



CAGP-CCSMH 2025 Annual Scientific Meeting

Program At-A-Glance

Overall Learning Objectives:

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

- discuss relevant research and innovative approaches in geriatric mental health care with a focus on emerging practices, skill development and technologies;
- describe care models that foster interprofessional and cross-disciplinary collaborative partnerships that further evidence informed older-adult mental health care; and
- identify and discuss systems factors aimed at advocating for equitable health care environments for older adults through policy, education, research and practice.

CanMEDS roles: Scholar, Professional, Collaborator, Communicator, Leader, Health Advocate

A minimum of 25% of each session is dedicated to participant interactivity.

Saturday, October 18		
TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Conference Check-In and Breakfast	
8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	Welcome and Opening Remarks	
8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Keynote Address	Updates and Emerging Research on Older-age Bipolar Disorder (OABD) Martha Sajatovic	
Concurrent Block #1		
9:25 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.	Deep Dive	
	1. Artificial Intelligence and Digital Markers of Neuropsychiatric Symptoms in Dementia Andrea Iaboni	
	Workshop	
	2. Addressing Ageism Through Education and Collaboration Ju Eun Lee, Cindy Grief	
	Top 5 Papers in Geriatric Psychiatry Esther Lee	
	Oral Presentations - French	
	3. Dix ans de clinique des aidants naturels à l'Institut Universitaire de Gériatrie de Montréal (IUGM) : données et réflexions Genevieve Letourneau, Doris Clerc 4. Renforcer les compétences cliniques en psychiatrie gériatrique : une approche immersive et accessible pour l'apprentissage des troubles du mouvement Nada Nait Abbou, Francisca Chalifoux	

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Poster Session	
Concurrent Block #2		
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Deep Dive 5. From Guidelines to Good Nights: Applying Ontario's Quality Standard for Insomnia Disorder to the Older Adult Population Sophiya Benjamin	
	Workshop 6. Let's Talk Connections and Conversations: Two New Practice Tools to Address Social Isolation and Loneliness in Older Adults David Conn, Bette Watson-Borg	
	Oral Presentations 7. Beyond the Illness Model: Expanding Notions of Aging in the Geriatric Psychiatry Online Course Cindy Grief, Leslie Giddens-Zuker 8. Relationship Between Cholinergic and Anticholinergic Receptor Activity as Measured by the Calcium Fluorescence Assay with Cognition Among Older Adults with Mild Cognitive Impairment or Remitted Major Depressive Disorder Susmita Chandramouleeswaran 9. Innovative Models of LTC: The Role and Impact of Ontario's Behavioural Support Transition Units Jillian McConnell, Katelynn Aelick, Nancy Hooper, Sarah Clark	
	Trainee Education Session Speaker: TBA	
12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Lunch & Networking Sessions	
12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Trainee Lunch <i>*lunch is available from the main buffet</i>	
1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Plenary Session	Mental Health as a Human Right in LTC: A Panel Discussion Panelists: Dr. Julia Kirkham, Michael Cacace Moderator: Claire Checkland	
2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Plenary Session	Joint CCD Session – Medical Assistance in Dying Advance Requests in Dementia Daphne Gilbert and James Downar	
3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Post-Debate Session Moderator: Dr. Saumil Dholakia	
4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Networking Break	
Concurrent Block #3		
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Deep Dive 10. Where Are We Headed? The Role of Anti-amyloid Therapies in the Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease Katelyn Reynolds, Ju Eun Lee, Antonia Cappella	
	Workshop	

	11. Conducting a Brain Medicine Consultation: An Overview of an Innovative, Interdisciplinary Approach to Treating Patients with Complex Brain Disorders Sara Mitchell	
	Oral Presentations 12. Characterizing the Contribution of Alcohol Use Towards Neuropsychological Profiles in Mild Cognitive Impairment Ari Cuperfain 13. Prescription for Change: Collaborative Strategies to Reduce Potentially Inappropriate Antipsychotic Use in Long Term Care Madhi Hassan 14. "Bound to be Better"-A Hospital-based Learning Health System to Reduce Use of Physical Restraints in Older Adults with Major Neurocognitive Disorder and/or Delirium Saumil Dholakia, Jennifer Koop, Miriam Thake, Courteney Munch, Vera Hula, Margaret Neil, Sarah Russell	
	Oral Presentations 15. CCSMH Clinical Guidelines on Social Isolation and Loneliness in Older Adults: Preliminary Findings from a Guidelines Feedback Survey David Conn 16. Development of Pharmacology Modules in Collaboration with a National Online Educational Program in Geriatric Psychiatry Vanessa Thoo, Leslie Giddens-Zuker, Joanne Ho, Cindy Grief, Sophiya Benjamin 17. Leveraging Simulation to Increase Competence in Assessment of Capacity in Psychiatry and Geriatric Psychiatry Training Maria Hussain	
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	CAGP Annual General Meeting (members only)	
7:30 p.m. - onwards	CAGP-CCSMH Celebration Dinner <i>(Please note: tickets are additional and must be purchased in advance)</i>	
9:30 p.m. – onwards	Trainee Social Event	

Sunday, October 19		
TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Conference Check-In and Breakfast	
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Track Poster Session (Invite Only)	
8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	Opening Remarks	
8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Plenary Session	Biomarkers in Dementia Care Zahinoor Ismail	
9:15 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.	Awards Overview and Poster Award Presentation	
9:40 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Active Break	
Concurrent Block #4		
9:50 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	Workshop	
	18. DecisionTracker: a Novel Universally Applicable Incapacity Screening Tool Richard Shulman, Nathan Spaling	
	Workshop	
	19. A Toolbox of Training Resources for Neuropsychiatric Symptoms of Dementia: co-application of the DICE Approach and Baycrest Quick-Response Caregiver Tool Robert Madan, Mary Blazek, Helen Kales	
	Oral Presentations	
	20. Implementing Sleepsense Technology for Hospitalized Older Adults Cromwell Acosta	
	21. Supporting the Sexual Health of People with Dementia: An Online Program for Healthcare Providers Katelynn Aelick	
	22. Seniors Mental Health Case Management: An Innovative Cross-Agency Collaboration Hazel Desamito-Kathuria, Sarah Ehsan	
	Deep Dive	
	23. Building Capacity for a Global Audience: Experiences from the International Geriatric Mental Health Education Network Cindy Grief, Christopher Kitamura	
10:50 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Networking Break	
Concurrent Block #5		
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Deep Dive	
	24. The Impacts of Climate Change on Older Adults' Mental Health Emma Gregory	
	Workshop	
	25. Agitation and Restraint Use with Emergency Services and Acute Care Zahra Goodarzi, Ellie Robson, Jennifer Watt	
	Oral Presentations	

	26. Registered Behaviour Analysts in Ontario: An Inside Look at Applied Behaviour Analysis in the Geriatric Psychiatry Collaborative Practice Model in Ontario Health East – Champlain Theresa Stoesser, Anna Hall, Selina Francis 27. The Cross-Cultural Impact of the Baycrest Quick-Response Caregiver Tool: A Feasibility and Utility Study in Pakistan Robert Madan 28. Examining the Association between Multimorbidity Patterns and Mortality Risk among People with Dementia Hao Luo	
	<i>Workshop</i> 29. Advocating for Inclusion in Health Systems Planning: Centring the Voices of Older People with Housing Precarity through Participatory Arts-based Research Lara Nixon, Martina Kelly, Emma Mierau	
Concurrent Block #6		
12:20 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.	<i>Workshop</i> 30. Clinical Adaptation within a Defined Geriatric Model of Care Delivery Nancy Searles, Sean Welbourn, Karen Cassells, Amanda Quinlan, Stephanie MacNeil, Julia Kitchen, Tanya Slade	
	<i>Oral Presentations</i> 31. 2025 BSO-DOS©: An Updated Essential Behavioural Assessment Tool for Tailoring Care Debbie Hewitt Colborne, Andrea Iaboni 32. Informing System Change in Alberta: Women's Perspectives on Aging Successfully with Precarious Housing Emma Mierau 33. Clozapine for Severe, Treatment-refractory Aggression or Psychosis in Dementia: A Review of the Literature and Case Series Andrea Iaboni, Vanessa Thoo, Katelyn Reynolds, Miles Luke	
	<i>Oral Presentations</i> 34. Substantial Variation in Hospital Sedative Use on General Medicine Wards: A Quality Improvement Opportunity Marwa Ismail 35. Examining the Effects of Excessive Alcohol Use on Verbal Memory Retrieval Processes in Older Adults with Mild Cognitive Impairment Ari Cuperfain 36. A Model for Embedding Research in Neurodegenerative Disease Diagnosis, Prognostics, and Care Maria Carmela Tartaglia	
	<i>Deep Dive</i> 37. From What We Have, to What We Ought to Have: Regulation and Oversight in Medical Assistance in Dying in Canada Saumil Dholakia	
1:20 p.m.	Grab-and-Go Lunch	
2:30 p.m.	Fun Run/Walk	Meet in the hotel lobby

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