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## Primary Care of Adults with Developmental Disabilities: The Canadian Consensus Guidelines and Toolkit – A TUTORIAL

### SESSION DESCRIPTION:

2-3 people in 100 have a developmental disability, yet many health care providers have had limited training and experience in providing for the often complex and unique health needs of this segment of our population. Many people with developmental disabilities have limitations in their ability to communicate. Change in behaviour may be an indication of underlying stress and distress. Behaviour challenges can be a result of numerous factors, including medical, psychiatric and environmental.

The Canadian Consensus Guidelines summarize the physical, behavioural and mental health needs of people with developmental disabilities. The ancillary Toolkit complements the Guidelines, providing practical tools which can be incorporated into the daily practice of health care professionals. Online link to Guidelines: [www.surreyplace.on.ca/Clinical-Programs/Medical-Services/Pages/PrimaryCare.aspx](http://www.surreyplace.on.ca/Clinical-Programs/Medical-Services/Pages/PrimaryCare.aspx)

This interactive, case history-based TUTORIAL, will illustrate a number of biopsychosocial factors which must be understood to develop an effective plan of action.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Participants will leave the workshop with:

- 1) an awareness of the range of factors that can present with challenging behaviour patterns in the people they support; and
- 2) brief exposure to the Canadian Consensus Guidelines and Tool Kit for the Primary Care of Adults with Developmental Disabilities.

### Panelists

- Brian Hennen, MD, MA, CCFP, FCFP, FRCGP
- Karen McNeil, MD, CCFP, FCFP
- Andrew Wilson, M.D., FRCP(C)
- Laura McCauley, RSSW – Health Care Facilitator
- Camille Bigras, RPN – Health Care Facilitator

### Intended Audience

Primary health care providers: family physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses and other allied health care professionals and students

**Dr. Brian Hennen** is a family physician and Professor of Family Medicine at Dalhousie University. He conducts collaborative research on the prevalence of developmental disabilities and is a co-author of the Canadian Consensus Guidelines & Practice Toolbook for providing primary care to Adults with developmental disabilities.

**Dr. Karen McNeil** is a family physician and lecturer in Family Medicine at Dalhousie University. She leads a comprehensive teaching practice in Spryfield, N.S. Involved in developmental disabilities for four years working in a regional rehabilitation centre, she is the lead clinician in an Adult Developmental Disability Assessment clinic which was launched two years ago. She supervised the learning program for the first residency trainee in Developmental Disabilities at Dalhousie.

**Dr. Andrew Wilson** is a psychiatrist who has worked in the field of Dual Diagnosis for over 20 years, providing psychiatric services to people with developmental disabilities and providing training to direct support professionals.

**Laura McCauley and Camille Bigras** work in Northern Ontario as Health Care Facilitators, with a mandate to educate and increase the capacity of developmental, health, and mental health service providers, as well as other systems with respect to the health care needs of people with developmental disabilities.

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