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Voices for Action: Re-building Trust in Elder Care

VIRTUAL West Coast Conference on Aging – April 1 and 2, 2022
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SPEAKERS

FEATURED SPEAKERS:

We would need to go a long way to find two more committed and expert physicians than Dr. David Conn and Dr. Carol Ward. From opposite sides of this country, they have dedicated many decades to the field of seniors' mental health, in clinical practice, and through research, publication, advocacy and knowledge translation. Their work honours the older person's rights and strengths, and provides guidance to all team members in the provision of respectful, person-centred care in the community and in long-term care facilities.



David Conn, MD, CM, FRCPC

David Conn is the Vice-President of Education and the inaugural Director of the Centre for Education and Knowledge Exchange in Aging at Baycrest, Toronto. He is the founding Co-Chair of the Canadian Coalition for Seniors' Mental Health and Chair of the Coalition's National Guidelines Project.

Canadian Guidelines on Depression among Older Adults: an Overview of the 2021 Update



Carol Ward, MD, FRCPC

Carol Ward is a Geriatric Psychiatrist, Interior Health, Hillside Centre (Acute Tertiary Mental Health), Clinical Assistant Professor, UBC and Member of the Health Standards Organization National Long-term Care Standards Technical Committee.

The Crisis has a Story: The Role of Mental Health and Addictions in Supporting LTC



A POSTER PRESENTATION TOPIC:

Care of Older Adults with Substance Use Disorder in LTC

Presenters: Neeta Uppal and Jennifer Gibson, City Centre Care Society

The poster will establish that older adults who use substances are increasing in numbers due to a variety of factors. It will discuss the effects that substance use has on older adults and the stage in their life where it is apparent that long-term care services are now required. The effects of a lifetime of substance use on the traditional long-term care infrastructure will be revealed in a discussion of an initiative in which one such facility launched a pilot project to welcome this population. This initiative highlights the lack of appropriate resources, training, and environment needed to successfully care for this population. There is a great need for specialized units dedicated specifically to meet the unique needs of people with a history of substance use disorder.

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