



BRITISH COLUMBIA
PSYCHOGERIATRIC ASSOCIATION

14th Annual Conference

***Discovering and Doing:
Bringing Research and Practice Together
in Mental Health for Older Adults***

Friday April 29th & Saturday April 30th, 2011

Ramada Hotel; 444 George Street, Prince George, BC

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(ask for the BCPGA conference rate when booking your room)

***** Thursday April 28 at 7pm Meet & Greet gathering at the Twisted Cork *****

Friday April 29

8:30am Opening remarks and key note address Dr. B. Lynn Beattie, Professor Emeritus, Division of Geriatric Medicine, Dept of Medicine, University of British Columbia. Dr. Beattie will open the conference with a key note address entitled: ***Dementia Care: Gaps, Chasms and Bridges***

9:45-10am Coffee break

Room A	Room B
10-11am: Alison Leany of NICE; “National Initiative for the Care of the Elderly” will present a number of tools developed by NICE to detect, respond to and prevent elder abuse.	10-11am: Dr. Penny MacCourt, Dawn Hemingway, Marian Krawczyk, & Joanna Pierce “Developing Tools to Support Caregivers of Older Adults: Service Provider Toolkit”
11-12pm: Yvonne Shewfelt, Gail Russell, & Christie Heuston. “Elder Abuse Prevention in Rural Settings: A Vision, A Process, A Program”	11-12pm: Janis Smith. “Efficacy of Recreation Therapy; Interventions for Persons with Dementia”

12:00 – 1:00pm Networking Lunch

Room A	Room B
<p>1-3pm: Alison Leany of NICE; “Being Least Intrusive: An Orientation to Practice for Front Line Workers Offering Services to First Nations Communities”. <i>This approach may contribute to more effective & meaningful health care delivery; it may be a springboard for collaboration and partnership across cultures; utilized as a tool to build individual & collective capacity to be aware of, respond to, & ultimately prevent abuse & neglect of vulnerable adults.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>(**CME's may be available to physicians who attend these 4 afternoon sessions - accreditation application pending**)</i></p> <p>***1-1:30pm: Dr. B. Lynn Beattie. Update on the Alzheimer Drug Therapy Initiative project</p> <p>***1:30-2pm: Dr. Douglas Drummond. “Hidden Harms with Commonly-prescribed Psychotropic Medications”</p> <p>***2-3pm: Dr. BJ Tippett. “Stroke, Stroke Care and Neuroplasticity”</p>

3-3:15pm Coffee break

<p>***3:15-4:45pm: Marg Turner and Barb Carstenson from BC Drive-Able Program /BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation, review the Driver Fitness Program in BC as it relates to Cognitive Impairment including DriveAble and SIMARD MD (Screen for the Identification of Cognitively Impaired Medically At-Risk Drivers, A Modification of the DemTect).</p>

5pm BCPGA Annual General Meeting – please join us

<i>Saturday April 30</i>

8:30am Kathy Kennedy, Alzheimer Society of BC, will discuss **First Link®**, which is an early intervention service designed to connect individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia with services and support as soon as possible after diagnosis. Formal referral from physicians and health professionals allows for proactive contact with individuals and families.

Room A	Room B
<p>9:30-10am: Dr. Nancy Jokinen. Adults Aging with a Developmental Disability</p>	<p>9:30-10am: Lola Dawn Fennell, Director, Senior Peer Counselors of BC. “Peer Support: self-help and empowerment for seniors”</p>

10-10:15am Coffee break

Room A

Room B

10:15-11:15am: Dawn Hemingway & team.

“Stand With Me: Taking A Partnered Approach to Supporting Older Adults in Northern Communities”.

A panel discussion involving all project partners speaking to the successes & challenges in implementing & evaluating the delivery of IADL services in northern communities. We expect this discussion will be valuable for any practitioners or community organizations/ agencies working to enhance the health and quality of life of older adults in need of non-medical supports.

10:15-11:15am: Christiane Hirt & team.

Psychosocial Approaches in Older Adult Mental Health: 2 Successful examples in the North

1. *Older Women share their experiences of a long running support group for depression and anxiety*
2. *Legion Wing: A harm reduction supportive housing program for older adults with mental health & substance use issues*

11:15-12:15pm World Café - Theresa Healy will facilitate the BCPGA community in a collaborative dialogue on aging, to share wisdom and create possibilities for future action. Conference participants will be encouraged to ask questions and engage in discussion with their colleagues.

Closing remarks

Student poster competition awards

See you next year!



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