



EDUCATION CONFERENCE!!

Developmental Disabilities Mental Health

The 2nd Annual
**Dr. Susan Carpenter Education Day for
Developmental Disabilities Mental Health**
is now a
FREE VIRTUAL CONFERENCE!!

2 afternoons via Zoom:

Nov 20th 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. MST

Nov 27th 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. MST

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See Conference Agenda attached.

AGENDA

November 20th

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	Keynote Speaker - Dr. Yona Lunsky , PhD, CPsych Director, Azrieli Adult Neurodevelopmental Centre and the Health Care Access Research and Developmental Disabilities (H-CARDD) Program at CAMH <i>'Bridging gaps to improve the mental health of adults with developmental disabilities'</i> Dr. Lunsky, Director of Canada's only dedicated Research Program focused on neurodevelopmental disabilities and mental health, will discuss healthcare gaps experienced by adults with developmental disabilities in Canada while offering practical strategies to prevent and address mental health issues. She will share many lessons learned from strong patient and family partnerships as they continue the work to build health focused collaborations.
2:00 - 2:15 p.m.	Comfort Break
2:15 - 3:15 p.m.	Presentation - Dr. John McLennan , MD, MPH, PhD, FRCPC Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist, Department of Psychiatry, University of Calgary <i>'Thinking dimensionally raises doubts about the usefulness of the 'dual diagnosis' construct in developmental disabilities and mental health'</i> Dr. McLennan is a clinician-investigator at the University of Calgary and a psychiatry consultant with the Arnika Centre. His presentation will be a mix of intellectual discourse and clinical implications related to using the "dual diagnosis" construct. Dr McLennan will help us appreciate the risks of relying on "categorizing" our population and proposes dimensional conceptualization as more consistent with the manifestation of mental health and cognitive difficulties.

November 27th

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	Presentation - Dr. Shaily Singh , MBBS, MD (Internal Medicine), MD (Neurology), C SCN (EEG) Neurologist, Calgary Comprehensive Epilepsy Program <i>'Intellectual disability and epilepsy'</i> Dr. Singh is an Internal Medicine and Neurology specialist treating overlapping conditions of epilepsy and psychiatric diseases and will present the clinical presentation of seizures in patients with a developmental disability. Attending this session will bring clarity on the interactions and side effects of commonly used antiepileptic medications.
2:00 - 2:15 p.m.	Comfort Break
2:15 - 3:15 p.m.	Presentation - Dr. Chad Bousman , MPH, PhD Associated Professor at the Department of Medical Genetics, Psychiatry, and Physiology & Pharmacology at the University of Calgary & Dr. Carly McMorris, PHD, RPSYCH <i>'The use of pharmacogenomics testing in developmental disabilities'</i> Dr. Bousman and Dr. McMorris will review the rationale, evidence, and hurdles for using pharmacogenetics in mental health care and provide an overview of pharmacogenetic testing options available in Canada. This presentation will give you a better understanding of patient care situations that could benefit from pharmacogenetic testing. <i>[Pharmacogenetics is the study of how people respond differently to drug therapy based upon their genetic makeup or genes. Diet, overall health, and environment also have significant influence on medication response, but none are stronger indicators of how you will process medication than your genetics.]</i>