

Dr. Jennifer Brasch



BSc, MD, FRCPC, FCPA
Department of Psychiatry & Behavioural Neurosciences – McMaster University

President – Term: 2020-2022

Dr. Jennifer Brasch is an Associate Professor and a member of the Peter Boris Centre for Addictions Research in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosciences at McMaster University . She completed her medical training at Queen’s University in 1991 and a Psychiatry residency at McMaster University in 1996.

Dr. Brasch is Lead, Addiction Psychiatry, for the Mental Health & Addictions Program at St. Joseph’s Healthcare in Hamilton. At St. Joe’s she is the psychiatrist for the Concurrent Disorders Outpatient team and works at the Rapid Assessment Addiction Medicine clinic. She has an opioid agonist therapy practice at the Hamilton Clinic. Dr. Brasch frequently gives educational presentations on addictions and concurrent disorders and supervises medical students and residents. She is the lead for [The Reasons to go on Living Project](#). [She was featured in a video](#) by the OMA for her work in concurrent disorders.

Dr. Brasch has been a CSAM member since 2013 and Co-chair or Chair of the Scientific Conference Committee since 2017. She participated in the strategic

planning process in 2019 and looks forwards to implementing the strategic directions as President.

Dr. Brooke Nofle



MD, CCFP, FCFP

Dalhousie University, University of Saskatchewan, Western University

Ontario Regional Director – Term: 2020-2024

Dr. Brooke Nofle is from Halifax, Nova Scotia. He attended Dalhousie University where he graduated with a B.Sc. in math, a B.A. in French with a minor in German and a medical degree, in 1988. He then completed a rotating internship through the University of Saskatchewan in Regina and a family medicine residency at Western University in London, earning CCFP certification in 1990. Dr. Nofle earned FCFP designation in 2004. After doing primary care locum work for almost three years, he worked at the London InterCommunity Health Centre from January 1993 to January 2022 as a primary care physician serving newcomer and marginalized inner-city populations.

He worked half-time at Student Health Services at Western University from 1993 to 2005. While doing locum work, He was introduced to the field of addiction medicine by Dr. Martyn Judson, a highly experienced local addiction medicine physician who has been a mentor for over 25 years. He first began to do a few hours a week of addiction and OAT work independently in 1995 and over time this has expanded into the bulk of his professional work.

Dr. Nofle currently works at a primarily OAT clinic in London and is medical director at a clinic in St. Thomas, Ontario which was formerly exclusively an OAT clinic but is now a RAAM clinic, primary substance issues addressed being alcohol and opioids. Over the years he has served on boards of addiction services agencies, offered informal addiction medicine advice to various community providers and been involved with a variety of community advisory committees whose mandates include increasing treatment access and reducing barriers. De-stigmatization of addiction and substance misuse issues and those seeking to improve their quality of life have been priorities throughout his career. Advocacy is a significant part of what he does.

He is an adjunct professor in the Department of Family Medicine at Western University and is involved in on-site teaching of medical students, residents and practising physicians as well as nurses and nurse practitioners during training and post-qualification

Dr. Naved Ali



MD, CCFP, CSAM (Certificant), ABAM (Diplomate)
British Columbia and Yukon Regional Director – 1st Term: 2018-2019

Dr. Naved Ali MD was born in Edmonton, Alberta and received his MD from the University of Alberta in 1987. After obtaining his CCFP in 1989, he worked in full-service family practice, until eventually focusing on the area of Substance Use and Mental Health. He was certified in Addiction Medicine by ASAM in 1998 and received CSAM certification in 2007 and ABAM Dip status in 2009.

Dr. Ali is currently Medical Manager of Stepping Stones in North Vancouver, an outpatient clinic providing services ranging from harm reduction to an intensive abstinence-focused Day Program. He supervises and delivers Day Program groups, and provides both outpatient and inpatient consultations including prescribing Opiate Agonists and other Medication Assisted Treatments. He also has experience working at residential treatment and inpatient detox centres.

Dr. Ali also assesses and treats individuals working in safety-sensitive occupations. He has monitored commercial airline pilots in recovery for the Airline Pilots Association since 2009 and previously worked at the British Columbia Physician Health Program from 2008-2012. He is particularly interested in outcome measurements, as well as workplace policy regarding substance use, misuse and addiction.

In addition to his clinical work, Dr Ali is well respected as an educator. He was the Director of Addiction Medicine at the University of British Columbia from 1996-1998, where he taught the Faculty of Medicine Addiction Medicine curriculum. He continues to supervise students, residents and practising physicians. Dr. Ali is also a sought after speaker, having given over 100 presentations internationally to medical conferences, health care providers, patients and their families, public agencies and private corporations. Most recently, he has been an invited speaker to the annual ALPA Pilots Assistance Forum in Washington, DC where he spoke on the relationship between Trauma and Addiction. Dr. Ali currently lives in Vancouver, British Columbia with his two daughters.

Dr. Ali is in his first term as a CSAM board representative for British Columbia and the Yukon.

Dr. George Budd



Pharm. D, BSc (Pharm.), FBCCSU, R.PEBC, R.Ph.
Addiction Medicine Fellowship (British Columbia Centre on Substance Use),
Doctor of Pharmacy (Idaho State University), Bachelor of Pharmaceutical
Sciences (Cairo University)

Associate Member – 1st Term: 2015-2019

George P. Budd, a practicing pharmacist since 1992 from Cairo University, further obtained his Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2011 from Idaho State University. He has experience in many different practice settings within the profession such as hospital pharmacy residency, community pharmacy and as a pharmacist-manager in community settings. Former Senior Investigator for the College of Pharmacists of BC (CPBC), and formally a Professional Conduct Review Consultant/Policy Liaison with the BC College of Nursing Professionals (BCCNP). Currently a Research Associate at Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) and a member of the Complex Pain and Addiction Services Team at Vancouver General Hospital.

George is on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Society of Addiction Medicine (CSAM), a public member on the Professional Practice Standards at BCCNP, a Past-President of the Western Canada Addiction Society, and a former public representative to the Methadone Panel and the Prescription Review Program at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC.

Additionally, he has been a representative on National and Provincial advisory committees such as CCSA National Dialogue on Prescription Drug Misuse, Opioid Substitution Treatment Psychosocial Service Framework and many other.

George is the first pharmacist to complete a Pharmacy Addiction Fellowship at the BC Centre on Substance Use (BCCSU) and is dedicated to establishing best practices in the area of addiction medicine. He worked closely with addiction physicians and members of other disciplines that share a strong belief in collaboration as a key to achieving desired health outcomes.

Dr. Selene Etches



Dalhousie University

Maritime Regional Director – 1st Term: 2019-2022

Selene Etches is a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist at the IWK Health Centre and an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia. She obtained her MD at the University of Toronto, her psychiatry degree at Dalhousie University and completed further fellowship training in child and adolescent psychiatry at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in Toronto.

Her time is split between working as an Emergency and hospital inpatient consultant liaison psychiatrist as well as physician lead of the Concurrent Disorders Specific Care Clinic at the IWK. She is also involved in teaching psychiatric and pediatric residents and medical students at Dalhousie University.

Current research interests include outcome evaluations of patients with concurrent disorders, risk and protective factors in adolescent substance users (particularly the impact of past trauma), sleep disturbances in substance users, primary prevention programs, tertiary program development, and staff/family/community education.

Dr. Anne Sophie Marsolais



MDCM, LMCC, CCFP (AM), CCSAM

Pacific Coast University for Workplace Health Sciences, Disability Management Practitioner Certification Program – British Columbia, Université Sherbrooke, Centre d'action en prévention et réadaptation de l'incapacité au travail (CAPRIT), Faculté de médecine et des sciences de la santé – Québec

Quebec Regional Director – 1st Term: 2019-2022

Dr Marsolais completed her training at McGill University in 1996. She completed her residency in family medicine at the Université de Montréal in 1999. Her first 5 years of medical practice started at the emergency, the intensive care and hospitalization units in remote areas of the Province of Québec. She then practiced medicine at the hospitalization pneumology department at Cité de la Santé of Laval for 13 years where she shared her experience with family medicine residents.

Meanwhile, she explored occupational medicine and adopted the practice since 2003. Her interests for addiction medicine started in the workplace where she noticed certain workers with recurrent psychiatric problems with nebulous causes and without treating resources. Therefore, she developed a collaborative procedure with the Union, the employers and the caregivers to understand the causes and the impacts of observed functional issues of workers in their workplace. She has moved societies in the community by popularizing the causes and treatments of addictions and by promoting an inclusive attitude towards workers with addictions in various workplaces. She works as a family and addiction medicine physician in outpatients and inpatients rehabilitation programs. She teaches a course on addictions at the program of certification of disability management practitioner of the Pacific Coast University for Workplace Health Sciences located in British Columbia.

She teaches knowledge of medical follow-ups of workers with addiction issues within a safety- sensitive workplace environment to medical students and residents in occupational medicine of the Université de Montréal. She also acts as a medical examiner for the Medical Council of Canada. She obtained a certification of added competence in addiction medicine granted by the College of Family Physicians of Canada and received the certification of the Canadian Society of Addiction medicine in 2019. She shares her experience and expertise in her community and to medical peers by giving conferences promoting treatment and support to patients and workers suffering of addictions in the objective of maintaining dignity and employability.

Dr. Matthew Lamont



PhD, MMed

1st Term: 2022-2026

Dr. Matthew Lamont is currently studying for his Doctor of Medicine (MD) at Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador. He previously completed his PhD (Pharmacology) in 2019 and MMed (Neurosciences) in 2013, both at Memorial University as well.

During the programs above, Dr. Lamont's research focused on substances of abuse; with particular attention to the long-term effects of binge drinking in adolescents. He was also actively involved in teaching students in the pharmacy, nursing, and psychology programs about general pharmacology, drugs of abuse, and the neurobiology of addiction. During these studies, Dr. Lamont was fortunate to also have been awarded one of the prestigious NSERC Alexander Graham Bell Scholarships.

Dr. Lamont is currently working towards implementing various educational initiatives regarding addiction medicine in Newfoundland and Labrador which are targeting undergraduate medical students, practicing family physicians, and other community-based addiction practitioners. He is also the inaugural senior executive editor of the newly founded Memorial University Medical Journal and serves on the Destination Excellent Implementation Steering Team for the Faculty of Medicine at Memorial.

Jennifer Eyford



BSc, MSc, BN, RN

Associate Director of Mental Health, Addiction and Outreach, The Alex Community Health Centre, Calgary, Alberta.

As the Associate Director of Mental Health, Addictions, and Outreach at The Alex, Jennifer brings her 20+ years of leadership, mental health and addiction experience to her role. With a strong background in clinical program development, Jennifer has built several successful programs such as The Alex Rapid Access Addiction Medicine Clinic, which was nominated for a Lieutenant Governor's Circle on Mental Health and Addiction True Award in 2021. Strongly believing in advancing community health, Jennifer has worked at the Canadian Mental Health Association, the Distress Centre and - for the past 12 years - The Alex. As a nurse first and foremost, Jennifer also brings her compassion and expertise to several Alberta Health Services programs such as the Supervised Consumption Site and the Opioid Dependency Program. Jennifer has spoken at many conferences, sharing her knowledge about subjects including addiction medicine, the benefits of peer support and health system improvement. She also teaches a mental health and addiction course to the homeless serving sector through the Calgary Homeless Foundation. With a strong interest in leadership and the advancement of the nursing profession, Jennifer is especially proud to serve as a newly appointed member on the College of Registered Nurses of Alberta (CRNA) Council. She received her education at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, Illinois, and Mount Royal University in Calgary, Alberta.