

Preliminary Agenda

MONDAY

May 15, 2017

All Day 10:00–16:30

Scientific Pre-Conference:
Presented by EPION and CCEIP

Introduction to new clinical tools developed for early phase psychosis intervention.



See Pre-Conference Flyer
for full Agenda.

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Networking Dinner

17:30–19:30

- For persons with lived experience and family members attending the conference.
RSVP required.

General Network Dinner and Meeting

17:30–20:30

- General EPION Network business meeting and dinner for program representatives attending the conference.
RSVP required - One representative per program.

Morning 08:30–12:30

Plenary Address #1

**Early Intervention Services
for Psychosis in Canada:
Bright horizons.****Phil Tibbo MD FRCPC**Canadian Consortium for Early Intervention in Psychosis;
Nova Scotia Early Psychosis Program**Concurrent Sessions Block A**

- First time at the EPION conference?
Info and networking session.
Miliinda Alexander OT Reg. (Ont.), Heather Hobbs RN
- Success in an Early Intervention Program:
What it means to stakeholders.
Guy Doucet MSW RSW, Crystal Morris OT Reg. (Ont.)
- The Effects of Cannabis Use in Early Phase Psychosis.
Phil Tibbo MD FRCPC, Candice Crocker PhD
- Identifying and Addressing Barriers to Early Assessment
and Treatment in Northern Ontario: Final results and
next steps of the NorthBEAT Project.
Chiachen Cheng MD FRCPC MPH
- Participatory Video as a Narrative-based Intervention for
Promoting Recovery from Early Psychosis: A pilot study.
Arlene MacDougall MD MSc FRCPC, Laura Powe MD, Sahana Kukan,
Firuz Farajer and Jeremy Riley
- Pyramid of Family Care - From Theory to Practice.
Leanne Needham RSW MSW, Janet Durbin PhD,
Danuta Seasons RN BScN
- Belong To Song.
Christine Bolton, Nina Jogia

Afternoon 12:30–16:30

Plenary Address #2

**Early Intervention 2.0: Effecting change
through stakeholder involvement
and systems collaboration.****Nev Jones PhD**Felton Institute; Client Centered Outcomes Research
in Public Mental Health**Concurrent Sessions Block B**

- Video Games Designed to Make Youth Aware of the
Risk of Psychosis Associated with Regular Cannabis Use:
A qualitative exploration.
Suzanne Archie MD FRCPC, Manuela Ferrari MHSc PhD
- Exploring Youth Engagement Strategies.
Nev Jones PhD, Sean Kidd PhD
- Conducting EPI Program Fidelity Assessments in Ontario:
Views from the front line.
Gordon Langill MSW RSW, Avra Selick MA, Mary Hanna MA,
Katelyn Young MPH, Krista Whittard MSW, RSW
- How Can Cognitive Interventions Improve Everyday Outcomes
in Early Psychosis?
Christopher Bowie PhD
- Focus on Youth Psychosis Prevention (FYPP) Clinic
Margaret Maheandiran MSc

Plenary Address #3

Promoting Enduring Recovery Through Early Psychosis Intervention and Beyond



George Foussias MD PhD FRCPC
Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

Concurrent Sessions Block C

- An Updated Early Intervention Service Model: Opportunities and challenges
George Foussias MD PhD FRCPC, Aristotle Voineskos MD PhD FRCPC, Sarah Bromley OT Reg. (Ont.), Dielle Miranda MA
- NorthBEAT Collaborative: A strategic, inter-sectoral collaborative to improve navigation and access of resources for youth with psychosis.
Chiachen Cheng MD FRCPC MPH, Carole Lem BA
- Walking with the Family in their Journey to Recovery.
Chris Jackson
- The Voice Hearers Group: A psychological approach to understanding voices and promoting wellness.
Maya Gupta PhD
- Because Your Mind Matters: Educating about psychosis on campus
Margie Crown BScN RN MA
- Self-Stigma in First Episode Psychosis: A novel treatment approach.
Michael W Best MSc
- What is Cognitive Adaptation Training (CAT) & how can it be used as an early psychosis intervention?
Raquel Williams MSc OT Reg. (Ont.), Gursharan Virdee, MD

Poster Presentations

- A Creative, Collaborative Approach to Addressing Metabolic Issues in First Episode Patients.
Susan Reid MSW RSW et al.
- Cognitive-Behavioral Social Skills Training for an Inner City Early Psychosis Intervention Program: A pilot project.
Sumiyah Choudhary OT Reg. (Ont.)
- Elevated Striatal Dopamine Function in Immigrants and Their Children: A risk mechanism for psychosis.
Romina Mizrahi MD PhD
- Examining the Predictors and Sustainability of Recovery for a 5 Year Early Intervention Program for Psychoses – A Research Proposal.
Elmar Gardizi PhD C Psych et al.
- Highlights and Resources from EPION Workgroups
- NorthBEAT: Final framework from narrative interviews to explore the needs of youth in remote/northern Canada.
Chiachen Cheng MD FRCPC MPH et al.
- The Ontario Recovery Fund Proposal.
Florencia de Lasa BArch BES
- Outcome Evaluation of a Canadian First Episode Psychosis Program
Sharman Robertson MD FRCPC et al.
- Perspective: The View from Here' - A photovoice project about life with mental health conditions.
Natalie Yiu OT Reg. (Ont.), Peter Mastorakos OT Reg. (Ont.)

Afternoon 12:30 – 16:30

Rapid Fire Plenary

Innovation and Research Highlights

Concurrent Sessions Block D

- NorthBEAT 2.0: Exploring social media as a public education tool to increase awareness of early psychosis intervention and its services.
Carole Lem BA, Chiachen Cheng MD FRCPC MPH
- Overcoming Barriers to Social Functioning in Early Psychosis: Examining the role of social cognition and digital communication.
Michael Grossman MA
- Taking Recovery by the Reins: Utilizing horses to facilitate goals, personal growth and navigate life lessons.
Paulina Krasowski-Nguyen BA, Briana Dickie
- Supporting Families of Youth Experiencing First Episode Psychosis.
Mary Anne Levasseur MA, Manuela Ferrari PhD MHSc
- Peer Support in an EPI Landscape.
Vy Yogendran
- BrainFx Project: Promoting mental health and participation in life activities through neurofunction.
Katelyn Young MPH, Kim Hewitt OT Reg. (Ont.), Monique Lizon OT Reg. (Ont.)

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