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Announcements



[Announcing the 2024 - 2025 Excellence Funds Recipients](#)

NEW

The Department of Psychiatry is pleased to announce Dr. Petal Abdool and Dr. Pamela Kaduri as the recipients of the 2024 - 2025 Excellence Funds.

[Important Changes to submission of activity reports by Clinical Part-Time and Clinical Adjunct faculty members](#)

NEW

Based on feedback from our faculty members, to reduce the administrative burden associated with these reports, starting this year, Clinical Part-Time and Clinical Adjunct faculty will only be required to submit an activity report every two years, rather than every year. [Learn more](#).

[Seeking input on barriers to research collaboration for a TAHSN-wide webinar](#)

NEW

Planning is underway to hold a TAHSN-wide webinar about breaking down barriers to collaboration that have been challenging for researchers across institutions. The online seminar will take place on April 9 from 12:00 - 1:00 pm ([registration is required](#)). To ensure the issues you and your colleagues care about are on the table with research leaders for this webinar, the event registration page will provide you with an opportunity to submit questions. If you prefer, you can also submit questions anonymously after registering (details will be included in the registration confirmation).

[Hospital Site Clinical Career Opportunities Coordinated Postings](#)

Discover Clinical MD faculty opportunities with our hospital partners. Each position in this coordinated posting is a clinical role that includes academic responsibilities at one of the Department of Psychiatry's partner hospital sites. [Discover the positions now](#).

[Submissions are now being accepted for the 2024 - 2025 Department Awards](#)

The Department of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto administers or adjudicates close to 50 awards annually. Department awards are dedicated to celebrating the many accomplishments of our faculty and learners. The deadline to apply for most awards is **Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 11:59 pm.**

[Announcing the match results for CaRMS 2025](#)

We have selected a promising group of incoming PGY1s from across the country and around the world. On behalf of the residency program leadership team, our deep appreciation to the 120+ faculty and residents who participated in the planning subcommittee, as file reviewers, interviewers, and resident ambassadors – CaRMS is truly a “whole community” endeavour.

[Dr. Ishrat Husain named Department Head, UHN Centre for Mental Health and Program Medical Director UHN-CAMH Partnership](#)

We are delighted to share the appointment of Dr. Ishrat Husain as the Department Head, UHN Centre for Mental Health and Program Medical Director UHN-CAMH Partnership.

[Key Messages From Psychiatry Residency Program Committee](#)

Key messages from Psychiatry Residency Program Committee & Psychiatry Education Advisory Committee for March 2025.

[Department of Psychiatry Research Day 2025](#)

Department of Psychiatry Research Day is the major research conference for the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto. This year's event will take place on June 19, 2025. **[Register now and reserve your spot.](#)**

We are currently accepting submissions for plenary presentations and oral/poster presentations.

[Plenary papers - Deadline for submission is March 14, 2025](#)

[Oral/poster presentations - Deadline for submission is March 31, 2025](#)

[All Faculty Encouraged to Sign Up for 1:1 Mentoring](#)

In our 2020 Departmental survey, over 60% of our faculty reported being without a mentor and wanting one. Our Faculty Mentorship program is open to all faculty members, regardless of your role, rank, or how long you have been on faculty.

Mentorship plays a role throughout your career, and can be particularly helpful at transition points. **[Find out how to register and connect with a primary mentor on the online Qooper platform.](#)**



Mentorship

Strategic Plan Update



[Personalized Assistance Available to Find a Mentor Match](#)

Hands-on assistance is always available for our faculty to find a suitable mentor match. Contact **psych.mentorship@utoronto.ca** to discuss your specific mentorship needs.

[All Faculty Encouraged to Join Mentorship Groups/Communities of Practice](#)

The Department also offers a number of mentorship groups or communities of practice to support faculty development for specific academic roles or for peer support related to identity. The mentorship groups include: Clinician Teachers, Status Only, Clinician Scientists & Investigators, International Medical Graduates (IMGs), 2SLGBTQ+, UPWURD (Uplifting Women, Underrepresented Genders and Diversity in Academia), and UPWURD Racialized Women's Group. These groups are co-led by two facilitators, typically a mid-career/senior and junior faculty member. Groups collaboratively determine their goals and meeting formats through member input. We encourage all faculty to attend and hope to see you there!

Nominations & Applications



Faculty and Learner Opportunities

[The Translational Research Program \(TRP\): Learn how to innovate in health and care](#) 

The Translational Research Program (TRP) is a project-based graduate degree intended for people from diverse backgrounds and career stages who aspire to apply knowledge for innovation in health and care. The two-year competency-focused degree employs collaborative and self-directed "learning by doing" to challenge you to think differently. You will explore strategies, competencies, and creative problem-solving approaches indispensable for innovating people-centered processes, procedures, products, and services within your current workplace or future career. Join our next virtual information session on [April 29](#) or come join our next Get Talking event: [Bureaucracy to Bedside: Streamlining Healthcare for Better Patient Outcomes on March 11](#).

[Weston Brain Institute Rapid Response 2025](#)

The Weston Family Foundation, through the Weston Brain Institute, is committed to catalyzing and scaling science-based approaches to significantly improve the health and well-being of Canadians. We are pleased to announce the launch of our flagship Rapid Response program, designed to spark the development of novel therapeutics and tools for neurodegenerative diseases of aging. **Letter of intent deadline: March 18, 2025.**

[Dean's Alumni Awards 2025](#)

Help Temerty Medicine recognize exceptional alumni and share their achievements with the Temerty Faculty of Medicine community. Nominations for the 2025 Dean's Alumni Awards are now open. Dean's Alumni Award categories include opportunities to recognize alumni from across sectors for their lifetime achievement, impact, emerging leadership and humanitarian contributions. **Nomination deadline: March 21, 2025.**

[The Azrieli Brain Medicine Fellowship Program](#)

The interdisciplinary fellowship program offers a unique learning opportunity to delve into the complexities of brain disorders, gaining competencies through clinical exposure across various brain medicine disciplines, including psychiatry, geriatric medicine, neurology, neurosurgery, and physical medicine and rehabilitation. **Application deadline: March 28, 2025.**

[2025-2026 QEII-GSST Award for Clinician-scientist Trainees \(CST\)](#)

The Department is now requesting applications for the 2025-2026 QEII-GSST Award for Clinician-scientist Trainees (CST).

This award is one of the QEII Graduate Scholarships in Science and Technology (QEII-GSST). Each year, \$15,000 is awarded to one individual within the Department. This year we have two awards available at \$15,000 per award. **Internal application deadline: April 4, 2025.**

[Mary Seeman Award for Achievement in the area of Psychiatry and Humanities](#)

This award is a Department award that encourages creative and scholarly activity in the area of Psychiatry and the Humanities. Applicants submit a narrative which contributes towards enhancing the appreciation of the human condition. The narrative must not have been previously published or been part of a PhD thesis and must be single authored. Medical students, residents, fellows, and faculty members within 3 years of graduation are eligible to apply. Submissions will be judged on the basis of originality, creativity and relevance to psychiatry. Learn more about the award and how to apply. **Submission deadline: April 16, 2025, 11:59 pm.**

[2025 IASR/AFSP International Summit on Suicide Research - Call For Proposals](#)

Applicants are invited to submit a proposal to the 2025 International Summit on Suicide Research of the International Academy for Suicide Research and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention to be held at the Sheraton Boston Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts from November 8-11, 2025. **Symposia Submission Deadline: Thursday, March 6, 2025. Poster and Oral Submission Deadline: Wednesday, May 14, 2025.**

Events



Departmental

[Mentorship Group Meeting co-hosted by the 2SLGBTQ+, Status-Only, Racialised Women, and UPWURD Mentorship Groups](#)

March 26, 2025, 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Topic: Fix the Workplace, Not the Workers: Understanding and key issues to address equity and inclusion in the medical workplace

Speakers: Dr. Mamta Gautam

Online via Zoom

[Register now](#)



addressing

[Clinician Scientists & Investigators Mentorship Group](#)

March 26, 2025, 9:00 - 10:00 am

Topic: When to Say Yes: Establishing Priorities as a Clinician-Scientist

Speakers: Dr. Simone Vigod and Dr. Mary Jane Esplen

Zoom

[Register now](#)



Online via

[City-Wide Psychiatry Grand Rounds](#)

March 28, 2025, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Online via Zoom

Topic: Vivian Rakoff Lectureship: Managing clinical complexity in mental health services: the case of geriatric depression

Speaker: Dr. Eric Lenze

[Register](#)



[University of Toronto Future of Psychotherapy Conference](#)

April 25, 2025, 8:50 am - 3:00 pm

Online via Zoom

The latest research and technology in the area of psychotherapy will be discussed. The conference is ideal for physicians, psychologists, registered psychotherapists, social workers, nurses, and other mental health professionals.



[Register now](#)

[View the program](#)

[City-Wide Psychiatry Grand Rounds](#)

April 25, 2025, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Online via Zoom

Topic: Dr. Mary Seeman Lecture: Reward Processing as a Target for Treatment of Depression and Anxiety.

Speaker: Michelle G. Craske, PhD, AO

[Register](#)



[Cultural Psychiatry Day](#)

April 30, 2025, 1:30 - 4:30 pm

Title: Culture and Psychotherapy

Online via Zoom

Please register with Anne Marie Vico, annemarie.vico@sinaihealth.ca to get the zoom link.

[Azrieli Brain Medicine Conference 2025](#)

May 9, 2025, 8:30 am - 4:45 pm EDT

U of T: Schwartz Reisman Innovation Campus, 108 College Street Toronto, ON

[Registration is closed; join the waitlist](#)

[Conference Case Report Competition and Poster Submission](#)

[Conference Submission Rubric](#)

Deadline for submissions: March 21, 2025

[Clinician Scientists & Investigators Mentorship Group](#)

May 28, 2025, 9:00 - 10:30 am

Topic: How to improve your scientific writing to get your grants funded and your papers published in better journals

Speaker: Dr. Benoit Mulsant

Zoom

[Register now](#)



Psychiatric Dimensions of Disasters 8th Annual CME course (Hybrid)

June 7, 2025

Save the date

[International Medical Graduates \(IMGs\) Mentorship Group](#)

June 11, 2025, 5:30 pm

Topic: Inspirational Talk From A Retiring IMG

Speaker: Dr. Marco Battaglia

Location: TBD

Save the date



[Department of Psychiatry Research Day 2025](#)

June 19, 2025, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Chelsea Hotel, 33 Gerrard Street West, Toronto, ON

The the major research conference for the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto.

[Register now](#)

[Submit a plenary or poster](#)

U of T

[Diversity Advisory Council Meeting](#)

March 19, 2025, 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Speakers: Dr. Reena Pattani (Director of Learner Experience), Dr. Tony Pignatiello (Associate Dean, Office of Learner Affairs), Dr. Pascal Tyrrell (Director of EDI, Institute of Medical Science), and Sophie Harding (Associate Registrar, Admissions, MD Program)

Virtual or in-person options

Contact Alicia Sam (ad.oid.tfom@utoronto.ca) by March 10, 2025 for additional information and to register

Registration will be on a first come first served basis

[Medical Psychiatry Collaborative Care Certificate \(MP3C\) Webinar - Putting Sleep Disorders to Rest in Medically Complex Patients](#)

March 19, 2025, 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Facilitator: Dr. Raed Hawa, MSc MD FRCPC
Online webinar
[Register](#)

[PsychEng Seminar: Dr. Björn Herrmann - Leveraging large language models to advance understanding speech perception challenges in older adults](#)

NEW

March 25, 2025, 12:10 - 1:30 pm
Room MC331, Mechanical Engineering Building, 5 King's College Road

[Realizing the Potential of Toronto's Health Research Ecosystem](#)

NEW

April 9, 2025, 12:00 - 1:00 pm
Moderated by Dr. Lisa Robinson, Dean, Temerty Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto
Virtual Panel Discussion

Hospital Partners

[UHN Centre for Mental Health Grand Rounds](#)

March 14, 2025, 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm
Title: Management of the Metabolic Side Effects of Antipsychotics
Presenters: Dr. Hana Jafar, UHN Resident
Online via Teams: Contact MentalHealth@uhn.ca for link

[CAMH Virtual Grand Rounds](#)

NEW

March 14, 2025, 12:00 - 1:00 pm
Title: How Do Psychedelic Therapies Work? What We Know And Where We Are Going
Presenter: Dr. Stanley Wong, MD
Online via Webex

[St. Michael's Hospital Department of Psychiatry – Virtual Grand Rounds](#)

March 14, 2025, 12:00 - 1:00 pm
Topic: Applications of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Psychiatry with a Focus on AI-Assisted

Therapy

Presenter: Dr. Shawn Varghese (PGY3)

[Online via Zoom](#)

[TDRA - Supporting Independence: How Rehabilitation and Technology Can Help People Living with Dementia](#) 

March 19, 2025, 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Topic: Applications of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Psychiatry with a Focus on AI-Assisted Therapy

Presenters: Christina Commisso, MSc Candidate, Rehabilitation Sciences Institute, University of Toronto, and Erica Dove, PhD Candidate, Rehabilitation Sciences Institute, University of Toronto

Online webinar

[Ontario Shores – Inter-professional Grand Rounds](#)

March 20, 2025, 11:00 – 12:00 pm

Title: Minding metabolic health in schizophrenia spectrum disorders

Presenter: Margaret (Maggie) Hahn, MD, PhD, FRCPC

[Online via Zoom](#)

[WCH Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds](#) 

March 20, 2025, 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Title: Psychedelic Assisted Psychotherapy: Past, Present and Future

Presenters: Sue MacRae RN, MEd, RP; Dr. Emma Hapke, MD, FRCPC; Dr. Nancy McCallum, MD, MSc, FRCPC

[Online via Zoom](#)

[CAMH Virtual Grand Rounds](#) 

March 21, 2025, 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Title: Teaching Safety Skills to Mental Health Clinicians: Findings From A Pragmatic Randomized Control Trial

Presenter: Elizabeth Lin, PhD

Online via Webex

[St. Michael's Hospital Department of Psychiatry – Virtual Grand Rounds](#)



March 21, 2025, 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Topic: Othello's Syndrome

Presenter: Dr. Andrew Lee (PGY3)

[Online via Zoom](#)

[CAMH - Campbell Family Mental Health Research Institute \(CFMHRI\) Speaker Series](#)



March 25, 2025, 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Title: An Unexpected Journey From Developmental Psychopathology To Global Mental Health

Presenter: Dr. Giovanni Salum, Vice President, Global Programs & Program Co-Director, Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF) Global Center for Child and Adolescent Mental Health at the Child Mind Institute & SNF-CMI Child and Adolescent Mental Health Initiative, New York.

1025 Queen St. W, Arrell Family Foundation Auditorium

No registration necessary to attend

[CAMH - CYBD's World Bipolar Day Research Symposium 2025](#)

March 27, 2025, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm EDT

This hybrid symposium will bring together Canadian and international researchers, trainees, clinicians, and mental health professionals.

1025 Queen Street West Toronto, ON and online

[CAMH - World Bipolar Day Event 2025 with the Centre for Youth Bipolar Disorder](#)

March 27, 2025, 6:00 - 9:00 pm EDT

This event is open to anyone with an interest in learning more about youth bipolar disorder.

1025 Queen Street West Toronto, ON and online

[Ontario Shores – Inter-professional Grand Rounds](#)

March 27, 2025, 11:00 – 12:00 pm

Title: Ethical Imperatives: Cultivating Early Palliative care integration

Presenter: Mahoganie Hines BScN, RN, MHSc, CHPCN(c)

[Online via Zoom](#)

[ECHO March 28 Presentation](#)

March 28, 2025, 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Topics: Advancing Co-Production Through Distributive Leadership and Multi-Directional Learning: Unlocking the Transformative Potential of Patient Engagement and The Collaborative Learning College Research Subcommittee: Co-producing a Strategic Research Agenda

Speakers: Holly Harris and Dr. Sophie Soklaridis.

1025 Queen Street West Toronto, ON and [online](#)

No registration required

[CAMH - CARIBOU CBT Training for Facilitators](#)

March 31 - May 16, 2025

Join the CARIBOU CBT Training Course for Facilitators, an interactive program designed by the Cundill Centre for Child and Youth Depression at CAMH to help professionals effectively treat youth depression (ages 13-24).

Virtual, including webinars and eLearning

[Ontario Shores – Inter-professional Grand Rounds](#)

April 1, 2025, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Title: Living Labs: The Happiness Program in Action

Presenter: Joshua Etwaroo, Undergraduate Student, Trent University

[Online via Zoom](#)



[Ontario Shores – Inter-professional Grand Rounds](#)

April 3, 2025, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Title: Behaviour Goes Where Reinforcement Flows: A look into how to effectively decrease unwanted behaviours through the powers of reinforcement.

Presenter: Krystal Street, MA, RBA (Ont), BCBA

[Online via Zoom](#)



[META:PHI Virtual Conference 2025](#)

April 4 - 5, 2025

Two days of interactive, online learning and discussion focused on advancing care for people who use substances. Of interest to prescribers, counselors, peers, community workers, administrators, researchers, learners and advocates, this year's theme is



Substance Use Health is Community Health.

Virtual

[Register](#)

[U of T and CAMH: SOBP Pre-meeting: Metabolic Health in Severe Mental Illness | Mito2i](#)

April 23, 2025, 8:30 am – 6:30 pm

Submit your abstracts by February 28, 2025.

Hart House, 7 Hart House Cir, Toronto, ON

[Register now](#)

[U of T and CAMH: Powering the Brain: Metabolism and Mental Health Public Talk | Mito2i](#)

April 23, 2025, 6:30 pm

108 College St, Toronto, ON

[Register now](#)

[Ontario Shores – Inter-professional Grand Rounds](#)

April 24, 2025, 11:00 – 12:00 pm

Title: Light therapy for seasonal and nonseasonal depression

Presenter: Raymond W. Lam, MD, FRCPC, FCAHS

[Online via Zoom](#)

[UHN – Chronic Pain and Mental Health Conference](#)

April 25, 2025, 9:00 am – 4:10 pm

Interactive symposium offers a comprehensive exploration of advanced interventions, emerging therapies, and best practices through presentations, workshops, and a panel discussion.

Hybrid Event, BMO Education and Conference Centre, Toronto Western Hospital (60 Leonard Street, Toronto) or Online via Zoom

[Register now](#)

[SickKids - World Bipolar Day Event 2025 with the Centre for Youth Bipolar Disorder](#)

April 30 - May 3, 2025

Virtual

[Ontario Shores – Inter-professional Grand Rounds](#)

May 29, 2025, 11:00 – 12:00 pm

Title: Harmonizing effectiveness & physiology: an exploration of magnetic stimulation in depression

Presenter: Zafiris J. Daskalakis, MD, PhD

[Online via Zoom](#)

[Waypoint - Integrating Science, Practice, Innovation, Research and Experience \(InSPIRE\) 2025](#)

June 2-4, 2025

Village Conference Centre in Blue Mountain, Ontario

[Discover more events on our website](#)

Awards, Honours, & Distinctions




International/National

Congratulations to **Drs. June Sing Hong Lam, MD, Alex Abramovich, PhD, J. Charles Victor, MSc, Juveria Zaheer, MD, MSc, and Paul Kurdyak, MD, PhD.** Their **article, *Characteristics of Transgender Individuals With Emergency Department Visits and Hospitalizations for Mental Health* was selected by [Psychiatric Services for the February 2025 Editor's Choice Collection](#), a curated collection of articles on LGBTQ+ Mental Health.**

Congratulations to **Dr. Matthew Burke** for receiving the **2025 American Academy of Neurology (AAN) Norman Geschwind Prize**. Dr. Burke is the first Canadian to receive this award.

Congratulations to **Dr. Peter Collins** for receiving the [King Charles III Coronation Medal](#) in recognition of his involvement in the development of the Veterans Wellness Program.

Congratulations to **Dr. Allison Crawford** for receiving the [2024 Robyn Tamblyn Health Services and Policy Research Innovator Award](#) from the CIHR Institute of Health Services and Policy Research in recognition of excellence in research and innovation among Canadian Mid-Career Investigators working within Health Services and Policy Research and is awarded to the highest ranking Mid-Career Investigator in CIHR's Project Grant competition working within the mandate of IHSPR. 

Congratulations to **Dr. Sonu Gaiind** for receiving the **American Psychiatric Association (APA) Distinguished Service Award**, which is given for exemplary service to the APA and the field of psychiatry. Dr. Gaiind is only the second Canadian to get the award in its 60 year history.

Congratulations to **Dr. Sonu Gaiind** for receiving the [King Charles III Coronation Medal](#) in recognition of his impact and advocacy on MAiD policy in Canada.

Congratulations to **Dr. Christopher McIntosh** for receiving the **2025 John Fryer Award from the American Psychiatric Association (APA)** in recognition of his work on the mental health of the LGBTQ+ population. He is the first Canadian to receive the award. The award lecture, *An Unselfish Satisfaction*, will be presented on Monday May 19 at 8:00 am Pacific time at the APA Annual Meeting in Los Angeles.

Congratulations to **Dr. Benoit Mulsant** for receiving the **American College of Psychiatrists' 2025 Geriatric Research Award**. This Award recognizes outstanding contributions to research in geriatric psychiatry.

Congratulations to **Dr. Simone Vigod** for receiving the **2025 CPA-CAPE Alex Leighton Award**. The Alex Leighton Award recognizes an individual or a group of individuals who have contributed significantly to advancing and diffusing Canadian psychiatric epidemiology through innovative studies, methods, teaching, or transfer of knowledge.



In The News



[Nonspecialists Can Take on Psychotherapy Tasks Too](#) - MedScape. March 12, 2025. Featuring Dr. Daisy Singla.



[Sleep expert blasts Daylight Saving Time](#) - Nanaimo News Now. March 7, 2025. Featuring Dr. Michael Mak.



[New Approach Leads to Faster Mental Health Help for Youth](#) - MedScape. March 7, 2025. Featuring Dr. Louise Gallagher.



[How people are diagnosed with ADHD](#) - CBC Radio One Vancouver. March 6, 2025. Featuring Dr. Nikola Grujich.



[Psychotherapy by Nonspecialists via Telehealth Can Be Effective for Perinatal Depression](#) - Psychiatric News. March 5, 2025. Featuring Dr. Daisy Singla.



[Five Questions With: Dr. Daisy Singla, Senior Scientist, Institute for Mental Health Policy Research, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health \(CAMH\)](#) - Women of Influence+. March 5, 2025. Featuring Dr. Daisy Singla.

[Meet Dr. Liisa Galea, Top 25 Women of Influence+ Award Recipient](#) - Women of Influence+. March 4, 2025. A profile of Dr. Liisa Galea.

[Improving understanding and expanding knowledge about mental health effects of disasters and trauma](#) - Frontiers in Psychiatry. March 4, 2025. By Dr. Samuel Law.

[Un test sanguin pourrait identifier les femmes à risque d'un accouchement prématuré](#) - La Presse. March 4, 2025. Featuring Dr. John Kingdom.

[**Task-Sharing, Telemedicine Expand Maternal Mental Health Access**](#) -

Psychiatrist.com. March 3, 2025. Featuring Dr. Daisy Singla.

[**Nurses, midwives can help treat depression during pregnancy and new motherhood: study**](#) - CTV News. March 3, 2025. Featuring Dr. Daisy Singla.

[**Major psychotherapy trial has implications for prenatal and postpartum mental health care**](#) - Temerty Medicine News. March 3, 2025. Featuring Dr. Daisy Singla.

[**Trauma doesn't stop when the abuse stops**](#) - The Globe and Mail. March 1, 2025. By Dr. Samra Zafar.

[**The Mental Health Moment with Dr. Paul Kurdyak**](#) - In Our Voices: IC/ES Podcast. February 26, 2025. Featuring Dr. Paul Kurdyak.

[**Why a simple poem on your commute can boost your mood**](#) - The Globe and Mail. February 24, 2025. Featuring Dr. Eva-Marie Stern.

[**They're suing the government for the right to die**](#) - MacLean's. February 24, 2025. Featuring Dr. Sonu Gaind, Dr. Madeline Li, and Dr. Mark Sinyor.

[**Researchers develop treatment guidelines for mood disorders in pregnancy and postpartum**](#) - McMaster University News. February 24, 2025. Featuring Dr. Simone Vigod.

In Print & Online



IMPACT [**Are virtual follow-ups effective after psychiatric emergencies?**](#)

When someone visits the emergency department for a psychiatric emergency, follow-up appointments are an important next step to ensure they receive the care they need to recover. Virtual follow-up appointments, usually in the form of a video call, offer several advantages. For those who find travel difficult or have limited time, a virtual appointment can be much easier. But are virtual appointments as effective as an in-person visit when assessing the wellbeing of someone who has had a mental health emergency? Do patients who attend an in-person follow-up experience better

outcomes?

Dr. Simone Vigod and her collaborators, including first author **Matthew Crocker, MPH**, of the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences, and University of Toronto Department of Psychiatry members **Drs. Paul Kurdyak, Lucy Barker, Tanya Hauck, and Martin Rotenberg**, undertook a study to determine if virtual follow-up appointments are as effective as in-person appointments after a psychiatric emergency department visit.

Professional Positions



U of T and Affiliated Hospitals

[Consultation-Liaison Psychiatrist Positions - Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre](#)

The Department of Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto and the Department of Psychiatry of the Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre are seeking to recruit two Consultation-Liaison Psychiatrists. The successful candidates will qualify for academic positions as a Clinician-Teacher, Researcher, Clinician-Educator or Clinician in Quality Improvement and must be eligible for a full-time clinical academic appointment at the rank of Lecturer, Assistant, Associate or Full Professor at the University of Toronto. Effective start date is July 01, 2025 or as determined in discussions with each candidate. **Application deadline: March 26, 2025.**

[Coordinator, Rotation in Underserved General Psychiatry Residency Program Underserved/Marginalized Populations \(U/MPS\) - Department of Psychiatry, University of Toronto](#)



The successful candidate will have a commitment to ensuring rigorous residency training in equity-seeking populations at an appropriate level for General Psychiatry residents. The U/MPS rotation coordinator will also work closely with the Social Justice and Equity Lead for the General Psychiatry Residency Program, contributing to innovations in residency education informed by both residency program and Royal

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada competencies and training requirements. **Application deadline: April 7, 2025, at 5:00 pm.**

[Labatt Family Chair of the Department of Psychiatry - Temerty Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto](#)

Applications are invited for the position of Labatt Family Chair of the Department of Psychiatry in the Temerty Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto. The successful candidate must currently hold an academic appointment at the rank of Professor or Associate Professor and be eligible to hold a clinical appointment at a hospital fully affiliated with the University. The appointment as Labatt Family Chair will be for a 5-year term effective November 1, 2025, or shortly thereafter, renewable for a second term following a favourable review. **Application deadline: April 30, 2025, 11:59 pm ET.**

[Bipolar Disorder Psychiatrist, Scientist and Clinical Lead - CAMH](#)

The Department of Psychiatry, Temerty Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto and the General Adult Psychiatry and Health Systems Division of The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH), are seeking to recruit a Scientist – Academic Psychiatrist, to build a program of clinical, research and creative professional activities specifically in the area of Bipolar Disorder, as well as to provide clinical care in the General Adult Psychiatry and Health Systems Division. **Application deadline: June 1, 2025.**

[Full-time Psychiatrist/Clinician Teacher - Baycrest](#)

Baycrest is seeking a full-time psychiatrist to provide clinical care in a variety of clinical settings including the ambulatory mental health clinic, consultation liaison, and telepsychiatry. The successful candidate will have an academic position description of Clinician Teacher and must be eligible for a full-time clinical academic appointment at the University of Toronto. **Open until filled.**

[Assistant/ Associate/ Full Professor – Clinician Scientist/Academic Psychiatrist – Child and Youth Psychiatry Division - CAMH](#)

The Department of Psychiatry, Temerty Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto and the Department of Psychiatry of The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

(CAMH), are seeking to recruit an Academic Psychiatrist – Child and Youth Psychiatry Division. The successful candidate will have an academic position description of Clinician Scientist and must be eligible for a full-time clinical academic appointment at the rank of Assistant, Associate or Full Professor at the University of Toronto. **Open until filled.**

[Assistant Professor, Academic Psychiatrist, Scientist \(Outpatient, Schizophrenia Division\) - CAMH](#)

The Department of Psychiatry, Temerty Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto and The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) are seeking to recruit an Academic Psychiatrist - Scientist to support its Schizophrenia Division. This role will hold a scientific appointment through CAMH's Campbell Family Mental Health Research Institute (CFMHRI) with primary appointment in the Saight Family Centre for Youth in Transition and secondary appointment in the Tanenbaum Centre for Pharmacogenetics. **Open until filled.**

[Faculty Position, Psychiatrist, Reproductive Life Stages \(RLS\) Program - Women's College Hospital](#)

Women's College Hospital's Department of Psychiatry is seeking a psychiatrist to join our Reproductive Life Stages (RLS) Program. The RLS program focuses on mental health problems related to the reproductive life stages (menstrual cycle, perinatal period and the menopausal transition), and strives to employ a trauma-informed lens to all services, and to provide an inclusive environment and equitable services to people in all their diversity). **Open until filled.**

[Forensic Psychiatrist - Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care](#)

Waypoint is now accepting expressions of interest by candidates who hold an MD or equivalent and who are in good standing and hold certification in Psychiatry from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or are eligible to sit the exam. Candidates must be eligible for licensure in the Province of Ontario, which may include eligibility for an academic license through appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor or higher at the University of Toronto. **Open until filled.**

[Full-Time Acute Care Psychiatrist - Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care](#)

Waypoint is now accepting expressions of interest by candidates who hold an MD or equivalent and certification (or eligibility for certification) in Psychiatry from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and who are licensed or eligible for licensure in the Province of Ontario. While our current priority is acute inpatient psychiatry, and we are happy to explore other opportunities. Preference will be given to a candidate who is interested in contributing to our academic culture through one or more of the above activities, and who thrives as part of a collaborative team. **Open until filled.**

[Dalglish Chair in 22q.11.2 Deletion Syndrome - University Health Network, Centre for Mental Health, 22Q Disorders Clinic](#)

The University Health Network Centre for Mental Health, a University of Toronto (U of T) teaching hospital, is seeking applicants for the Dalglish Chair in 22q.11.2 Deletion Syndrome. The Chair was funded by Camilla (Weston) and Peter Dalglish in honour of their beloved daughter Genny (Genevieve) to promote integrated clinical care and research positively impacting the lives of patients with 22.q.11.2 Deletion Syndrome and their families. The Chair is part of pioneering philanthropy in this area. The term of the Chair position is 5 years with the opportunity for one 5-year renewal following a successful review. **Open until filled.**

[Psychiatrist - University of Toronto Scarborough Health & Wellness Centre](#)

UTSC is hiring an experienced psychiatrist with an interest in transitional-aged mental health. The psychiatrist will provide psychiatric services within the Health & Wellness Centre. Incentive will be based on hours worked - please note, there is a new remuneration structure as of October 2024. Hours per week are flexible (within the Centre's hours of operation) and dictation services and administrative support are provided. **Open until filled.**

[Academic Outpatient Geriatric Psychiatrist - Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre](#)

The successful candidate will qualify for an academic position as a Clinician-Teacher, Researcher, Clinician-Educator or Clinician in Quality Improvement and must be eligible for a full-time clinical academic appointment at the rank of Lecturer, Assistant, Associate or Full Professor at the University of Toronto. **Open until filled.**

Other

[Geriatric Psychiatrist Full-time Permanent Faculty – The Ottawa Hospital](#)



The Ottawa Hospital currently has an opening for a geriatric psychiatrist working as part of an interdisciplinary consultation team in both geriatric and general adult psychiatry. This academic position would be 0.8 FTE clinical and 0.2 FTE of career development time. Additional career development time can be negotiated for those with research interests. **Open until filled.**

[Physician, Department of Psychiatry – St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital](#)

The applicant will have an interest in General Psychiatry and a willingness to work in a dynamic team-based environment. Potential candidates would have the opportunity to continue developing the Mental Health Care Program at STEGH. They would also collaborate with primary care, and participate in education and capacity building with community mental health care partners. The desired candidate will have the skills and expertise to contribute to a culture of continuous learning and education, along with evidence of impact in clinical innovation. **Open until filled.**

[Medical Director – Inner City Health Associates](#)

Reporting to the Executive Director, the Medical Director is responsible for implementing strategic directions in relation to the delivery of clinical services and for supporting the effective and efficient operations of Inner City Health Associates (ICHA). The position's core purpose is to ensure the delivery of quality clinical services, programs and practices that are consistent with professional and best-practice standards of care, and additionally, to support education and research initiatives that advance ICHA's mission to offer excellent healthcare to people experiencing homelessness. **Open until filled.**

[Psychiatrist - Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre](#)

Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre in Barrie, ON is seeking a full-time Psychiatrist to join a multidisciplinary team of 10 Psychiatrists. We are a 36 inpatient bed unit with 5

additional mental health beds in the emergency department. Part time inpatient work can range from 4-5 beds and part time outpatient load would be approximately 20 hours per work. ECT is conducted on Mon, Wed and Fri at 8:00 in the morning for one hour. Call schedule is currently 1 in 10. Compensation consists of monthly sessional and stipend funding for on call services. In addition to this the doctor would also bill fee for service work through OHIP. **Open until filled.**

[Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist – Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre](#)

RVH is currently seeking two dynamic and motivated Child and Youth Psychiatrists to join our team as we continue to grow our Regional Child and Youth Mental Health and Addictions service serving North Simcoe and Muskoka. As Simcoe Muskoka's Regional Child and Youth Mental Health Centre, we have 8 Child & Adolescent Mental Health inpatient beds, a Child and Youth Mental Health Day Program and an Acute Outpatient Child & Youth Services Program. Working with the leadership of Mental Health and Addictions Program, you will be a key part of the team that plans, delivers, coordinates, and evaluates the continuum of care within the Regional Child and Youth Mental Health portfolio. RVH's Mental Health Program is a hospital-based program, requiring no additional offsite private practice location. **Open until filled.**

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