

CAPL
Canadian Academy of
Psychiatry and the Law



ACPD
Académie canadienne
de psychiatrie et droit

2026 CAPL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

April 26-29, 2026

30th
Edition



The Westin Calgary
320, 4th Avenue SW
Calgary, AB

ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

As a professional organization concerned with advancement of the science and practice of medicine in the specialty of forensic psychiatry, CAPL has established an annual conference devoted to promote standards of practice and further the continuing education of practicing forensic psychiatrists. Held annually in the spring, this conference features a 4-day core scientific program and pre-conference seminars.

GOALS:

The conference provides attendees with an excellent opportunity to meet virtually with colleagues across the country and discuss their respective clinical, academic and research interests as well as standards governing the practice. The main goals of the conference are dissemination of current knowledge in forensic psychiatry and the related parent field of psychiatry, refresh skills in the fundamentals of the discipline and discuss advances in research relevant to the discipline.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Psychiatrists working at the interface of law and psychiatry, and any physician and professional interested in furthering their knowledge in this area.

GENERAL OBJECTIVES: (for specific learning objectives, see pages 17-32)

At the end of this conference, participants will be able to:

- appreciate the diversity of forensic psychiatry including criminal and civil matters;
- discuss complex clinical cases and recent case law;
- implement treatment programs for mentally disorders offenders;
- directly apply new knowledge into their own practice.

CANMEDS ROLES TARGETED FOR THIS PROGRAM:

- Medical Expert
- Collaboration
- Communication
- Leader
- Health Advocate
- Scholar

SCIENTIFIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

- **Roland Jones, MD (Chair)**
- Julie Bérubé-Fortin, MD
- Alberto Choy, MD
- Elizabeth Coleman, MD
- Genna di Pinto, MD (Resident)
- Najat Khalifa, MD
- Rakesh Lamba, MD
- Grainne Neilson, MD

CONFERENCE MANAGER

- Chantal Goddard
Goddard Communications

PRE-CONFERENCE SEMINARS (\$)

PRE-CONFERENCE SEMINAR #1

(space is limited, register early!)

Sunday, April 26 - 9:00-12:00

A Legal Update: Key Canadian Cases Impacting Forensic Psychiatry

Presenters:

Wendy Ekert

Team Lead and Crown Prosecutor, High Risk Offender Unit
Alberta Crown Prosecution Service

Parminder Johal

Crown Prosecutor, Appeals and Specialized Prosecutions Office
Alberta Crown Prosecution Service

Karuna Ramakrishnan

Crown Prosecutor
Calgary Crown Prosecution Office, ACPS

Learning Objectives:

At the end of the presentation, the participants will be able to:

- Discuss implications of recent cases on expert presentation of evidence to the Court, as well developments on evidence admissibility and reliability.
- In light of appellate decisions, with a focus on recent decisions in Alberta, explain why NCR findings might be overturned by the court.
- Describe the impact of SCC's Bharwani decision and how it has been applied in across Canada.
- Assess the legal perspective on current issues and trends in Dangerous and Long-Term offender applications in Canada.

Description:

This pre-conference workshop will review recent Canadian appellate cases of interest to forensic mental health professionals. Key cases will be summarized together with their practical implications for forensic practitioners. A number of areas will be addressed, including a discussion on fitness post-Bharwani, the importance of evidence in Dangerous/Long-Term offender and NCR applications, how that evidence might be challenged and what the implications are for assessors. There will be time for questions and discussion. A casebook with summaries and links to cases will be provided.

Bio – Wendy Ekert

Wendy obtained her Bachelor of Arts in History and Bachelor of Education at the University of New Brunswick and completed her law degree at the Dalhousie University. After finishing her articles in New Brunswick, Wendy headed to the Northwest Territories to begin her career as a Crown Prosecutor. She spent seven years there, travelling to remote communities on court circuit. She joined ACPS in 2017 as an Internet and Technology Crime Prosecutor and remained in that role until becoming Team Lead of the High Risk Offender Unit. Over her career, Wendy has prosecuted a wide variety of cases, including homicide, child pornography, luring, firearms, sexual assault, 810.2 applications, dangerous offender applications, and NCR hearings. She oversees all files before the Alberta Criminal Code Review Board for ACPS, regularly appearing before the Board as representative for the Attorney General and is the Alberta Coordinator for the National Flagging System. Wendy educates Crown Prosecutors on high risk offenders, expert evidence, fitness and NCR, and has presented at national conferences in this area of the law.

Bio – Parminder Johal

Parm is an alumni of the University of British Columbia, where she obtained her Bachelor of Social Work, and an alumni of the University of Victoria, where she completed her law degree. For over a decade, Parm worked with the Legal Aid Society of Alberta representing youth offenders and other vulnerable members of society. Following her time with Legal Aid Alberta, Parm joined ACPS and worked primarily in the Family Protection Unit. Parm transferred to Appeals and Specialized Prosecutions office where she worked in the Internet and Tech Crimes unit prosecuting files involving the sexual exploitation of children. As a prosecutor in the High Risk Offender Unit, Parm is Assistant Coordinator for the National Flagging System and also oversees all 810.2 applications in Alberta. Parm assists with Specialized Prosecutions on files involving conflicts and provides assistance on prosecutions involving individuals who pose a significant risk to society.

Bio – Karuna Ramakrishnan

Karuna Ramakrishnan has been a Crown Prosecutor for over 20 years. Prior to attending law school, she completed a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Psychology and a Master of Science in Neuroscience and Behavioural Psychiatry. As a prosecutor, she has dealt extensively with mentally ill and high-risk offenders in court, particularly with respect to issues of fitness and criminal responsibility. She has appeared before the Criminal Code Review Board as a representative of the Attorney General since 2011. She has taught and provided advice to police, prosecutors, law students and other stakeholders across Canada with respect to legal issues regarding the intersection of mental illness and the criminal justice system, as well as for high risk and dangerous offenders.

PRE-CONFERENCE SEMINAR #2

(space is limited, register early!)

Sunday, April 26 - 13:00-16:00

The Essentials of Psychological Testing in Civil and Criminal Forensic Matters: Scope of Practice and Common Assessment Questions

Presenters:

Stephanie R. Penney, Ph.D., C.Psych.

Scientist, Forensic Division

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)

Associate Professor

Department of Psychiatry, University of Toronto

Jeffrey Waldman, MD, FRCPC

Forensic Psychiatrist

Assistant Professor, University of Manitoba

Medical Director, Roblin Forensic Group

Learning Objectives:

At the end of the presentation, the participants will be able to:

- Describe the role and utility of psychological testing in common types of forensic mental health evaluations;
- Gain increased familiarity with commonly used psychological test batteries, and how they inform forensically relevant questions (e.g., diagnostic clarification, cognitive or intellectual functioning, personality style, and symptom validity/malingering);
- Evaluate the psychometric properties of commonly used psychological test inventories, including the populations on which they have been normed and the limits of their applicability in criminal and civil forensic evaluation scenarios.

Description:

At a basic level, psychological testing permits the assessor to obtain information about an individual in a standardized and valid manner, and often generates clinically important information that is not readily obtainable by other means.

Psychological assessments vary widely in scope, but commonly evaluate domains pertaining to general cognitive abilities and intelligence, specific academic or vocational aptitudes and interests, social and emotional functioning, personality, and other clinical problems. In civil and criminal

forensic assessment contexts, additional questions pertaining to the veracity of an evaluatee's self-report and symptom presentation are often necessary to assess in an evidence-based manner.

This session will describe the uses of psychometric testing in the context of civil and criminal matters, and outline why incorporating this type of testing is necessary to align with best practices and guard against bias. We will provide an overview of commonly used psychological test batteries, their psychometric properties, and how they inform forensically relevant questions across civil and criminal assessment scenario.

Bio – Stephanie R. Penney, Ph.D., C.Psych.

Stephanie R. Penney, Ph.D. is a clinical psychologist and scientist within the Division of Forensic Psychiatry at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, and cross appointed at the Associate Professor level within the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto. Both her research and clinical work focus on the assessment and management of violence risk within adult psychiatric and correctional populations. Dr. Penney's current program of research is geared toward understanding the causes of violence and offending in individuals with serious mental illness, enhancing the clinical practice of risk assessment, and ultimately, improving service delivery and health outcomes for vulnerable populations. She is currently the lead investigator on a CIHR team grant focused on mental health needs and programming for justice-involved women.

Dr. Penney has published over 50 scientific papers on topics pertaining to risk and recovery in forensic mental health care, and the measurement of violence and aggression in diverse populations. She has previously been the recipient of over \$900,000 in international, federal and provincial grants and research awards.

Bio – Jeffrey Waldman, MD, FRCPC

Dr. Waldman holds specialty certification in psychiatry and subspecialty certification in forensic psychiatry. He is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Manitoba, and has been practicing Psychiatry since 2003, with a focus on Medicolegal and Forensic Psychiatry. He was the medical director of forensic services in Manitoba from 2013-2018.

Currently, Dr. Waldman serves as the Medical Director of Roblin Forensic Group. His clinical responsibilities extend to various community and institutional settings, including the Canadian Mental Health Association's ACT program, an addictions program called Executive Medical Solutions, and NAV Canada's Chemical Dependency Education and Rehabilitation Program, and he provides a clinic for adults with Intellectual Disabilities. Additionally, he is contracted to provide psychiatric services at correctional institutions, including Stony Mountain Institution, and Headingly Correctional Centre.

Dr. Waldman has held leadership roles in national psychiatric organizations, including serving as the Prairie Region Representative on The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada Subspecialty Committee in Forensic Psychiatry, and on the executive of the Canadian Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (CAPL). He is the editor of the CAPL newsletter and sits on the CAPL Corrections Subcommittee. He is on the board of directors of the Canadian Psychiatric Association (CPA), and on the Professional Standards and Practice Committee of the CPA.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

A Mass Casualty Commission Product: Eight Best Practices for Forensic Assessment

And

Understanding and Managing Bias in Expert Forensic Judgment

Tess Neal, PhD

Associate & Dean's Professor of Psychology,
Iowa State University
Editor-in-Chief, Psychology, Public Policy, and Law

Bio:

Tess M.S. Neal, PhD is an associate professor and Dean's Professor of psychology at Iowa State University. She is a scientist; a licensed clinical psychologist trained to assess, diagnose, and treat mental and behavioral disorders; as a forensic psychologist trained to bring psychology into legal contexts. She studies the nature and limits of expertise. Her basic work focuses on understanding and improving human judgment processes – especially among trained experts, and her more applied work focuses on improving forensic and legal experts' judgments in particular. Her work has been funded by multiple grants from the National Science Foundation and she has published nearly five dozen scientific papers. She is a fellow of both the Association for Psychological Science and the American Psychological Association, and she completed a Fulbright Scholarship in Australia in 2022. She is the Editor-in-Chief of the journal Psychology, Public Policy, and Law.

Beyond Containment: A Clinical Approach to Stabilizing High-Risk Clients with Psychosis and Substance Use

Vijay Seethapathy, MBBS, MRCPsych, FRCPC, ABAM

President, CPA

Bio:

Dr. Vijay Seethapathy is the Chief Medical Officer at BC Mental Health and Substance Use Services, where he provides strategic and operational oversight for specialized programs, including the Forensic Psychiatric Hospital, Red Fish Healing Centre and Correctional Health Services. His passion for improving access to mental health care and treating patients with complex disorders has driven his career across multiple countries. Born in Chennai, India, Dr. Seethapathy's journey to psychiatry was initially unplanned, but his early training experiences reshaped his perspective.

Witnessing the power of empathetic patient care, he developed a deep commitment to psychiatry, focusing on treating vulnerable populations and concurrent disorders. His work spans several continents, including Kenya and the UK, where he honed his expertise in health care systems and developed a strong vision for early intervention and equitable access to mental health care. He believes that timely access to care is critical for improving patient outcomes, especially in severe mental illnesses like psychosis, where early intervention can prevent long-term disability. Beyond his clinical work, Dr. Seethapathy is passionate about leadership and education. He holds an executive MBA and has spearheaded initiatives aimed at addressing system gaps in mental health care, such as Vancouver's 24/7 access and assessment centre, which breaks down barriers to timely psychiatric care. Dr. Seethapathy has been instrumental in implementing a triage model designed to streamline access to mental health services, ensuring that individuals in crisis receive the appropriate level of care swiftly. This model integrates various health professionals, enabling quick assessment and referrals to the right services based on patient needs. His leadership style is grounded in collaboration, whether it's building new models of care or supporting colleagues through renewed governance structures. Outside of his professional life, Dr. Seethapathy enjoys sports, particularly tennis, squash and cricket. He also finds balance in cooking, karaoke and spending time with his family, whom he credits for their unwavering support throughout his demanding career. Dr. Seethapathy's ongoing work reflects his commitment to patient-centred care, mentorship and the transformation of mental health services, both locally and globally.

Triarchic Model of Psychopathy: Implications for Causal Understanding and Clinical Practice

Pr. Chris Patrick

Distinguished Research Professor and Director of Clinical,
Department of Psychology at Florida State University

Bio:

Christopher J. Patrick, PhD, is a Distinguished Research Professor of Psychology and Director of Clinical Training at Florida State University; prior to this he held the position of Starke Hathaway Distinguished Professor at the University of Minnesota. His scholarly interests include psychopathy, antisocial behavior, substance abuse, personality, fear and fearlessness, psychophysiology, and affective and cognitive neuroscience. He is author of more than 380 articles and book chapters, and Editor of the Handbook of Psychopathy (Guilford Press, 2006; 2nd ed., 2018). Dr. Patrick is a recipient of Early Career awards from the Society for Psychophysiological Research (SPR; 1993) and the American Psychological Association (APA; 1995), a Past President of both SPR and the Society for Scientific Study of Psychopathy (SSSP), and recipient of Lifetime Career Contribution awards from each of these societies. He is also a Fellow of APA, SPR, and the Association for Psychological Science, and a member of the Academy of Science Engineering and Medicine of Florida. He served in 2010 as a Workgroup Member for the National Institute of Mental Health's Research Diagnostic Criteria (RDoC) initiative, and from 2008-2013 as a Scientific Advisor to the DSM-5 Personality and Personality Disorders (PPD) Work Group. He is currently a member of the American Psychiatric Association's DSM-5 Review Committee for Externalizing Disorders and Personality Disorders, and a member of the Hierarchical Taxonomy of Psychopathology (HiTOP) Consortium.

PROGRAM

Sunday, April 26 – 9:00 - 16:00 (Pre-Conference Seminars)

| | |
|-------------|--|
| 08:00-09:00 | On-site Registration for Pre-Conference Seminar #1 attendees ONLY |
| 09:00-12:00 | <p>PRE-CONFERENCE SEMINAR #1 (\$)</p> <p>A Legal Update: Key Canadian Cases Impacting Forensic Psychiatry</p> <p><i>Presenters:</i> Wendy Ekert Team Lead and Crown Prosecutor, High Risk Offender Unit Alberta Crown Prosecution Service</p> <p>Parminder Johal Crown Prosecutor, Appeals and Specialized Prosecutions Office Alberta Crown Prosecution Service</p> <p>Karuna Ramakrishnan Crown Prosecutor Calgary Crown Prosecution Office, ACPS</p> |
| 11:00-12:00 | On-site Registration for Pre-Conference Seminar #2 attendees ONLY |
| 12:00-13:00 | Lunch (included in pre-conference seminars registration) |
| 13:00-16:00 | <p>PRE-CONFERENCE SEMINAR #2 (\$)</p> <p>The Essentials of Psychological Testing in Civil and Criminal Forensic Matters: Scope of Practice and Common Assessment Questions</p> <p><i>Presenters:</i> Stephanie R. Penney, Ph.D., C.Psych. Scientist, Forensic Division Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) Associate Professor Department of Psychiatry, University of Toronto</p> <p>Jeffrey Waldman, MD, FRCPC Forensic Psychiatrist Assistant Professor, University of Manitoba Medical Director, Roblin Forensic Group</p> |

20-minute presentation: 15 min. + 5 min. Q&A
 40-minute presentation: 30 min. + 10 min. Q&A
 60-minute presentation: 45 min. + 15 min. Q&A

Sunday, April 26 (Annual Conference)

| | |
|-------------|--|
| 14:00-17:00 | On-site Registration |
| 16:30-16:45 | Welcoming Remarks and Fellowship Award |
| 16:45-17:45 | 1. A Mass Casualty Commission Product: Eight Best Practices for Forensic Assessment <i>Presenter:</i> Tess M.S. Neal, PhD Associate & Dean's Professor of Psychology Iowa State University Editor-in-Chief, Psychology, Public Policy, and Law |
| 18:00-19:00 | Welcome Reception |

Monday, April 27 (Annual Conference)

PLENARY SESSION - Room Mayfair/Belaire/Britannia

| | |
|-------------|--|
| 8:30-9:00 | 2. Beyond Containment: A Clinical Approach to Stabilizing High-Risk Clients with Psychosis and Substance Use <i>Presenter: Vijay Seethapathy, President, CPA</i> |
| 9:00-10:00 | 3. Triarchic Model of Psychopathy: Implications for Causal Understanding and Clinical Practice <i>Presenter:</i> <i>Pr. Chris Patrick</i> <i>Distinguished Research Professor and Director of Clinical,</i> <i>Department of Psychology at Florida State University</i> |
| 10:00-10:40 | 4. Navigating the Criminal Code Review Board Landscape: Comparative Perspectives Across Canadian Jurisdictions <i>Presenters: Gerald Hawranik, Michael Dambrot, Marie-Ève Corney-Robichaud, Sumeeta Chatterjee, Maryana Kravtsenyuk</i> |

10:40- 11:00 Networking break and Connect Café

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

| | Criminal Responsibility Room Mayfair/Belaire | Examining Coercive Practises Room Britannia |
|-------------|--|--|
| 11:00-11:20 | 5. Assessing Knowledge of Wrongfulness: An Update on Canadian Jurisprudence of the NCR Defense <i>Presenter: Joel Watts</i> | 8. Beyond Compliance: Humanizing Involuntary Clients in Forensic Psychiatry <i>Presenters: Salomeh Mohajer, Barb Benedict, Ainsley Gauthier</i> |
| 11:20-11:40 | 6. Cases of Brief Psychotic Disorder Leading to NCRMD and Relevant Issues to Consider <i>Presenter: Julie Bérubé-Fortin</i> | 9. Advancing the Health and Autonomy of People Experiencing Seclusion Through Collaborations and Innovations: Insights from the BC Forensic Psychiatric Services Suite of Policies, Practices and Environmental Enhancements <i>Presenters: Tonia Nicholls, Robert Lacroix, Neeta Nagra, Mandeep Saini, Stephanie Svensson</i> |
| 11:40-12:00 | 7. ChatGPT Made Me Do it: Criminal Responsibility, Mental Disorder, and Artificial Intelligence Delusions <i>Presenter: Neil de Laplante</i> | |

12:00-13:00 Mentorship Lunch for Students, Residents and Fellows
Buffet is also available for other attendees

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

| | Substance Use Room Mayfair/Belaire | Risk Assessment Room Britannia |
|-------------|---|--|
| 13:00-13:20 | 10. From Jail to Care: Contrasting Substance Use Treatment Paradigms Across Canadian Jurisdictions (AB, MB, BC, ON) <i>Presenters: Rob Tanguay, Nickie Mathew, Treena Wilkie, Hygiea Casiano, Maryana Kravtsenyuk</i> | 15. Predicting and Mitigating Aggression in Forensic Psychiatry: The eHARM Risk Assessment Tool <i>Presenter: Mini Mamak</i> |
| 13:20-13:40 | | 16. Using Artificial Intelligence in Violence Risk Assessment: Can AI Accurately Score the START? <i>Presenter: Christian Farrell</i> |
| 13:40-14:00 | 11. Setting a New Standard of Care for Stimulant Use Disorder: Consensus Across North American Guidance Documents <i>Presenter: Emma Hillier</i> | 17. Violence Risk Assessment in Forensic Psychiatry: Clinician Ratings of the Frequency, Relevance, and Influence of Risk Factors <i>Presenter: Corina Picco</i> |
| 14:00-14:20 | 12. The Risk Is There Whether We Like it or not: a Qualitative Study of the Perceptions of Cannabis Use and Legalization in the Canadian Forensic Mental Health System <i>Presenter: Stephanie R. Penney</i> | 18. Prediction of PCL-R Scores Using Protective Factors and Risk Factors Associated with Psychopathy <i>Presenter: Mini Mamak</i> |
| 14:20-14:40 | 13. Substance Use Disorder at a Forensic Hospital: A Single-Site Retrospective Study <i>Presenter: Dane Mauer-Vakil</i> | 19. What Makes Our IPV Risk Opinion "Stick"? The Formats and Experiences that Shape Decision-Making <i>Presenter: Ilvy Goossens</i> |

| | | |
|-------------|--|---|
| 14:40-15:00 | 14. Charting the Ethics of Incidental Case Finding in Forensic Psychiatry <i>Presenter: Dennis Curry</i> | 20. The Ethics of Generative AI and Violence Risk Assessment in Forensic Psychiatry <i>Presenters: Neil R. Hogan, Gabriela Corabian</i> |
|-------------|--|---|

15:00- 15:20 Networking break and Connect Café

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

| | | |
|-------------|---|---|
| | Dangerous and High-Risk Offenders Room Mayfair/Belaire | Ethical/justice issues Room Britannia |
| 15:20-15:40 | 21. Canadian Mental Health Sentencing Principles <i>Presenters: Yu Chen Yue, Priya Khalsa, Kiran Patel, Graham Glancy</i> | 25. When Consent Outlives Cooperation: Navigating Information Use in Sequential Forensic Assessments <i>Presenter: Mandeep Saini, Sam Iskander</i> |
| 15:40-16:00 | 22. High Risk Accused (HRA): A Recent Charter Challenge in a Quebec Court and its Implications for Forensic Psychiatrists, Hospital Lawyers and Provincial Review Boards <i>Presenters: Marie-Eve Corney-Robichaud, Mathieu Dufour, Annie-Pierre Ouimet-Comtois</i> | 26. Palliative Psychiatry: When "Do no Harm" Meets Treatment Resistance <i>Presenters: Isabelle Combey, Véronique MacDermott, Gabrielle Provost</i> |
| 16:00-16:20 | | 27. Disparities in Remand: Legal and Mental Health Factors Affecting Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Individuals in Manitoba <i>Presenters: Lauren Waldman, Jeffrey Waldman</i> |
| 16:20-16:40 | 23. Dangerous and High-Risk Offenders: A Comparative Analysis of Canada, the United States, and the United Kingdom <i>Presenters: Graham Glancy, Kiran Patel, Priya Khalsa</i> | 28. Addressing Inequities in Forensic Psychiatry Care: Review of Recommendations for Transgender and Sexual Minority Populations <i>Presenters: Hanna Meng, Ipsita Ray</i> |
| 16:40-17:00 | 24. National and Regional Communities of Practice for Dangerous Offender Assessments <i>Presenters: Treena Wilkie, Lisa Ramshaw</i> | 29. Optimizing Forensic Assessment Intake: Streamlining Processes Within a Brief Assessment Unit (BAU) <i>Presenters: Alysia Morrow, Monica Beron, Maxym Choptiany</i> |
| 17:15-18:15 | Cocktail *** Dinner on your own *** | |

Tuesday, April 28

(Annual Conference)

PLENARY

| | |
|-------------|---|
| 8:30-9:30 | 30. Understanding and Managing Bias in Expert Forensic Judgment <i>Presenter: Tess M.S. Neal, PhD</i> |
| 9:30-10:10 | 31. R v Bharwani. Fitness, NCR, and Note taking <i>Presenters: Graham Glancy, Maryana Kravtsenyuk, Amina Ali, John Bradford, Del Doucette</i> |
| 10:10-10:30 | 32. Men with Arson Convictions: Clinical Correlates and Typologies <i>Presenter: Austin Lam</i> |

10:30- 10:50 Networking break and Connect Café

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

| | Mental illness and Carceral Settings Room Mayfair/Belaire | Correctional Issues Room Britannia |
|-------------|--|--|
| 10:50-11:10 | 33. Breaking the Cycle of Re-Incarceration: The subjective Experience of People with Mental Illness <i>Presenters: Roland Jones, Kiran Patel, Alexander Simpson</i> | 35. Correctional Forensic Psychiatry in Canada: Challenges, Opportunities, and the Next Generation <i>Presenters: Jeff Waldman, Curtis Woods, Maryana Kravtsenyuk, Gary Chaimowitz</i> |
| 11:10-11:30 | | |
| 11:30-11:50 | 34. Dual Status Offender: A Review of a Recent Quebec Court of Appeal Decision and its Implications for Forensic Programs and Review Boards <i>Presenters: Marie-Eve Corney-Robichaud, Mathieu Dufour, Annie-Pierre Ouimet-Comtois</i> | 36. Medication Diversion in Prisons: "It Wasn't Me Doc". Understanding the Problem and Finding Solutions <i>Presenter: Yedishtra Naidoo, Andrew Olagunju, Gunter Lorberg</i> |
| 11:50-12:10 | | 37. Ethical Dilemmas in Correctional Psychiatry <i>Presenter: Kiran Patel, Graham Glancy</i> |

12:10- 13:10 Lunch

POSTER SESSION and CONNECT CAFÉ

| | |
|-------------|--|
| 13:10-13:50 | 38. Poster Session <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Digital Offending and The Evolving Role of Forensic Psychiatrists <i>Presenter: Ahmed Ben Mabrouk</i> The Impact of Cognitive Deficits on Treatment Response and Recidivism in Forensic Patients with Schizophrenia Spectrum Disorders <i>Presenter: Madhav Shyam</i> |
|-------------|--|

- | | |
|--|---|
| | <p>3) The Impacts of Therapeutic Interventions on Reducing Aggression Among Forensic Psychiatric Inpatients: A Scoping Review <i>Presenters: Margret Lo, Leen Elshikh</i></p> <p>4) Naltrexone and Sexual Behaviors: A Systematic Literature Review <i>Presenter: Kimia Khoshroo</i></p> <p>5) A Review of Section 21 Forensic Psychiatry Reports <i>Presenter: Joshua Lehr</i></p> <p>6) Code White Emergency Response Events in a Secure Forensic Inpatient Setting: A Descriptive Analysis and Review of Best Practice Guidelines <i>Presenter: Cameron Arnold</i></p> <p>7) Exploring the Role of Developmental Service Workers (DSWs) on Forensic Inpatient Units in Supporting Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities <i>Presenter: Benjamin Chan</i></p> <p>8) Validation of a Client Satisfaction Tool for use in Correctional Settings <i>Presenters: Roland M. Jones, Umer Waqar</i></p> <p>9) Post Discharge Suicide Risk Prediction Among Psychiatric Patients with a Forensic History: A Machine Learning Application <i>Presenter: Maurice Sani</i></p> <p>10) The Mental Health Impacts of Sexual Assault and Sexual Abuse <i>Presenter: Mayra Carlos Lazo</i></p> <p>11) Men with Arson Convictions: Clinical Correlates and Typologies <i>Presenter: Austin Lam</i></p> <p>12) The Experience of Motherhood in Secure Settings: A Scoping Review <i>Presenters: Ipsita Ray, Courtney Ross</i></p> <p>13) Dissociation and NCRMD in Canada: A Narrative Review of Criminal Case Law for Forensic Psychiatrists <i>Presenter: Ashley Malka, Ahmed J. Habib</i></p> <p>14) Enhancing Trauma-Informed Approaches on a Forensic Inpatient Unit <i>Presenter: Sara Pender</i></p> <p>15) Housing and Continuity of Mental Health Care After Forensic Psychiatric Discharge: A Scoping Review <i>Presenter: Rose Yakubov</i></p> <p>16) Citation Classics in Schizophrenia Research: A Bibliometric Analysis <i>Presenter: Owen P. O'Sullivan TBC</i></p> |
|--|---|

| | |
|--|--|
| | <p>17) Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) in a Provincially Representative Sample of Youth Offenders in Manitoba: a Pilot Study <i>Presenter: Eisi Mollanji</i></p> <p>18) Clinician-in-the-Loop: An Ethics Framework for Agentic AI in Clinical Practice <i>Presenter: Tomer Jordi Chaffer TBC</i></p> <p>19) Addressing structural poverty through income supports: Legal and clinical implications of unconditional cash transfer for people with serious mental illness <i>Presenter: Corina Picco</i></p> <p>20) Substance Use Disorder in Forensic Hospitals: A Scoping Review of Practices and Interventions to Inform Clinical Policy <i>Presenter: Dane Mauer-Vakil</i></p> |
|--|--|

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

| | | |
|-------------|--|---|
| | Paraphilias Room Mayfair/Belaire | Victim Impact Room Britannia |
| 13:50-14:10 | 39. Advances in the Assessment and Treatment of Paraphilias: Integrating Clinical, Pharmacological, and Prevention Perspectives <i>Presenters: Artemis Igoumenou, Ainslie Heasman, Steven Cohen, Kayla Gaw</i> | 41. Victim Impact Statements and Fairness before the Review Board <i>Presenters: Michael Feindel, Kineta Valoo</i> |
| 14:10-14:30 | | |
| 14:30-14:50 | 40. Understanding Zoophilia and Bestiality: A Scoping Review of Clinical Evidence and Legal Responses <i>Presenters: Kris Ysabel Miranda Sanchez, Tatyana Wojtarowicz, Paul Benassi</i> | 42. To Be or Not to Be: Victims in Forensic Psychiatry—Whose responsibility? The Victim's Perspective <i>Presenter: Sergio Santana, Oluyemisi Ajeh, Gregg Perras, 2nd victim</i> |

14:50-15:10 Networking break and Connect Café

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

| | | |
|-------------|---|---|
| | Fitness to Stand Trial Room Mayfair/Belaire | Correctional Issues Room Britannia |
| 15:10-15:30 | 43. Bridging the Gap Between Tool Creation and Adoption: A QI Project to Improve Fitness to Stand Trial Documentation <i>Presenter: Amy Liu</i> | 46. Diagnostic Overshadowing: A Cause of Overlooked Depression in Correctional Settings <i>Presenters: Santoch Rai, Oghogho Manuwa</i> |
| 15:30-15:50 | 44. Chaos in the Courtroom: Psychiatrists Under Fire <i>Presenters: Olivia Lee, Gary Chaimowitz</i> | 47. Suicide in Ontario's Provincial Correctional System: Trends, Individual Characteristics, and the Impact of Suicide Prevention Reforms <i>Presenters: Alexander I. F. Simpson, Roland M. Jones, Ibrahim Y. Z. Mohammad</i> |
| 14:50-16:10 | 45. Mind the Gap:- The Interface Between Treatment Dispositions and | |

| | | |
|-------------|--|--|
| 16:10-16:30 | the BC Mental Health Act in Unfit Accused <i>Presenters: Gerri-Lyn Nelson, Tyler Oswald, Mandeep Singh Saini</i> | 48. A Framework for Developing Mental Health Educational Interventions for Correctional Officers <i>Presenters: Jason Quinn, Kiran Patel, Shaheen Darani</i> |
| 16:45-18:00 | AGM (For CAPL members only) | |
| 18:15-19:30 | Off-Site Reception (\$) (walking distance) | |

Wednesday, April 29 (Annual Conference)

PLENARY SESSION

| | |
|-------------|---|
| | Clinical topics |
| 8:30-9:10 | 49. Assessing Malingering in Forensic Psychiatry: A Discussion <i>Presenters: Mini Mamak, Gary Chaimowitz, Wendy Ekert</i> |
| 9:10-9:30 | 50. Random Stranger Attacks: What Forensic Psychiatrists Need to Know <i>Presenter: Nickie Mathew</i> |
| 9:30-9:50 | 51. Flexible Hematologic Monitoring for Clozapine Treatment in Forensic Psychiatry: A Case Study <i>Presenters: Yu Chen Yue, Nancy Légaré</i> |
| 9:50-10:10 | 52. Psychotic Mistrust and Violence: A Review of Violence Risk in Delusional Misidentification Syndromes <i>Presenter: Artemis Igoumenou</i> |
| 10:10-10:30 | 53. Examining Vocational Pathways in Forensic Patients: A Scoping Review <i>Presenter: Kimia Khoshroo</i> |
| 10:30-10:40 | Networking break |
| 10:40-11:00 | 54. Traumatic Brain Injury Knowledge Among Forensic Mental Health Clinicians <i>Presenters: Andrew Bickle, Najat Khalifa</i> |
| 11:00-11:20 | 55. Mortality and Predictors of Premature Death Among Forensic Psychiatric Patients <i>Presenter: Christian Farrell</i> |
| 11:20-11:40 | 56. Forensic Multi-Disciplinary Teams: From Dysfunction to Excellence <i>Presenter: Santoch Rai,</i> |
| 11:40-12:00 | 57. Factors Impacting the Recruitment and Retention of Forensic Psychiatrists in Ontario <i>Presenter: Abigail Arnold</i> |
| 12:00-12:20 | 58. Online Presence, Social Media Engagement, and Academic Productivity of Forensic vs. Non-Forensic Psychiatrists in North America <i>Presenter: Gary Chaimowitz</i> |

SPECIFIC LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of the presentation, participants will be able to:

1. A Mass Casualty Commission Product: Eight Best Practices for Forensic Assessment

Presenter: Tess M.S. Neal

- Explain how strategies borrowed from open science, forensic science, judgment and decision making, clinical and forensic mental health, and the law of expert evidence can be used to evaluate and improve the validity of forensic mental health assessment;
- Describe eight best practices to evaluate the rigor and value of a forensic assessment;
- Identify free high-quality resources for improving forensic assessment practice.

2. Beyond Containment: A Clinical Approach to Stabilizing High-Risk Clients with Psychosis and Substance Use

Presenter: Vijay Seethapathy

- TBC

3. Triarchic Model of Psychopathy: Implications for Causal Understanding and Clinical Practice

Presenter: Pr. Chris Patrick

- Describe the Triarchic model of psychopathy and its three trait concepts: boldness, meanness, and disinhibition;
- Recognize different ways in which psychopathy can present, based on levels of these distinct traits;
- Discuss implications of the Triarchic model for causal understanding of psychopathy and clinical assessment/intervention.

4. Navigating the Criminal Code Review Board Landscape: Comparative Perspectives Across Canadian Jurisdictions

Authors: Gerald Hawranik, Michael Dambrot, Marie-Ève Corney-Robichaud, Sumeeta Chatterjee, Maryana Kravtsenyuk

- Identify key similarities and differences in how Criminal Code Review Boards operate across Alberta, Ontario, and Quebec;
- Analyze factors influencing Review Board decision-making;
- Evaluate opportunities for harmonization and innovation to enhance evidence-informed practices in NCRMD proceedings nationally.

5. Assessing Knowledge of Wrongfulness: An Update on Canadian Jurisprudence of the NCR Defense

Author: Joel Watts

- Describe current jurisprudence in Canada regarding the interpretation of knowledge of moral wrongfulness;
- Describe current jurisprudence in Canada regarding weighing of post-offense conduct as it relates to assessing knowledge of wrongfulness;
- Discuss circumstances or “rational foundation” that must be present for a court to reject an otherwise properly qualified expert’s opinion.

6. Cases of Brief Psychotic Disorder Leading to NCRMD and Relevant Issues to Consider

Author: Julie Bérubé-Fortin

- Discuss the implications of a diagnosis of brief psychotic disorder;
- Assess mental state at the time of the offence following full remission of the symptoms;
- Comment on the issues of differentiating authentic psychotic symptoms from malingering.

7. ChatGPT Made Me Do it: Criminal Responsibility, Mental Disorder, and Artificial Intelligence Delusions

Author: Neil de Laplante

- Identify AI-related psychosis and distinguish between subtypes;
- Form an opinion as to whether AI-related psychosis is or is not a Mental Disorder;
- Use the necessary materials to perform a proper assessment of a potential AI-related psychosis.

8. Beyond Compliance: Humanizing Involuntary Clients in Forensic Psychiatry

Authors: Salomeh Mohajer, Barb Benedict, Ainsley Gauthier

- Describe the continuum of involuntary status (mandated vs. voluntold clients), recognize common barriers such as resistance, lack of motivation, and trauma histories, and understand how these factors impact engagement in forensic psychiatric settings;
- Apply Evidence-Based Strategies for Engagement Attendees will learn to implement person-centered, motivational interviewing, and trauma-informed approaches to build rapport, foster collaboration, and promote behavioral change among clients mandated by courts or other systems;
- Analyze Ethical and Legal Considerations in Forensic Practice Participants will examine key ethical principles—including autonomy, informed consent, confidentiality, and cultural humility—within the context of forensic psychiatry, and develop strategies to balance therapeutic goals with legal obligations.

9. Advancing the Health and Autonomy of People Experiencing Seclusion Through Collaborations and Innovations: Insights from the BC Forensic Psychiatric Services Suite of Policies, Practices and Environmental Enhancements

Authors: Tonia Nicholls, Robert Lacroix, Neeta Nagra, Mandeep Saini, Stephanie Svensson, Alberto Almeida, Randall Hill, Natalie Jodoin, Kimberley Korf-Uzan, Verena Langheimer, Shanna Li, Alicia Nijdam-Jones, Hannah Pang, Skye Ruttle, Zayed Shahjahan

- Describe system-level strategies for seclusion reduction;
- Identify environmental interventions intended to increase physical and psychological safety of patients in seclusion;
- Discuss the efficacy of suite of approaches to reduce the use of seclusion and the potential impact on the therapeutic progress of patients.

10. From Jail to Care: Contrasting Substance Use Treatment Paradigms Across Canadian Jurisdictions (AB, MB, BC, ON)

Authors: Rob Tanguay, Nickie Mathew, Treena Wilkie, Hygiea Casiano, Maryana Kravtsenyuk

- Compare and contrast provincial models of substance use treatment within forensic and correctional settings;
- Identify ethical, clinical, and policy implications of recovery-oriented involuntary treatment for forensic population;
- Discuss opportunities for interprovincial collaboration and innovation in forensic substance use care.

11. Setting a New Standard of Care for Stimulant Use Disorder: Consensus Across North American Guidance Documents

Authors: Emma Hillier, Burton Ward, Rachel Goud, David C. Hodgins, Monty Ghosh, Jeremy Weleff

- Identify evidence-based behavioral and pharmacologic treatment modalities for stimulant use disorder;
- Discuss pertinent considerations for creating a patient-centered treatment plan for stimulant use disorder;
- Identify notable gaps in existing stimulant use disorder treatment literature.

12. The Risk Is There Whether We Like it or not: a Qualitative Study of the Perceptions of Cannabis Use and Legalization in the Canadian Forensic Mental Health System

Authors: Stephanie R. Penney, Roland M. Jones, Treena Wilkie, Sumeeta Chatterjee, Alexander I. F. Simpson

- Describe perceptions of risk surrounding cannabis use and its legalization for users of forensic mental health services from the perspectives of patients, clinicians, and legal counsel;
- Explore perceptions of whether clinical and/or Ontario Review Board (ORB) decision-making has changed over time as the legislation to legalize cannabis progressed into law;
- Explain the impact of cannabis legalization on the attitudes and practices of clinicians and counsel working within the forensic mental health system (FMHS).

13. Substance Use Disorder at a Forensic Hospital: A Single-Site Retrospective Study

Authors: Dane Mauer-Vakil, Zoe Hilton, Bernard Le Foll, Mark Oremus, Christopher Canning, Geoff Bardwell

- Describe the clinical profiles of forensic inpatients with specific substance use disorders at a Canadian forensic psychiatric hospital
- Interpret the associations between various diagnosed substance use disorders and engagement in inpatient forensic psychiatric treatment programs
- Identify key system- and service-level factors for designing and implementing substance use disorder treatment pathways within forensic psychiatric settings

14. Charting the Ethics of Incidental Case Finding in Forensic Psychiatry

Authors: Dennis Curry, Jason Quinn, Gary Chaimowitz

- Describe the concept of incidental forensic case finding;
- Identify the key ethical tensions that incidental case finding raises at the intersection of traditional medical ethics and forensic ethics;
- Evaluate the implications of incidental case finding for clinical practice and training.

15. Predicting and Mitigating Aggression in Forensic Psychiatry: The eHARM Risk Assessment Tool

Authors: Mini Mamak, Devon Watts, Casey Upfold, Lauren Stirpe, Gary Chaimowitz

- Describe the structure, purpose, and clinical application of the updated eHARM risk assessment tool in forensic psychiatric settings;
- Identify and interpret the newly added and modified eHARM variables and explain their relevance to violence risk prediction;
- Apply the eHARM risk assessment to support clinical decision-making, early intervention, and targeted risk management strategies.

16. Using Artificial Intelligence in Violence Risk Assessment: Can AI Accurately Score the START?

Authors: Christian Farrell, Karen L. Petersen, Roland M Jones, Sarah L. Desmarais, Tonia L. Nicholls, Mario Moscovici

- Describe how AI models are being increasingly used in forensic psychiatry and the possible applications to violence risk assessment;
- Evaluate the performance of AI models on START training assessments in terms of START items and summary risk estimates;
- Discuss the possible clinical applications and limitations to using large language AI models to assist in violence risk assessment.

17. Violence Risk Assessment in Forensic Psychiatry: Clinician Ratings of the Frequency, Relevance, and Influence of Risk Factors

Authors: Corina Picco, Stephanie Penney

- Identify the core risk factors that clinicians rate as most frequent, relevant, and influential in violence risk assessment and tribunal-related decision-making;
- Compare the broader set of structured-tool risk factors with the smaller subset that clinicians consistently rely on in real-world forensic practice;
- Evaluate how clinician consensus on key risk factors can inform more efficient, targeted approaches to violence risk assessment in forensic psychiatric settings.

18. Prediction of PCL-R Scores Using Protective Factors and Risk Factors Associated with Psychopathy

Authors: Mini Mamak, Devon Watts, Casey Upfold, Lauren Stirpe, Gary Chaimowitz

- Identify key clinical, demographic, historical, and pharmacological factors associated with psychopathy in forensic psychiatric populations;
- Describe how machine learning approaches differ from traditional methods in predicting PCL-R scores;
- Explain how multidimensional predictive modeling can inform psychopathy assessment, risk evaluation, and clinical decision-making in forensic settings.

19. What Makes Our IPV Risk Opinion “Stick”? The Formats and Experiences that Shape Decision-Making

Authors: Ilvy Goossens, Maaike Helmus

- Explain how different communication formats influence IPV risk perception and comprehension;
- Describe how cognitive and attitudinal factors shape risk interpretation and decision-making;
- Evaluate the impact of lived IPV experience on perceptions and judgments about IPV risk.

20. The Ethics of Generative AI and Violence Risk Assessment in Forensic Psychiatry

Authors: Neil R. Hogan, Gabriela Corabian

- Differentiate between generative and non-generative artificial intelligence applications in forensic psychiatry;
- Identify a number of pitfalls to avoid in applying generative artificial intelligence to violence risk assessment;
- Formulate informed cost-benefit analyses with respect to adopting generative artificial intelligence applications in their own violence risk assessment practices.

21. Canadian Mental Health Sentencing Principles

Authors: Yu Chen Yue, Priya Khalsa, Nathan Kolla, Kiran Patel, Graham Glancy

- Describe the existing framework for pre-sentence assessments;
- Identify the knowledge gaps between conducting pre-sentence assessments and appreciating the complexity of the underlying judicial principles
- Explore the mental health sentencing principles by navigating the intersection of psychiatry and the law.

22. High Risk Accused (HRA): A Recent Charter Challenge in a Quebec Court and its Implications for Forensic Psychiatrists, Hospital Lawyers and Provincial Review Boards

Authors: Marie-Eve Corney-Robichaud, Mathieu Dufour, Annie-Pierre Ouimet-Comtois

- Review the HRA regime and the current situation in Canada;
- Discuss a recent charter challenge in Quebec superior court;
- Explore the implications of this court decision for Forensic Psychiatrists, Hospital Lawyers and Provincial Review Boards.

23. Dangerous and High-Risk Offenders: A Comparative Analysis of Canada, the United States, and the United Kingdom

Authors: Graham Glancy, Kiran Patel, Priya Khalsa

- Describe the legal structures governing dangerous offender designations in Canada, the United States, and the United Kingdom, and identify key similarities and differences in their statutory and jurisprudential foundations;
- Explain how psychiatric risk assessment tools and clinical evidence are used across jurisdictions to support determinations of dangerousness, including the ethical and cultural limitations of these approaches;
- Evaluate the implications of preventive detention frameworks for proportionality, public protection, and human rights, and articulate opportunities for improving fairness, accuracy, and treatment access within high-risk offender systems.

24. National and Regional Communities of Practice for Dangerous Offender Assessments

Authors: Treena Wilkie, Lisa Ramshaw

- Describe evidence suggesting that participation in Communities of Practice enhances professional competence, knowledge exchange, and clinician well-being;
- Discuss the development of and experiences with emerging professional initiatives to support assessors engaged in these demanding evaluations;
- Explore future directions, including interest, research needs, inter-jurisdictional collaboration, and strategies for maintaining ethical and professional resilience in this complex area of practice.

25. When Consent Outlives Cooperation: Navigating Information Use in Sequential Forensic Assessments

Authors: Mandeep Saini, Sam Iskander

- Identify relevant limitations and expectations around informed consent when assessment purposes shift across legal stages;
- Identify the ethical and legal considerations when an accused withdraws their consent to participate in a forensic psychiatric assessment;
- Recognize the importance of clarity and documentation around consent issues.

26. Palliative Psychiatry: When "Do no Harm" Meets Treatment Resistance

Authors:

- Discuss the emerging concept of palliative psychiatry;
- Describe the key ethical and clinical challenges related to the practice of palliative psychiatry;
- Apply palliative psychiatry principles to a high-security forensic setting.

27. Disparities in Remand: Legal and Mental Health Factors Affecting Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Individuals in Manitoba

Authors: Isabelle Combey, Véronique MacDermott, Gabrielle Provost

- Identify key disparities contributing to Indigenous over-representation in Manitoba's adult remand population
- Explain how colonialism continues to impact on social factors contributing to pre-trial custody;
- Integrate into their practice a realization of the disparities in the criminal justice that Indigenous incarcerated adults face.

28. Addressing Inequities in Forensic Psychiatry Care: Review of Recommendations for Transgender and Sexual Minority Populations

Authors: Hanna Meng, Ipsita Ray, Toney Lieu

- Describe the benefits of gender-affirming and trauma-informed care in forensic treatment and recovery;
- Identify the common barriers to treatment and recovery for transgender and sexual minority populations in forensic settings;
- Better support patients/clients in accessing gender-affirming care and resources within the forensic setting at both system and clinical levels.

29. Optimizing Forensic Assessment Intake: Streamlining Processes Within a Brief Assessment Unit (BAU)

Authors: Maxym Choptiany, Colin Chu, Freddy Lara, Alysia Morrow, Monica Beron, Jamieson Malaya

- Identify the primary logistical hurdles and sources of process inefficiency currently impacting the BAU;
- Describe three key optimization efforts being implemented to standardize intake and increase assessment capacity in the BAU;
- Explain the rationale behind the planned clinic separation, noting the goal of optimizing administrative tasks and conducting Form 6 assessments virtually whenever possible.

30. Understanding and Managing Bias in Expert Forensic Judgment

Presenter: Tess M.S. Neal

- Name and define at least 3 common biases that affect expert decision processes and explain ways in which they may compromise the validity and reliability of forensically-related judgments
- Describe a theoretical model that clarifies when and why experts are protected against and when they are especially prone to bias
- Identify practical bias mitigation strategies, or steps to reduce bias in forensic work

31. R v Bharwani. Fitness, NCR, and Note taking

Authors: Graham Glancy, Maryana Kravtsenyuk, Amina Ali, John Bradford, Del Doucette

- List the Supreme Court of Canada (SCC) criteria for Unfit to stand trial;
- Discuss the SCC dissenting opinion on NCR-MD;
- Consider aspects of note-taking in Forensic psychiatry.

32. Men with Arson Convictions: Clinical Correlates and Typologies

Authors: Austin Lam, Sirui Wu, Amanda Butler, Tyler Oswald, Maureen Olley, Leigh Greiner, Tonia L. Nicholls

- Describe the clinical needs and risk characteristics that differentiate men with arson offences from men with strictly non-arson offences;
- Explain the latent class-derived typologies among men with arson offences, and how these subgroups may vary in their clinical and risk profiles, sociodemographic characteristics, and criminal offence histories;
- Discuss the implications of group and subgroup differences for the assessment and management of men who commit arson offences.

33. Breaking the Cycle of Re-Incarceration: The subjective Experience of People with Mental Illness

Authors: Roland Jones, Chloe Taylor, Kiran Patel, Tanya Connors, Ipsita Ray, Esha Bayani, Sharon Cho, Sarah Bonato, Alexander Simpson

- Identify the key clinical, social, and practical challenges faced by individuals with serious mental illness during the early post-release period;
- List the factors that contribute to reincarceration from the perspective of people with serious mental illness;
- Describe the structure, aims, and early implementation lessons of the Forensic Early Intervention Community Team (FCT).

34. Dual Status Offender: A Review of a Recent Quebec Court of Appeal Decision and its Implications for Forensic Programs and Review Boards

Authors: Marie-Eve Corney-Robichaud, Mathieu Dufour, Annie-Pierre Quimet-Comtois

- Elucidate the legal criteria and considerations that determine a dual status offender's placement in correctional versus hospital settings in Canada;
- Analyze the implications of the recent Quebec court appeal decision on the authority of the Review Board regarding placement decisions and other related issues;
- Discuss best practices and recommendations for hospitals and Review Board in order to address the needs of dual status offenders, ensuring a balanced approach to public safety and treatment rehabilitation.

35. Correctional Forensic Psychiatry in Canada: Challenges, Opportunities, and the Next Generation

Authors: Jeff Waldman, Curtis Woods, Maryana Kravtsenyuk, Gary Chaimowitz

- Describe correctional forensic psychiatry in Canada across multiple jurisdictions;
- Identify strategies to support clinician wellness, resilience, and effective teaching within correctional settings, particularly for trainees and early-career psychiatrists;
- Evaluate the professional and personal opportunities within correctional forensic practice.

36. Medication Diversion in Prisons: "It Wasn't Me Doc". Understanding the Problem and Finding Solutions

Authors: Yedishtra Naidoo, Gunter Lorberg, Andrew Olagunju

- Summarize current evidence on the prevalence, methods, and consequences of prescription medication diversion in correctional and secure forensic psychiatric settings;
- Evaluate existing pharmacologic and administrative strategies intended to minimize diversion risk;
- Identify promising newer formulations, technologies, and protocols that could be incorporated into institutional formularies and medication-administration practices.

37. Ethical Dilemmas in Correctional Psychiatry

Authors: Kiran Patel, Graham Glancy

- Recognize the unique challenges of Correctional Psychiatry practice;
- Appreciate some of the ethical dilemmas faced working in a Correctional environment;
- Describe the role of Correctional Psychiatrist's in leading a team-based, collaborative approach to mental healthcare delivery in Corrections.

38. Poster Session

A. Digital Offending and The Evolving Role of Forensic Psychiatrists

Authors: Ahmed Ben Mabrouk, Maryana Kravtsenyuk

- Describe underlying mechanisms involved in digital offenses;
- Identify common tools and methods in cyberabuse;
- Implement digital tools to assess online behaviour and risk.

B. The Impact of Cognitive Deficits on Treatment Response and Recidivism in Forensic Patients with Schizophrenia Spectrum Disorders

Authors: Madhav Shyam, Naista Zhand

- Examine the role of cognitive deficits on violence and recidivism in forensic populations with schizophrenia spectrum disorders;
- Review data on the measurement of cognitive deficits with standardized psychometric tools in forensic population studies;
- Assess correlation of reasoning and decision-making deficits with risk of violent behaviours and recidivism.

C. The Impacts of Therapeutic Interventions on Reducing Aggression Among Forensic Psychiatric Inpatients: A Scoping Review

Authors: Margret Lo, Leen Elshikh, Mark M. Kaggwa, Britta K. Ostermeyer, Andrew T. Olagunju

- Identify the major categories of therapeutic interventions used to reduce aggression in forensic psychiatric inpatient settings;
- Describe which intervention types demonstrate the strongest evidence for effectiveness;
- Evaluate the methodological limitations found within the existing literature, including variability in outcome measures, study designs, and reporting quality, and their implications for clinical interpretation.

D. Naltrexone and Sexual Behaviors: A Systematic Literature Review

Authors: Kimia Khoshroo, Sebastien Prat

- Describe the current evidence on naltrexone's effects on sexual behaviors;
- Evaluate the methodological quality and limitations of these studies;
- Identify gaps in the literature and areas for future research.

E. A Review of Section 21 Forensic Psychiatry Reports

Author: Joshua Lehr

- Discuss common demographic information of individuals who undergo a Section 21 assessment;
- Identify the common diagnoses for individuals who undergo a Section 21 assessment;
- Describe common recommendations and outcomes from Section 21 assessments in Ottawa.

F. Code White Emergency Response Events in a Secure Forensic Inpatient Setting: A Descriptive Analysis and Review of Best Practice Guidelines

Authors: Cameron Arnold, Owen P. O'Sullivan, Colin Chu, Farhat Farrokhi, Maryana Kravtzenyuk

- Discuss the incidence and characteristics of code white events in a large academic Canadian forensic hospital setting;
- Consider best practices for considering the application of restraints (chemical and physical) in code white emergencies;
- Apply a framework for developing quality improvement projects related to PRN use and other interventions in code white scenarios.

G. Exploring the Role of Developmental Service Workers (DSWs) on Forensic Inpatient Units in Supporting Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Authors: Benjamin Chan, Mais Malhas, Kyla Douthwaite, Alexander Hamilton, Roland M. Jones

- Appreciate the high prevalence of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities on forensic inpatient units;
- Recognize the role for developmental service workers (DSWs) on inpatient forensic units;
- Identify the impacts that were seen with this pilot program, integrating DSWs onto forensic inpatient units at CAMH.

H. Validation of a Client Satisfaction Tool for use in Correctional Settings

Authors: Roland M. Jones, Umer Waqar, Cory Gerritsen, Marco Kilada, Marcos Sanches, Margaret Maheandiran, Vito Adamo, Tanya Connors, Kiran Patel, Alexander I. F. Simpson

- Recognize the importance of client satisfaction in correctional mental health settings;
- Use tools (esp. OPOC-MHA) that can be used to assess client satisfaction in correctional settings;
- Describe the Forensic Early Intervention Service (FEIS) in two Ontarian correctional facilities.

I. Post Discharge Suicide Risk Prediction Among Psychiatric Patients with a Forensic History: A Machine Learning Application

Authors: Maurice Sani, Zachary A. Kaminsky, Patricia Burhunduli, Sharah Mar-Kaminsky, Katerina Nikolitch, Robyn J. McQuaid, Jennifer L. Phillips

- Identify short term post-discharge suicide attempt risk variables;
- Utilize general principals of beeswarm analysis techniques in accessing machine-learning driven research;
- Integrate machine learning applications in large scale data driven research.

J. The Mental Health Impacts of Sexual Assault and Sexual Abuse

Authors: Sundus Ismaeil, Mayra Carlos Lazo, Emily Gavett-Liu, Angela Han, Ajmal Razmy, Anson Liu

- Discuss the prevalence of mental disorders to help guide diagnoses and treatment plans;
- Discuss the comorbidity of mental disorders to help guide diagnoses and treatment plans;
- Comprehend the psychological impacts of sexual abuse/ sexual assault.

K. Men with Arson Convictions: Clinical Correlates and Typologies

Authors: Austin Lam, Sirui Wu, Amanda Butler, Tyler Oswald, Maureen Olley, Leigh Greiner, Tonia L. Nicholls

- Describe the clinical needs and risk characteristics that differentiate men with arson offences from men with strictly non-arson offences;
- Explain the latent class-derived typologies among men with arson offences, and how these subgroups may vary in their clinical and risk profiles, sociodemographic characteristics, and criminal offence histories;
- Discuss the implications of group and subgroup differences for the assessment and management of men who commit arson offences.

L. The Experience of Motherhood in Secure Settings: A Scoping Review

Authors: Ipsita Ray, Courtney Ross

- Explain how incarceration affects mother's identities, emotions and relationships with their children;
- Recognize the key themes from this scoping review;
- Identify the gaps in literature and how these findings can help better policies and supports for mothers in the secure settings.

M. Dissociation and NCRMD in Canada: A Narrative Review of Criminal Case Law for Forensic Psychiatrists

Authors: Jason Quinn, Ashley Malka, Ahmed J. Habib

- Summarize how dissociative states and dissociative disorders have been characterized and treated in Canadian NCRMD defenses, including the impact of R v Stone and section 16 of the Criminal Code;
- Identify and interpret recurring themes in cases involving dissociation and how these themes influence findings of NCRMD;
- Apply a structured, thematically informed approach to formulating opinions in cases where dissociation is raised in the context of an NCRMD defense in Canada.

N. Enhancing Trauma-Informed Approaches on a Forensic Inpatient Unit

Authors: Sara Pender, Ashley Malka

- Improve clinical understanding of how trauma-related dissociation differs from psychosis in forensic settings;
- Apply grounding and sensory-based strategies to support safer, trauma-informed responses to early escalation;
- Recognize how shame, transference, and countertransference shape patient–staff interactions and influence practice.

O. Housing and Continuity of Mental Health Care After Forensic Psychiatric Discharge: A Scoping Review

Authors: Rose Yakubov, Nidhi Malhi, Mercedes Tibollo, Maryana Kravtsenyuk

- Recognize the influence of housing stability following discharge from forensic psychiatric settings on continuity of mental health care;
- Recognize the influence of housing stability following discharge from forensic psychiatric settings on contact with the criminal justice system;
- Identify factors related to housing that promote engagement with mental health services in the forensic psychiatry population.

P. Citation Classics in Schizophrenia Research: A Bibliometric Analysis

Authors: Michelle Song, Owen P. O'Sullivan, Mackenzie Hilton, Artemis Igoumenou

- Understand the concept of “citation classics” and their role in shaping schizophrenia research;
- Identify major thematic trends and geographic contributions in highly influential schizophrenia publications;
- Recognize future opportunities afforded by bibliometric analysis.

Q. Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) in a Provincially Representative Sample of Youth Offenders in Manitoba: a Pilot Study

Authors: Eisi Mollanji, Brian Chaze, Cassandra Adduri

- Describe the association of ACEs with future antisocial behaviours, psychopathology and criminal justice system involvement;
- Explain how to characterize quantity and diversity of ACEs among youth offenders
- Discuss the potential for ACEs studies to inform targeted policy or treatment interventions for Canadian youth with increased risk of criminal behaviour.

R. Clinician-in-the-Loop: An Ethics Framework for Agentic AI in Clinical Practice*Authors: Tomer Jordi Chaffer, Claudia Lamschtein*

- Identify specific clinical tasks in psychiatric care that may be ethically delegable to AI and those that require direct clinician involvement;
- Analyze the relational dynamics within the clinician–AI–patient triad to assess risks arising from distributed clinical decision-making;
- Formulate strategies for maintaining clinician-in-the-loop oversight that safeguards therapeutic presence and clinical agency.

S. Addressing structural poverty through income supports: Legal and clinical implications of unconditional cash transfer for people with serious mental illness*Authors: Corina Picco, Anjena Inthiran, Sandy Simpson*

- Explain how structural poverty contributes to mental health challenges, housing instability, and criminal justice involvement among individuals with serious mental illness (SMI);
- Summarize evidence from systematic reviews on the effects of unconditional cash transfers (UCTs) and guaranteed basic income (GBI) across mental health, housing, and criminal justice outcomes;
- Evaluate the potential of UCTs and GBI as upstream, equity-oriented policy interventions to support recovery and reduce system involvement among structurally marginalized populations.

T. Substance Use Disorder in Forensic Hospitals: A Scoping Review of Practices and Interventions to Inform Clinical Policy*Authors: Dane Mauer-Vakil, Erin Pereira, Mark Oremus, Zoe Hilton, Bernard Le Foll, Christopher Canning, Geoff Bardwell*

- Summarize the research literature on substance use disorder care in forensic hospitals;
- Identify system- and service-level gaps that limit the implementation of integrated treatment pathways for substance use disorder care in forensic hospitals;
- Outline key features of standardized guidelines and best practices to improve substance use disorder care in forensic hospitals.

39. Advances in the Assessment and Treatment of Paraphilias: Integrating Clinical, Pharmacological, and Prevention Perspectives*Authors: Artemis Igoumenou, Ainslie Heasman, Steven Cohen, Kayla Gaw*

- Describe the current evidence base, strengths, and limitations of phallometric assessment in evaluating sexual interest patterns, and explain how these data can complement structured risk assessment instruments to inform individualized treatment and risk-management strategies in forensic settings;
- Identify appropriate pharmacological interventions for paraphilic disorders and high sexual drive states, compare treatment options, and discuss how to integrate medication management with legal mandates, monitoring requirements, and ethical considerations;
- Explain the principles and structure of early-intervention prevention programs such as Talking for Change, and summarize how motivational engagement, psychoeducation, and therapeutic support can reduce risk among individuals at risk of sexually harming children or using child sexual exploitation material.

40. Understanding Zoophilia and Bestiality: A Scoping Review of Clinical Evidence and Legal Responses

Authors: Kris Ysabel Miranda Sanchez, Tatyana Wojtarowicz, Sarah Bonato, Kayla Gaw, Artemis Igoumenou, Paul Benassi

- Describe the current clinical and legal definitions of bestiality and zoophilia and summarize the scope and limitations of existing diagnostic and management frameworks;
- Identify key themes and findings from the scoping review, including motivations, demographic patterns, associated risk factors, medical and psychiatric considerations, and the relationship between bestiality, interpersonal violence, and other criminal behaviours;
- Discuss the need for standardized, interdisciplinary approaches to assessment and intervention, including clinical evaluation, risk assessment, evidence-informed treatment strategies, and collaboration between medical, forensic, and legal professionals.

41. Victim Impact Statements and Fairness before the Review Board

Authors: Michael Feindel, Mercedes Perez, Roland Jones, Kineta Valoo

- Explain the statutory and procedural framework governing the use of victim impact statements in Criminal Code Review Board proceedings;
- Describe how victim perspectives influence the Criminal Code Review Board process for the mentally disordered accused;
- Discuss the procedural balance that respects victims' voices while upholding legal and clinical obligations.

42. To Be or Not to Be: Victims in Forensic Psychiatry—Whose responsibility? The Victim's Perspective

Authors: Sergio Santana, Oluyemisi Ajeh

- Explain how victims experience the NCR-MD designation;
- Appreciate the potential benefits of working victims;
- Discuss strategies to help victims move to a survivor position from a victim's perspective.

43. Bridging the Gap Between Tool Creation and Adoption: A QI Project to Improve Fitness to Stand Trial Documentation

Authors: Amy Liu, Naghmeh Mokhber, Ajay Prakash, Ashley Malka, Jason Quinn, Amir Rezaei Ardani

- Describe the history of tool development aimed at standardizing the collection of daily observational data relevant to fitness to stand trial assessments;
- Describe the challenges/barriers to reliable EMR-based nursing documentation;
- Outline key components in developing targeted training sessions to address these barriers.

44. Chaos in the Courtroom: Psychiatrists Under Fire

Authors: Olivia Lee, Gary Chaimowitz

- Present two high-profile cases where there were safety concerns for the forensic psychiatrist at the time of testimony and at sentencing;
- Describe and reflect on the safety of forensic psychiatrists at the time of and after testimony, including strategies to mitigate risk;

- Discuss cross country experiences with and safety planning for personal and institutional safety after testifying for high profile cases, with some consideration to whether the risk to experts has increased.

45. Mind the Gap:- The Interface Between Treatment Dispositions and the BC Mental Health Act in Unfit Accused

Authors: Gerri-Lyn Nelson, Tyler Oswald, Mandeep Singh Saini

- Explain the steps required before prosecutors make applications for treatment disposition orders pursuant to s672.58 of the Criminal Code;
- Describe the interface between the BC Mental Health Act and treatment disposition orders pursuant to s672.58 of the Criminal Code;
- Recognize the advantages and disadvantages of treatment to restore fitness to stand trial using the Mental Health Act versus using s672.58 of the Criminal Code.

46. Diagnostic Overshadowing: A Cause of Overlooked Depression in Correctional Settings

Authors: Santoch Rai, Oghogho Manuwa

- Define diagnostic overshadowing;
- Describe causes and consequences of diagnostic overshadowing in correctional settings;
- Describe potential solutions to mitigate diagnostic overshadowing in correctional settings.

47. Suicide in Ontario's Provincial Correctional System: Trends, Individual Characteristics, and the Impact of Suicide Prevention Reforms

Authors: Alexander I. F. Simpson, Roland M. Jones, Andrew Whiteman, Umer Waqar, Ibrahim Y. Z. Mohammad, Cory Gerritsen, Mark Sinyor, Clement Ma, Margaret Maheandiran

- Summarize the incidence and long-term trends in Ontario's provincial in-custody suicide rates;
- Identify the sociodemographic, clinical, and situational factors, as well as major correctional reforms, linked to in-custody suicide;
- Explain how interrupted time-series analysis can be used to interpret changes in suicide rates over time and consider the clinical and procedural implications for suicide prevention.

48. A Framework for Developing Mental Health Educational Interventions for Correctional Officers

Authors: Jason Quinn, Kiran Patel, Shaheen Darani

- Identify key elements of effective mental health educational interventions for correctional officers and their impact on knowledge, skills, and attitudes;
- Describe the components and outcomes of a multidisciplinary, simulation-enhanced mental health training program implemented in two Canadian carceral institutions;
- Apply the proposed 5-I Framework (Intentional Design, Inclusivity, Interactivity, Instructor Relatability, Integration) to guide the development of future correctional mental health education programs.

49. Assessing Malingering in Forensic Psychiatry: A Discussion

Authors: Mini Mamak, Gary Chaimowitz, Wendy Ekert

- Describe current approaches to identifying and assessing malingering in forensic psychiatric evaluations;
- Compare psychiatric, psychological, and legal perspectives on the interpretation of suspected malingering in NCR evaluations;
- Analyze the strengths and limitations of malingering measures in clinical and legal contexts.

50. Random Stranger Attacks: What Forensic Psychiatrists Need to Know

Author: Nickie Mathew

- Identify the drivers behind random stranger attacks in British Columbia;
- Describe the relationship between methamphetamine use and public safety;
- Discuss pharmacological treatments for this patient population.

51. Flexible Hematologic Monitoring for Clozapine Treatment in Forensic Psychiatry: A Case Study

Authors: Yu Chen Yue, Nancy Légaré

- Describe the regulatory evolution of clozapine monitoring, including the 2025 FDA removal of the Clozapine REMS and the ASCP's position, and explain how these changes inform contemporary clinical and forensic decision-making regarding hematologic monitoring;
- Analyze the ethical and legal considerations involved in involuntary clozapine treatment, particularly in cases where psychotic symptoms drive refusal of monitoring, and apply relevant principles of capacity, proportionality, and patient rights within the legal framework;
- Develop a structured approach for prescribers and forensic clinicians to navigate treatment-resistant schizophrenia cases requiring flexible monitoring, balancing clinical risk, regulatory guidance, and judicial oversight to support safe, rights-respecting care.

52. Psychotic Mistrust and Violence: A Review of Violence Risk in Delusional Misidentification Syndromes

Authors: Artemis Igoumenou, Corinne Selin Calkam

- Identify and describe the clinical features of Delusional Misidentification Syndromes (DMS), including common subtypes such as Capgras syndrome, and recognize how these features may contribute to violent behaviors;
- Analyze demographic, psychiatric, and behavioral risk factors associated with severe violence in individuals with DMS, including gender, age, prior psychotic disorders, and patterns of social interaction;
- Evaluate the current evidence base on the relationship between DMS and violence, including the limitations of existing case reports and the need for further research to understand the psychopathology underlying violent acts.

53. Examining Vocational Pathways in Forensic Patients: A Scoping Review

Authors: Kimia Khoshroo, Sebastien Prat, Paige Hardy

- Describe the types of vocational and educational interventions used in forensic mental health settings;
- Analyze evidence on the effectiveness of these interventions in supporting recovery and occupational engagement;

- Identify key systemic barriers and propose strategies to enhance vocational outcomes for individuals in FMH services.

54. Traumatic Brain Injury Knowledge Among Forensic Mental Health Clinicians

Authors: Andrew Bickle, Najat Khalifa, Elnaz Moghimi, Christine Rose, Peng Zhang

- Describe the prevalence, clinical significance, and implications of TBI in correctional settings;
- Discuss the extent of misconceptions around TBI, especially among forensic mental health professionals;
- Outline potential next steps to address gaps in TBI knowledge.

55. Mortality and Predictors of Premature Death Among Forensic Psychiatric Patients

Authors: Christian Farrell, Andrew Haag

- Describe the rates and causes of death among forensic psychiatric patients and compare that to the broader international literature;
- Examine predictors of mortality and how actuarial risk assessments could be used to identify those at increased risk of premature death;
- Discuss the implications of elevated mortality in forensic populations and how interventions targeted at reducing recidivism could also possibly reduce premature mortality.

56. Forensic Multi-Disciplinary Teams: From Dysfunction to Excellence

Author: Santoch Rai

- Describe typical dysfunctions of a forensic multidisciplinary team;
- Describe negative consequences of dysfunctional teams;
- Implement some practical interventions to move from clinical teams from dysfunction to excellence.

57. Factors Impacting the Recruitment and Retention of Forensic Psychiatrists in Ontario

Authors: Treena Wilkie, Abigail Arnold, Roland Jones, Margaret Maheandiran, Sumeeta Chatterjee

- Provide an overview of literature on career trajectory trends in medicine;
- Review findings on the differences between recruitment and retention of forensic psychiatrists in Ontario based on this study;
- Consider system level interventions that may be indicated to promote recruitment and retention.

58. Online Presence, Social Media Engagement, and Academic Productivity of Forensic vs. Non-Forensic Psychiatrists in North America

Authors: Gary Chaimowitz, Mark Mohan Kaggwa, Maryana Kravtsenyuk, Lauren Stirpe, Mini Mamak

- Compare social media engagement patterns between clinical forensic psychiatrists and other psychiatry subspecialties;
- Interpret social media metrics in the context of academic productivity and professional recognition;
- Describe the ethical and professional considerations that influence forensic psychiatrists' engagement with social media