

Interprofessional Care Strategic Implementation Committee (IPCSIC) Membership

Membership comprises experts in the fields of policy, education, practice, regulation and organizational structure who have demonstrated experience and leadership in interprofessional education and care

Co-Chairs



Peeter Poldre, MD

*Vice President
Medical Education and Professional Practice
Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre*

Dr. Poldre is a 1978 graduate of the University of Toronto medical school. He went on to specialize in Internal Medicine and Hematology and completed postdoctoral training at Tufts-New England Medical Center, Boston. In 1988 he earned a Master's degree in Education from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education and in 1998; he earned a Doctor in Education (Ed.D.) at the University of Toronto. He is at the forefront of interprofessional education in research and development and scholarship in health professions communication. He served as a member of the Medical Council of Canada's OSCE Test Committee from 1990-1998. From 2003-2006, he was appointed Director of the Clinician-Educator Training Program for the Department of Medicine, University of Toronto. From 1999–2004, he has been an adjunct professor at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education/University of Toronto. From 2000 to 2004 he served as Director of Education for Cancer Care Ontario and as the leader of the Communications Skills Task Force. Also, from 1994-2004, Dr. Poldre served as one of the first Academy Directors in the University of Toronto undergraduate curriculum, leading the Peters-Boyd Academy based at Sunnybrook & Women's College Health Science Centre.



Jackie Schleifer Taylor, PT

*Vice President
Quality, Equity and Performance and
Chief of Health Disciplines
Women's College Hospital*

Jackie Schleifer Taylor is a graduate of the McMaster University Physiotherapy Program, and also holds a Bachelor of Science degree from McMaster University and a Masters in Science from the University of Toronto. She has been an advocate for patient care performance improvement through collaborative practice, leading varied professions in integrated practice and education programming at community and academic teaching hospitals in the Greater Toronto Area. Ms. Schleifer Taylor has assumed progressive leadership positions over the course of her career developing an expertise in hospital based professional governance infrastructure development within risk management, quality and corporate performance frameworks. Throughout her career, she has served in varied governance capacities on multiple health sector boards, including serving 6 years as the President of the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario. Her faculty appointment as Academy Associate (1993-1998 at the University of Toronto) was focused on interprofessional education curricula development. She is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Physical Therapy, Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto, and a Clinical Adjunct Professor at the Michener Institute for Applied Health Sciences. In December 2007 she was appointed Provincial Co-Lead for Interprofessional Collaboration, (a HealthForceOntario Initiative), within the Ministry of Health.



Membership

Jennifer Medves, RN, PhD

*Associate Professor and Research Scholar
Director, Practice and Research in Nursing Group School of Nursing
Queen's University*

Dr. Medves is a member of local, provincial and federal committees that examine maternity practice to sustain health care for women within health human resource shortages. Her research program, The Sustaining Rural Maternity Practice, examines the context of maternity nursing practice, collaborative practice between physicians, nurses and midwives, outcomes of rural births compared to urban births, and community practice to support sustaining rural health care. Her teaching areas are maternal child health, philosophy of nursing science, and research methods. Recent publications include collaboration in teams to reduce the effects of pandemic influenza, evidence for practice in maternity care, and rural collaborative practice to sustain maternity practice. She was one of three principal investigators of the Queen's University Inter-Professional Patient-Centred Education Direction (QUIPPED) project. Funded by Health Canada, this project sought to create an inter-professional educational environment through initiatives that included the development of innovative clinical opportunities for students where collaborative practice was modeled and educational sessions for faculty to enhance teaching of inter-professional collaborative practice.

Stanley Mircheff, LLB

Criminal Lawyer

Mr. Mircheff holds an Honours Bachelor of Arts from York University, Glendon College and a Bachelor of Law from Dalhousie University. From 1982 to 1984 he worked with the Ontario Legal Aid Plan as duty counsel in Toronto within the Provincial Court (criminal division) and ran a successful criminal law practice until 1996. He is currently a board member of the John Howard Society. The Society is a non-profit organization committed to developing and providing counseling programs to help individuals who have been in conflict with the law to facilitate positive change and achieve community reintegration. He represents the interests of patients by volunteering on the boards of community organizations. He has served on the Board of the Central Toronto Community Health Centres and the Bellwoods Centre for Community Living, which he chaired in 2001-02. Mr. Mircheff has been living with multiple sclerosis since 1973.

Ivy Oandasan, MD

*Department of Family and Community Medicine
Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto
Academic Family Physician, Family Health Centre (FHC)*

Dr. Oandasan co-developed the theoretical framework for interprofessional education and practice for Health Canada in 2004, which is widely used across Canada. From January 2006-2009, Dr. Oandasan was the inaugural Director of the Office of Interprofessional Education at University of Toronto. In 2006-07, she was co-chair of the Interprofessional Care Steering Committee that oversaw the development of the policy document entitled Interprofessional Care: A Blueprint for Action in Ontario, released in July 2007. Currently she is an Associate Professor and Research Scholar with the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Toronto. Dr. Oandasan speaks widely on interprofessional education and collaborative patient-centred practice across the country.



Eliseo (Eli) Orrantia, MD

Marathon Family Health Team

Dr. Orrantia has been involved in creating a physician group practice that uses the consensus process to create a sustainable, healthy, rural practice environment for care providers. He has a long standing involvement with the First Nations people of Pic Mobert and works with the community and its members to improve their health. He is a rural family physician and has been providing comprehensive primary health care services in the Northwestern Ontario community of Marathon since 1996. He is a lead physician in the Marathon Family Health Team and has helped to create interdisciplinary health service programs. Dr. Orrantia is involved in rural medical research and is actively teaching all levels of medical learners. He holds an assistant professorship at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, is an associate clinical professor with McMaster University and a staff member of the Wilson Memorial General Hospital.

David Price, MD

Chair and Associate Professor

Department of Family Medicine, McMaster University

Dr. Price is the founding director of the Maternity Centre of Hamilton, a multidisciplinary centre caring for prenatal and intrapartum patients. He represents the College of Family Physicians on the National Neonatal Resuscitation Program Committee. He was on the ACoRN (Acute Care of the At-Risk Newborn) editorial board for the first edition published in 2005. An associate professor since 2005, Dr. Price was appointed Chief of Family Medicine at Hamilton Health Sciences in February 2004. He moved to McMaster University in August 2000 from Vancouver, British Columbia, where he provided a broad spectrum of care including obstetrics, pediatrics, extended care coverage and palliative care in a community practice. Since 2003, he has been the medical director on the Quality Assessment and Voluntary Accreditation Project. Dr. Price was instrumental in helping to create the academic Family Health Team at McMaster University.

Jan Robinson

Registrar

College of Physiotherapists of Ontario

Ms. Robinson was previously the first Registrar of the College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario. She is currently Registrar and CEO of the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario and brings more than 16 years of experience in professional self regulation to the role. She is also a current Board member of the Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators, a Past President of the Federation of Health Regulatory Colleges of Ontario and a Past Chair of the Ontario Regulators for Access, an interprofessional coalition interested in improving access to professions for internationally educated professionals. Ms. Robinson is an occupational therapist by education and has led several cross professional initiatives promoting discussion and progress on matters important to the public and health care. She presently is Co-Lead of a government funded project on interprofessional team competence.

Ginette Rodger

*Senior Vice President Professional Practice and Chief Nursing Executive
The Ottawa Hospital*

Dr. Rodger previously was concurrently, the Executive Director of the Canadian Nurses Association, Secretary Treasurer of the Canadian Nurses Foundation and Secretary Treasurer of the Canadian Nurses Protective Society. She has served on the boards and commissions of health, nursing, political and educational organizations including the Council on Hospital Accreditation, the Medical Research Council, St-John Ambulance, the Canadian Red Cross Society and the Victorian Order of Nurses. Dr. Rodger has been involved with representatives of all health professions redesigning a professional practice environment for a large teaching hospital, and developing an Inter-Professional Model of Patient Care, including participation of teams of patients and family. This model is being implemented with 84 inter-professional teams. She has been recognized for her work with many awards, including six (6) honorary doctorates and was invested in the Order of Canada as an Officer.

Marcy Saxe-Braithwaite

*Health Care Consultant
Kingston, Ontario*

Ms. Saxe-Braithwaite has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree from the University of Western Ontario; a Master's of Science in Nursing from the University of Toronto and a Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Toronto and is a Certified Health Executive. Ms. Saxe-Braithwaite worked at Providence Care as Vice President, Programs and Chief Nursing Officer from 2004-2009. In April 2009, she began health care consulting. Prior to joining Providence Care, Ms. Saxe-Braithwaite worked in Vancouver, British Columbia as the Executive Lead for Professional Practice and was Chief Nursing Officer for the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, one of the largest health authorities in Canada. Before relocating to British Columbia, she held various senior roles at Lakeridge Health in Oshawa, Ontario. She chairs the Professional Standards Board for the Canadian College of Health Service Executives and is very actively involved with the College programs. In addition, she is a surveyor with the Canadian Council for Health Services Accreditation (CCHSA) and has been surveying since 2002. She has surveyed in Ontario, British Columbia, Manitoba, Saskatoon, Nova Scotia and Alberta

William Shragge, MD

*Professor Emeritus
Department of Surgery of the Michael De Groot School of Medicine
Faculty of Health Sciences, McMaster University*

A cardiovascular and thoracic surgeon since 1976, Dr. Shragge has worked in many senior positions within the hospital and the academic community in association with McMaster University. His major academic achievements have been within the realm of medical education. He has served on medical boards, committees and health care organizations within the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, Associated Medical Services, Ontario Hospital Association, and the Ontario Joint Policy and Planning Committee. He is currently Chair of the Ontario Health Technology Advisory Committee (OHTAC) and has served on the Diagnostic Services Committee. He is a founding member of the Cardiac Care Network (CCN). He held senior appointments that include Chief of Cardiac Surgery at the Hamilton Civic Hospitals in 1986, Chief of Surgery at the Hamilton Civic Hospitals in 1994 and was the founding Chief of Staff of Hamilton Health Sciences Corporation beginning in 1996, and concluded his term in 2001. He was Chief of Staff of the Niagara Health System from 2001-2009. In these roles, he led medical staff through many transitions; creating a new governance structure and new leadership models, leading the development of a program management service delivery model, and working with the senior medical leadership to assure stability and quality of patient care.

Lorie Shekter-Wolfson

Dean of Community Services and Health Sciences, George Brown College

Ms. Shekter-Wolfson is currently co-leading the development of George Brown College's waterfront campus that will house the new Centre for Health Sciences. The new facility will be designed to embrace an interprofessional learning education framework enhancing wellness and health promotion. As Dean of Community Services and Health Sciences (a division of almost 5,000 full-time students), Lorie is leading an interprofessional education strategy to support the needs of a changing health-care sector that demands a more collaborative, team based approach to patient care. Her division operates a 59-bed Simulated Practice Centre, an Interprofessional Learning Clinic and nine daycare labs to support innovative applied learning. Lorie brings a wealth of experience to her position. As a graduate from the University of Toronto Masters of Social Work program, she has worked as a clinician, an administrator, an educator and a consultant in the health-care system for many years before coming to George Brown. She has also authored articles on social work, marital and family therapy, interprofessional education as well as two books on eating disorders. Lorie is also a frequent speaker at industry events. Lorie is an active member on several health-related committees and boards. These have included the Ontario Government's Interprofessional Care (IPC) Implementation Steering Committee, Family Health Team/UHN, Health Canada's Expert Committee on Collaborative Patient Centred Care, and she is the president of the Canadian Association of Allied Health Programs (CAAHP).

Mimi Lowi-Young

Chief Executive Officer, Central West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN)

Mrs. Lowi-Young has more than 30 years' experience as a senior health executive leading organizational transformation and renewal in all sectors of the health system. From 1990 to 1996, she was the Associate Executive Director of the Perley and Rideau Veteran's Health Care Centre. From 1996 to 2002, she was the President and Chief Executive Officer of St. John's Rehabilitation Hospital in Toronto and from 2003 to 2004, Mrs. Lowi-Young was Vice President of Member and Professional Relations with the Ontario Hospital Association. Mrs. Lowi-Young has extensive involvement with boards of non-governmental organizations and other community-based health related organizations, including Chair of the Toronto District Health Council. She is a Surveyor with the Canadian Council of Health Services Accreditation (CCHSA), a Fellow of both Colleges (Canadian College of Health Service Executives and American College of Healthcare Executives). She is a Preceptor for the MHA and MHSc programs, a member of the External Advisory Committee of HPME and she is the 'newly-minted' Regent for Canada through the American College of Healthcare Executives (March, 2008).

Ministry Representatives

Marilyn Wang

Director

Health Professions Regulatory Policy and Programs Branch

Ministry of Health and Long Term Care

Ms. Wang has been with the provincial government for more than 25 years where she has held a number of senior positions with the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. She also spent several years away from the Ministry, as Director of Policy Analysis and Director of Registration at the College of Nurses of Ontario. She was also the Operations Manager of the Pension Plans Branch of the Financial Services Commission of Ontario. Ms. Wang currently has the responsibility for the regulation of health professionals and developing programs and legislation in support of health human resources development and management.

Frances Lamb

Manager

Policy and Programs

Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities

Ms. Lamb has more than thirty years experience with the Ontario government providing leadership in all sectors of postsecondary education, including universities, colleges and student support. She has provided leadership in the establishment of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine and led the review of degree granting legislation, which resulted in quality assurance process for degrees in Ontario, applied degrees for colleges and the establishment of Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board. She also established the Postsecondary International Strategy for Ontario to increase and sustain an international marketing presence by promoting Ontario educational services abroad, and establishing and implementing incentives to increase student mobility. Ms. Lamb is responsible for university policy and program development and delivery related to: health human resources; disabilities issues; teacher education; university accountability; university admissions; and postsecondary internationalization strategy.