





TIME	PRESENTATION TITLE			SPEAKER	
7:15 am	Registration Opens Hot Breakfast Available				
8:10 am	 Welcome & Opening Remarks Derek Thompson – Čaabať Bookwilla, Director, Indigenous Engagement, UBC Faculty of Medicine Lakshmi Yatham, MBBS, FRCPC, MRCPSych (UK), Head, Department of Psychiatry, UBC Randall White, MD, FRCPC, PPPC 2024 Scientific Committee Co-Chair 			artment of Psychiatry, UBC	
8:30 am	 Current Hot Topics in Psychopharmacological and Psychotherapeutic Treatment of Schizophrenia (In-person & Livestreamed) — Harbourfront Ballroom Assess the efficacy and tolerability of existing antipsychotics for schizophrenia Examine new findings on dosing, patient subgroups, switching and other clinically relevant topics in the treatment of schizophrenia Review the most effective psychotherapeutic & psychosocial interventions for schizophrenia 			Stefan Leucht , MD Head, Section for Evidence-Based Medicine in Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, Department of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy. Technical University of Munich, Germany (TUM)	
9:15 am	 Deprescribing Antidepressants (In-person & Livestreamed) — Harbourfront Ballroom Examine the risks associated with long-term use of antidepressants and the benefits of systematic deprescribing Describe the concept of hyperbolic tapering and why it is crucial for minimizing withdrawal symptoms and ensuring patient safety during the deprescribing process Review the step-by-step deprescribing process for safely reducing and discontinuing antidepressants 			David Taylor, MSc, PhD, FFRPS, FRCP, FRPharmS Director of Pharmacy and Pathology, Maudsley Hospital; Professor of Psychopharmacology, King's College, London *Prof. Taylor is delivering this lecture virtually from London, UK.	
10:00 am	15-MIN REFRESHMENT BREAK				
10:15 am	 Heart-Brain Connections in Relation to Youth Bipolar Disorder: Is it Time to Take Clinical Action? (In-person & Livestreamed) — Harbourfront Ballroom Identify factors underlying elevated cardiovascular risk in bipolar disorder Recognize the relevance of vascular metrics to brain structure and function, and psychiatric symptoms Consider the advantages of integrating heart health in the management and conceptualization of bipolar disorder 			Benjamin Goldstein , MD, PhD, FRCPC <i>RBC Investments Chair in Children's Mental</i> <i>Health & Developmental Psychopathology;</i> <i>Director, Centre for Youth Bipolar Disorder</i> <i>Centre for Addiction and Mental Health</i> *Dr. Goldstein is delivering this lecture virtually from Toronto, ON.	
11:00 am	Canadian Guidelines for the Asses in Older Adults (In-person & Livestreamed) — Harbou • Review key risk factors for anxiety in ol • Discuss recommendations for assessm • Identify evidence-based treatments for	rfront Ballroom der adults ent and diagnosis of anxiety in older adults		Andrea laboni , MD, DPhil, FRCPC Geriatric Psychiatrist and Medical Lead, Senior. Mental Health, University Health Network; Senior Scientist, KITE Research Institute, Toronto Rehab, UHN; Associate Professor, Dept of Psychiatry, University of Toronto	

11:45 am

1:00 pm

75-MIN LUNCH BREAK

CONCURRENT SESSION 1:

- 1A) The Simple Things You Need to Know to Interpret Meta-Analysis (In-person Only / Recorded) — Port of Vancouver
- Identify and describe the key components of a meta-analysis
- Learn to read and interpret forest plots to effectively draw conclusions about the results of multiple studies
- *Review advanced meta-analytic methods, including meta-regression, publication bias* assessment, and subgroup analysis



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- 1B) How to Manage the Cannabis-Using Patient with Psychosis (In-person & Livestreamed) — Ballroom 2/3
- Understand the relationship between cannabis use and psychosis
- Distinguish primary psychoses from cannabis induced psychoses
- Implement appropriate pharmacological and psychosocial interventions for co-morbid cannabis use and psychotic disorders



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1C) rTMS for Treatment Resistant Depression

(In-person & Livestreamed) — Ballroom 1

- Acquire an understanding of the principles and mechanisms for treating depression with rTMS
- Distinguish suitable candidates for rTMS based on indications and contraindications
- Describe how rTMS is positioned in the algorithm for treating depression as monotherapy or as an adjunct to other treatments

1:45 pm 15-MIN REFRESHMENT BREAK

2:00 pm CONCURRENT SESSION 2:

- 2A) Lived Experience Session: Anxiety, Psychosis and Us A dialogue between a psychiatric care giver and a family that sought care (*In-person Only / Recorded*) — Port of Vancouver
- Gain insights into challenges faced by youth, young adults and their families who seek mental health care
- *Reflect on strategies to mitigate barriers to community care for people with mental health needs*
- Understand stigma and psychological impacts on patients and their families when a youth receives a psychiatric diagnosis and requires medication
- 2B) Impact of Antidepressants on Cognitive Functioning in Late-Life Depression

(In-person & Livestreamed) — Ballroom 1

- Describe patterns of cognitive deficits that are commonly present in late-life depression (LLD)
- Recognize cognitive deficits that are more or less likely to improve with pharmacotherapy of LLD
- Discuss the impact of medication selection and cognitive phenotype on LLD outcomes
- 2C) Current Trends in Canada's Illicit Drug Market: An Exploration of the Rapidly Changing Drug Situation

(In-person & Livestreamed) — Ballroom 2/3

- Name the controlled substances that are currently dominating the illicit drug market
- Name the most commonly detected cutting agents or adulterants being added to illicit substances, and recognize the role of these agents in the drug trade
- Explain the role of Organized Crime Groups in importing, producing and distributing illicit substances

2:45 pm 15-MIN REFRESHMENT BREAK

3:00 pm Treating Alcohol Use Disorder and Comorbid Depression or Anxiety (In-person & Livestreamed) — Harbourfront Ballroom

• *Recognize the frequent prevalence of comorbid depression or anxiety with alcohol use*



Peter Chan, MD, FRCPC, D.ISAM Geriatric, Consultation-Liaison and Addiction Psychiatrist, Vancouver General Hospital; Head of Neurostimulation Program, VGH; Clinical Professor, Dept. of Psychiatry, UBC



Kam Keramatian, MD, MSc, FRCPC Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of British Columbia



Alexander Girling



Brenda Sawatzky-Girling



Nicholas Ainsworth, MD, FRCPC Geriatric Psychiatrist, Providence Health Care; Marshall Fellow, Institute of Mental Health, UBC; President-Elect, BC Psychiatric Association



Conor King

Inspector, Victoria Police Department

Moderated by **Nick Mathew, MD, ABPN, FRCPC, ABPM.** Medical Director, Complex Mental Health and Substance Use Services, PHSA



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- disorder
- Differentiate alcohol induced depression or anxiety from underlying primary major depressive or anxiety disorders
- Appropriately utilize antidepressant medications in persons with alcohol use disorders with comorbid major depressive or anxiety disorders

3:45 pm Closing Remarks | Conference Ends

Thank you for joining us! Please complete the online evaluation form before you depart:



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