsible for keeping the pandemic alive.”<sup>239</sup> The article cites data from the Ontario COVID-19 Science Advisory Table claiming that “being unvaccinated makes you more than five times more likely to catch COVID-19, and 26 times more likely to wind up in intensive care.” Further, the article insists that mandatory masking, vaccine passports, improved ventilation, capacity limits and complete vaccination are required.<sup>240</sup>

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<sup>236</sup> Bogie, B. J. M., Colbourne, A., Menezes, N., Saperson, K., & McConnell, M. M. (2017). *The Doctor Is In: Media Portrayals of Psychiatrists and Their Influence on Canadian Medical Students' Recruitment into Psychiatry*. *Academic Psychiatry*, 42(3), 386–393. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40596-017-0798-x>

<sup>237</sup> World Health Organization & World Psychiatric Organization. (2005). *Atlas Psychiatric Education and Training Across the World 2005*. World Health Organization. Retrieved December 3, 2021, from [https://www.who.int/mental\\_health/evidence/Atlas\\_training\\_final.pdf](https://www.who.int/mental_health/evidence/Atlas_training_final.pdf)

<sup>238</sup> Dham, P., Colman, S., Saperson, K., McAiney, C., Lourenco, L., Kates, N., & Rajji, T. K. (2017). *Collaborative Care for Psychiatric Disorders in Older Adults: A Systematic Review*. *The Canadian Journal of Psychiatry*, 62(11), 761–771. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0706743717720869>

<sup>239</sup> Picard, A. [@picardonhealth]. (2021, November 10). *Every Canadian wants the #COVID19 pandemic to be over. The way to achieve that is not by acting like it... [Tweet]*. Twitter. <https://archive.ph/4QqMR>

<sup>240</sup> The Editorial Board. (2021, November 10). *Globe editorial: For Ontario, a few small steps today can prevent a big fourth pandemic wave tomorrow*. The Globe and Mail. <https://archive.ph/yweG2>

## Janet van Vlymen



Dr. **Janet van Vlymen** is the President of the CPSO for the year 2022.<sup>241</sup>

She is certified for Independent Practice by the CPSO since July 8, 1991.<sup>242</sup>

### Education

van Vlymen received her MD from Queen's University in 1990, where she then completed postdoctoral training from July 1, 1992 - June 30, 1996. She moved on to a Fellowship in Ambulatory Anesthesia at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Dallas.<sup>243</sup>

### Medical Practice

van Vlymen practices medicine through her corporate entity, Dungey & Van Vlymen Medicine Professional Corporation, in partnership with Dr. Paul Edwin Dungey, a coroner.<sup>244, 245</sup>

### Affiliations

#### Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society

van Vlymen co-authored a Society Position Paper on behalf of the Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society as well as the Canadian Cardiovascular Society and Canadian Heart Rhythm Society in 2012.<sup>246</sup>

She also donated between \$250.00 and \$499.00 to the CAS from May 2019 - April 2020, and January - November 2021.<sup>247, 248</sup>

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<sup>241</sup> *Meet the Council*. College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. Retrieved February 21, 2022, from <https://www.cpso.on.ca/en/About/Council/Meet-the-College-Council>

<sup>242</sup> *Van Vlymen, Janet Miriam - Doctor Details*. College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. Retrieved February 21, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/WO6bb>

<sup>243</sup> *van Vlymen | Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine*. Queen's University School of Medicine. Retrieved February 21, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/idvvr>

<sup>244</sup> *Dungey, Paul Edwin - Doctor Details*. College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. Retrieved February 21, 2022, from <https://archive.ph/oB0nE>

<sup>245</sup> Hendry, L. (2019, July 17). *A coroner's life in preventing death*. *Intelligencer*. <https://archive.ph/3hNOH>

<sup>246</sup> Healey, J. S., Merchant, R., Simpson, C., Tang, T., Beardsall, M., Tung, S., Fraser, J. A., Long, L., van Vlymen, J. M., Manninen, P., Ralley, F., Venkatraghavan, L., Yee, R., Prasloski, B., Sanatani, S., & Philippon, F. (2012). *Canadian Cardiovascular Society/Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society/Canadian Heart Rhythm Society Joint Position Statement on the Perioperative Management of Patients With Implanted Pacemakers, Defibrillators, and Neurostimulating Devices*. *Canadian Journal of Cardiology*, 28(2), 141–151. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cjca.2011.08.121>

<sup>247</sup> *CAS Anesthesia News*. (2020). In Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society. <https://www.cas.ca/CASAssets/Documents/Anesthesia-News/CASnews2020Summer.pdf>

<sup>248</sup> *CAS Anesthesia News - Winter 2021*. (2021, December). FlipHTML5. <https://online.fliphtml5.com/blqt/kjeq/>

## College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario

In December 2021, van Vlymen was elected to the role of President of the CPSO for 2022.<sup>249</sup> She had served the previous year as Vice President.<sup>250</sup>

## Kingston Health Science Centre

van Vlymen is the Program Medical Director for the Perioperative Services program at Kingston Health Science Centre (KHSC). She practices medicine and has emergency privileges at KHSC's Kingston General Hospital and Hotel Dieu Hospital locations.

KHSC is funded through the University Hospitals Kingston Foundation by AmerisourceBergen, Amgen, AstraZeneca, Baxter, Bayer, Bell, BMO Financial Group, Boehringer Ingelheim, CIBC, Corus Entertainment, Costco, Covidien, Fresenius, General Electric, IBM, Imperial Oil, Janssen, KFL&A Health Unit, KPMG, LEO Pharma, Loblaw's, Masonic Association of Frontenac District, Medtronic, Novartis, Novopharm, Ortho Biotech, Paladin Labs, PepsiCo, Pfizer, Queen's University, RBC (Royal Bank of Canada), Rexall, Rogers Media, Ronald McDonald House Charities, Royal Military College of Canada, Sanofi, Scotiabank, Shoppers Drug Mart, St. Jude Medical, Sun Life Financial, TC Energy, TD Bank Group, Telesta Therapeutics, TELUS, and The Tragically Hip.<sup>251</sup>

## Medical Council of Canada

In 2017, van Vlymen was appointed to the Medical Council of Canada as a representative for the CPSO and Queen's University.<sup>252</sup>

## Providence Care Hospital

van Vlymen practices medicine and has hospital privileges as Providence Care Hospital.

Providence is partnered with Queen's University, founded by Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul, sponsored by the Catholic Health Corporation of Ontario, and funded by Home and Community Care Support Services under Ontario Health. The facility is also funded through the University Hospitals Kingston Foundation.

## Queen's University

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## Research

In 2017, van Vlymen was awarded a grant from the Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation for a study called “*Can healthcare-associated hepatitis C virus outbreaks occur when intravenous medication vials are accessed with clean needles and syringes for use in multiple patients?*” Funding for the \$148,235.00 award was provided by Medtronic.<sup>253</sup>

van Vlymen published research in 2008 on ketamine, fentanyl and propofol, funded by the Physicians’ Services Incorporated Foundation.<sup>254</sup>

## COVID-19

On May 1, 2021, van Vlyen retweeted the CPSO’s statement on “appropriate use of social media by physicians during the COVID-19 pandemic.”<sup>255</sup>

In an interview with the CPSO’s eDialogue newsletter, van Vlymen stated that “vaccines remain one of our strongest protections against this deadly disease, along with public health measures.” She expressed strong support for vaccine mandates, and said that it’s “morally depressing and distressing to see the anti-vaccine misinformation.” She describes the process of shifting language away from guidance for doctors and into clear instructions, while increasing enforcement against doctors who disobey.<sup>256</sup>

The following month, the office of founding Canadian Covid Care Alliance member Ira Bernstein was raided by the CPSO.<sup>257, 258</sup>

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