

Key Note Presenters

Geriatric Refresher Day Boost! Recharge your Geriatric Skills

Regional Geriatric Program of Eastern Ontario
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Dr. Jo-Anne Clarke

Dr. Clarke completed her Undergraduate degree in Biology and Pharmacology and her medical degree at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. She completed her residencies in Internal Medicine and sub-specialization in Geriatric Medicine at the University of Western Ontario. Dr. Clarke currently practices in Sudbury, Ontario as the Clinical Lead for the North East Specialized Geriatric Services, an affiliate program of the Regional Geriatric Programs of Ontario. She is a lecturer at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. Dr. Clarke has a keen interest in falls, frailty and optimizing function into late life.



Dr. Rosemary Kohr

Dr. Kohr is a PhD prepared Advanced Practice Nurse and wound care specialist at London Health Sciences Centre. She is an Associate Professor (clinical adjunct), Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Western Ontario and Faculty member of the Centre of Nursing and Health Studies at Athabasca University. She is the Editor of the Skin/Wound Chapter, Canadian Edition of *Fundamentals of Nursing* (Potter & Perry, 2009). Dr. Kohr has published and presented in Canada and internationally, on wound care, pain management and complex patient/family issues. She is the former President of the Canadian Association of Advanced Practice Nurses (CAAPN), a founding member of the Ontario Wound Interest Group (OntWIG) through the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario (RNAO) a member of the Canadian Association of Wound Care (CAWC) and the Chair of the Health Professionals Advisory Committee, Local Health Integration Network (LHIN 2), Ontario.

Dr. Jens Pruessner, Ph.D.

Director, Aging & Alzheimer's Research Axis
Douglas Mental Health University Institute, Director, McGill Centre for Studies in Aging

Dr. Jens Pruessner began his graduate studies at Trier University in Germany in psychoneuroendocrinology and psychoneuroendocrinology. Continuing his postgraduate studies at McGill University (Douglas Mental Health University Institute and the Montreal Neurological Institute), he specialized in neuroimaging techniques.



Focusing his attention on studying stress, Dr. Pruessner and his team developed and validated the mental arithmetic task for stress induction, the Montreal Imaging Stress Task (MIST), derived from the Trier Mental Challenge Test. They have since employed the task in functional magnetic resonance imaging studies, investigating the effects of stress on brain activation changes in real time.

Appointed assistant professor at McGill University, Dr. Pruessner has taught various courses in the Departments of Psychology, Psychiatry and Neurology & Neurosurgery.

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Dr. Jens Pruessner (cont....)

He has been a member of the International Society of Psychoneuroendocrinology since 2004, the International Society of Behavioural Neuroscience since 2002, and the Society for Neuroscience since 2001
In 1998, Dr. Pruessner received the Postdoctoral Fellow Award and Stipend, and the University of Trier Alumni Group PhD Award. The Centre for Psychobiological and Psychosomatic Research in Trier, Germany awarded him the Innovation Award in 1997. In addition his personal support awards consist of the five-year New Investigator Award (2005), and two two year- awards; Chercheur-boursier Junior (2002), and Young Investigator (2000). Finally, dr. Pruessner is the recipient of the 2008 Curt Richter Young Investigator Award of the International Society of Psychoneuroendocrinology.



Father Mark Slatter

Father Mark Slatter was born in Nepean. His interests are in bioethics with some Reflection on Culture and Geriatric Care

He obtained a BA, Honours History, BA Theology, MA Ethics and Licentiate in Ethics, and PhD in Ethics and Moral Theology from The Gregorian University,

Rome, Italy. The topic of his doctoral dissertation was on "suffering"

Father Mark Slatter is Assistant Professor of Ethics at St. Paul University, Ottawa and he is currently the part-time chaplain at the Ottawa Mission