

Session 8

Making Evidence Relevant: Collaborating & Engaging with Health System Leaders to Drive Evidence-Based Care

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Pat Campbell has broad experience, giving her a deep understanding of the issues and opportunities facing Ontario's health system. She was President and Chief Executive Officer of the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) until June 2013.

Prior to joining the OHA, she served as the CEO of Echo: Improving Women's Health in Ontario, President and CEO of Grey Bruce Health Services and as President and CEO of Women's College Hospital in Toronto. Pat has a BSc Nursing from the University of Western Ontario, an MBA from York University and her Executive Training for Research Application (EXTRA) Fellowship from the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation.

Alex Chambers, M.A., B.Sc.



For the past nine years, Alex Chambers has been a clinical epidemiologist first with the Medical Advisory Secretariat within the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, then with the Evidence Development and Standards branch at Health Quality Ontario. Prior to this, Alex was a research coordinator with Cancer Care Ontario's Program in Evidence-Based Care (PEBC).

While working with the PEBC, Alex completed her Master's degree at McMaster University. She also has an Honours Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Waterloo.

Sahba Eftekhary



Dr. Sahba Eftekhary is the Manager of the Evidence Development Unit at HQO. She has an extensive background in health care administration, research, performance management and measurement, health care quality, program planning and evaluation. She has extensive work experience at various levels of the healthcare industry, including the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, the hospital sector, research Institutes as well as collaboration with international agencies, including the UN and WHO.

She has provided strategic direction and coordination to several nationally/internationally-sponsored health services projects. She has received grants from peer-reviewed federal and provincial research funding agencies and published research papers related to many aspects of the healthcare system.

Angela Jacobs, MBA



Angela has been with the Mississauga Halton LHIN for over six years, moving from Health System Performance to her current role – Director Governance, Quality Improvement & Communications. She works with the LHIN CEO and Board to develop and maintain "best practice" governance activities, support HSP and LHIN Board interactions around governance and quality, and works on various provincial priorities and activities in the quality improvement field.

Angela has worked with PwC in Performance and Process Improvement and with Ford of Canada in Finance and Process Improvement. She holds an MBA from The Schulich School of Business and is certified as Six Sigma Black Belt by 6-Sigma Academy.

Kori Kingsbury, MSN, MPA



As CEO, Kori Kingsbury is responsible for all operations and activities of the Cardiac Care Network (CCN), including advising key stakeholders on matters pertaining to adult cardiovascular services. CCN is dedicated to improving quality, efficiency, access and equity in the delivery of adult cardiovascular services in Ontario. Before joining CCN, Kori was the Provincial Executive Director Cardiac Services for B.C., responsible for the coordination, evaluation and funding of cardiac services.

With over 20 years in the field of cardiovascular service delivery, Kori has also held key clinical leadership positions in acute care and cardiac rehabilitation/prevention programs. Kori has also worked

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Dr. Robert McKelvie, BSc, MSc, MD, PhD, FRCPC



Dr. McKelvie is the Chair of the Canadian Cardiovascular Society Heart Failure Guidelines; the Quality Indicators Working Group for Heart Failure of the Canadian Cardiovascular Society/Public Health Agency of Canada; the Canadian Cardiovascular Society HFCC National Workshop Initiative; the Cardiac Care Network, Heart Failure Working Group; and a Primary Panelist, of the Canadian Cardiovascular Society Guidelines in Pediatric Heart Failure.

Dr. McKelvie is the Medical Director of the Cardiac Health and Rehabilitation Centre as well as the Medical Director of the Heart Failure Program, Hamilton Health Sciences. A Professor of Medicine at McMaster University, Dr. McKelvie has written over 185 peer reviewed articles, 174 abstracts and given more than 400 lectures and presentations.

Dr. Harindra Wijeysundera



Dr. Wijeysundera is an interventional cardiologist and clinician scientist at the Schulich Heart Center in Sunnybrook Health Sciences. He is a graduate of the University of British Columbia, did specialty training in Internal Medicine and Adult Cardiology at the University of Toronto. He completed fellowship

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His research program focuses on health technology assessments, using decision analytic models which are populated and validated using real-world administrative databases. In addition, he is interested in estimating accurate longitudinal costs associated with episodes of illness.