KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

ANDREW FRANK MD, BScH, FRCPC
Dr. Andrew Frank is a cognitive and behavioural neurologist, and is the medical director of the Bruyère Memory Program at the Élisabeth Bruyère Hospital in Ottawa, Ontario. After finishing his Bachelor’s degree in Honours Biochemistry at the University of Calgary, Dr. Frank completed his M.D. at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. He completed his residency in Neurology at the University of Ottawa, and then finished a subspecialty fellowship in Cognitive and Behavioural Neurology at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Dr. Frank’s clinical practice is focused on the diagnosis and treatment of neurodegenerative diseases, such as dementia due to Alzheimer’s disease. His clinical interest lies in the early detection of cognitive disorders, such as Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI). Dr. Frank’s research interest centers on investigating new pharmacologic treatments for Alzheimer’s disease.

DALLAS SEITZ MD PhD FRCPC
Dr. Seitz is an Associate Professor and Chair of Geriatric Psychiatry at Queen’s University. He completed his PhD and research training in clinical epidemiology and health services research at the University of Toronto. He is the Provincial Medical Lead for Dementia Capacity Planning in Ontario and current President of the Canadian Academy of Geriatric Psychiatry.

CONCURRENT SPEAKERS

Anna Byszewski MD MEd FRCPC
Dr. Byszewski graduated from the University of Ottawa Medical School and specialized in internal medicine, followed by geriatric medicine. She is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, Full Professor in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Ottawa and Investigator, the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute. Dr. Byszewski’s clinical practice centers on Geriatric Medicine, she is an attending at The Ottawa Hospital, and conducting rural site visit clinics and telehealth clinics to Pembroke, Ontario. Areas of interest in medical education include knowledge translation and evaluation around CanMEDS roles. Clinical expertise and research in geriatric medicine include Osteoporosis, Insomnia, and Driving Safety and Caregiving Issues in dementia. She is published on the care gap in osteoporosis care post hip fractures. Dr. Byszewski is Chair of a task group for the Dementia Network of Ottawa that produced the Driving and Dementia Toolkit, an internationally recognized resource manual for health care workers and patients/caregivers dealing with this issue. She is involved in developing and teaching communication/collaboration skills and professionalism in the medical curriculum.

Ruth Ellen BScH MD FRCPC
Dr. Ellen is a patient-centred clinician, mentor and leader in medical education with clinical interests in the care of the older person, dementia and frailty. She is an assistant professor, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ottawa.
CONCURRENT SPEAKERS Continued

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Program Director, PGY3 Care of the Elderly, Department of Family Medicine, University of Ottawa

Judith Leech MD FRCPD ABSM
Dr. Leech is a respirologist with an interest in adult sleep medicine since 1983. She trained in Sleep Medicine at the University of Illinois in Chicago under Dr. M. Lopata. She was Chief of the Civic Hospital sleep lab from 1986—2003, and Acting Chief from 2003—2007. She was certified with the American Board of Sleep in 2003. She is the medical director of the Renfrew Victoria Hospital Sleep Lab. She is Co-Chair of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario task force on standards for sleep labs, as well as their Sleep Laboratory Assessor. She is past VP—Clinical of the Canadian Sleep Society, and Principle Investigator on a number of pharmaceutical studies in sleep medicine, as well as Co-Investigator with the Heart Institute on sleep apnea and the heart studies.

Danny Lelli MD FRCPC
Dr. Danny Lelli is a Lecturer in Medicine (Neurology) at the University of Ottawa. He was born and raised in Ottawa and completed his BASc (Cognitive Science option) at the University of Waterloo—accruing work experience at companies such as Cisco Systems and Pitney Bowes and producing several patents. In 2005, he changed career paths and completed medical school at McMaster University, obtaining an MD in 2008. Dr. Lelli completed neurology residency at the University of Ottawa in 2013, pursued a Neuro-Ophthalmology fellowship at the University of British Columbia until June 2014, and has recently joined The Ottawa Hospital in July 2014. His main areas of clinical interest are neuro-ophthalmology and stroke (with an emphasis on vascular visual loss). Dr. Lelli has maintained a strong commitment to education throughout his early career in both engineering and medicine, and is pursuing post-graduate studies in medical education.

Allen R. Huang, MDCM, FRCPC, FACP
Dr. Allen Huang is the Head of the Division of Geriatric Medicine at The Ottawa Hospital and the University of Ottawa. He is a Geriatric Medicine specialist who has deep interests in clinical informatics. His research interests and expertise are in the areas of optimizing prescribing in the elderly and patient safety. He is a co-inventor of the MOXXI (Medical Office of the XXIst century) solution which continues to explore the use of an electronic prescribing solution to improve the health of patients. He is currently involved in a trial studying the effect of medication reconciliation at discharge from hospital. He has helped complete the recent development of a 5-year strategic plan for Geriatric Medicine at the University of Ottawa. He is a co-editor of the book “Medication related falls in older people. Causative factors and management strategies.”

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Dr. Mark Rapoport is an associate professor in the geriatric psychiatry division of the department of psychiatry at the University of Toronto, a clinical scientist at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, and past-president of the Canadian Academy of Geriatric Psychiatry (CAGP, 2012-2016). He is also a member of the Canadian Driving Research Initiative for Vehicular Safety in the Elderly (CanDRIVE), and an associate editor of the Canadian Geriatrics Journal. Dr. Rapoport received his medical degree from McMaster University in 1995, and subsequently trained in psychiatry at the University of Toronto. He founded the CAGP National Review Course in Geriatric Psychiatry in 2012, an annual event that won two awards from the Canadian Psychiatric Association (CPA): The 2014 Award for the Most Outstanding Continuing Education Activity in Psychiatry in Canada (academic), and the 2016 Paul Patterson Award for Innovations in Education Leadership. He was the scientific co-chair for the 2009 International Psychogeriatric Association Congress in Montreal, Quebec. He is a Fellow of the CPA, and won the 2014 CAGP Award for Outstanding Contributions in Geriatric Psychiatry. His main areas of research are traumatic brain injury in the elderly and the risk of motor vehicle collisions associated with neurological and psychiatric diseases and their treatments, and he has received research funding from the Canadian Institute of Health Research, the Canadian Consortium on Neurodegeneration and Aging, and other peer-reviewed funding agencies.