

## SWAHN CONFERENCE 2018 – Speaker Biographies (in order of appearance)

### Dr. Gillian Kernaghan



Dr. Gillian Kernaghan was appointed the President and Chief Executive Officer of St. Joseph's Health Care London in 2010. St. Joseph's is a multi-sited academic health care organization serving London and the region. Dr. Kernaghan's passion for integrated patient care, leadership and performance excellence has inspired the organization to focus on the vision to "earn complete confidence in the care we provide."

Prior to assuming this role, she served for 17 years as the Vice President, Medical for various hospitals in London and led the medical staff during complex restructuring in which four hospitals merged to form St. Joseph's Health Care. Through this restructuring and various program transfers between organizations, the roles of the London hospitals dramatically changed.

In 1984, Gillian joined the medical staff of St. Joseph's, Parkwood Hospital and London Health Sciences Centre as a family physician. She completed her residency at St. Joseph's Hospital in 1984 upon graduation from University of Western Ontario and was awarded her Fellowship in 2000.

Gillian currently serves on the Ontario Hospital Association Board, and the Council of Academic Hospitals of Ontario Executive and Council. She served as President of the Canadian Society of Physician Executives for 2010-2012. She is a past Board Member of Canadian Resident Matching Service and the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame. She has served on numerous regional, provincial and national committees.

She is a frequent speaker at conferences and a certified trainer in Crucial Conversations, Crucial Accountability and Influencer leadership courses.

She has been married for 37 years and is the proud mother of three sons, three daughters-in-law and one little grandson.

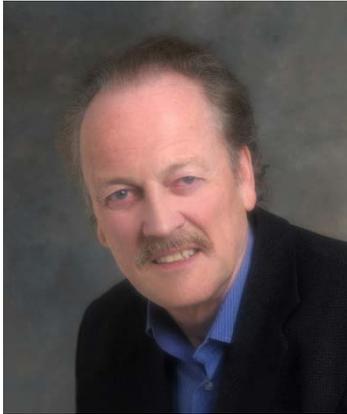
### Dr. Janet Martin



Dr. Janet Martin, PharmD, MSc (HTA&M), is the Director of the Centre for Medical Evidence, Decision Integrity & Clinical Impact (MEDICI), and Associate Professor in the Departments of Anesthesia & Perioperative Medicine and Epidemiology & Biostatistics at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry at Western University. In this role, Dr. Martin oversees research and knowledge translation for decisions related to medical devices, surgical procedures, drugs, and other technologies in hospitals locally and internationally in more than 35 countries. She is also co-director for the WHO Collaborating Centre for Global Surgery, Anesthesia & Perioperative Care at Western, and recently led the development of evidence-based guidelines for Ebola patients in

African hospitals. She has published more than 130 papers, and one book. Last year, Dr. Martin received the Schulich Distinguished Leader Award for Excellence in Graduate/Postgraduate Education.

### **Dr. Robin Walker**



Dr. Robin Walker is the Integrated Vice President of Medical Affairs and Medical Education for London Health Sciences Centre and St Joseph's Health Care London, and Professor of Paediatrics at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Western University. Dr. Walker is a neonatologist who has worked both within the hospital and academic sectors and with non-governmental organizations. His research interests in the neonatal intensive care unit and beyond have included translating science into practice and assisting clinical and parent decisions, using artificial intelligence systems. Since arriving in London in 2011, Dr. Walker has served as Co-Lead of the SouthWestern Academic Health Network (SWAHN).

### **Dr. Shannon Sibbald**



Dr. Shannon Sibbald is an Assistant Professor in the School of Health Studies within Western Health Sciences. She is cross-appointed to the Interfaculty Program in Public Health in the Department of Family Medicine, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Western University. Dr. Sibbald's research interests include:

- Interdisciplinary Health and Health Systems Research - Combining the methods and theories from a variety of disciplines to create innovative solutions to health systems challenges
- Implementation Science - How teams access, share, store and use knowledge
- Interprofessional Teams - How high performing health care teams work, how current education and training can prepare students for interprofessional work, and patient-centred models of care for chronic disease management.

### **Dr. Davy Cheng**



Dr. Davy Cheng currently serves as Acting Dean of the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry. He is a Distinguished University Professor in the Department of Anesthesia & Perioperative Medicine. Prior to his current role as Acting Dean, Dr. Cheng served as the Vice Dean of Faculty Affairs for the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry. He is recognized as a world expert in perioperative outcomes and resource utilization in cardiac surgery/anesthesia, critical care medicine, and perioperative evidence-based medicine.

Dr. Cheng served as the Chair/Chief of the Department of Anesthesia & Perioperative Medicine (2001-2017) and also as Chair of the Committee of Clinical Chairs (2012-2016). He holds a BSc (Hon) in Biochemistry from the University of Ottawa, an MSc in Biochemistry from Western University, and his MD from the University of Toronto, where he completed his internal medicine internship

and anesthesia residency in 1987. Dr. Cheng joined the faculty at the University of Toronto following a Clinical Research Fellowship and a Cardiovascular Anesthesia Fellowship at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Prior to joining Western in 2001, he was a Professor and Deputy Chief of Anesthesiology at Toronto General Hospital and he also served as Medical Director of the Cardiovascular Surgery Program for the University Health Network in Toronto.

### **Dr. Brian Rotenberg**



Dr. Brian Rotenberg, MD, MPH, FRCSC, is an Associate Professor of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry at Western University (London, Canada) and Residency Program Director for the department.

He obtained his MD degree at University of Toronto, as well as Royal College certification in Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery. He is dual fellowship trained in sinonasal surgery and pediatric surgery, both from University of Melbourne (Australia), and joined the faculty at Western University in 2007.

He is a founding member of the International Surgical Sleep Society and is now sits on the society's Executive Board. Dr. Rotenberg is the outgoing Scientific Chair of the Canadian Society of Otolaryngology. He is an invited speaker nationally and internationally on topics relating to sleep apnea and rhinology and has more than 100 peer reviewed publications and book chapters as well as funded research grants to study both sleep surgery and sinonasal research.

Dr. Rotenberg is the Medical Director of Advanced Surgical Operatory Ltd., a division of Advanced Medical Group. In this role he has helped develop, and now has oversight of, the first stand-alone Ambulatory Surgical Center in Southwest Ontario. Dr. Rotenberg is the Chief Medical Officer for Citruvio Communications Inc., developing wireless apps for pager replacements and patient communication tools to facilitate information exchange in the modern healthcare environment. Dr. Rotenberg is the Vice-Chair of the Medical Advisory Committee for St. Joseph's Health Care London, and Assistant Director of Quality of Care.

Wherever he is, and whatever he is doing, Dr. Rotenberg always puts his family first, including his wife Beverley and their three boys Jacob, Kieran, and Nathan.

### **Dr. Renato Pasqualucci**



Dr. Renato Pasqualucci, MBBCh, DCH, CHE, CCFP (EM), MBA (Healthcare), is an active ER physician as well as the new Quality Lead for the Erie St Clair LHIN. For the last seven years he has served as the Medical Director and Chief of Emergency at Bluewater Health. He was also chair of the hospital quality committee for that period. He is passionate about reducing unnecessary investigations and adhering to recommended practice. As such he was instrumental in leading the Choosing Wisely project at Bluewater Health. He is also co-chair of the SWAHN Choosing Wisely Project Team. Recently completing his MBA, he values systems management as a

tool for change.

### **Dr. Ava John-Baptiste**



Dr. Ava John-Baptiste is an Assistant Professor in the Departments of Anesthesia & Perioperative Medicine, Epidemiology & Biostatistics and the Interfaculty Program in Public Health at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Western University. She is also a health economist in the Centre for Medical Evidence, Decision Integrity & Clinical Impact (MEDICI Centre). Dr. John-Baptiste collaborates with clinicians and scientists on initiatives to appraise the safety, effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of interventions in the hospital and in the community. Her research interests include economic evaluation of health technologies, evidence synthesis using systematic review and decision analytic modeling to support decision making, and methods for improving the perioperative care of frail older

patients.

### **Dr. Ken Blanchette**



Dr. Ken Blanchette is currently the Associate Vice President Academic for St. Clair College. His portfolio encompasses the operational oversight and delivery of the academic programming for all three of the college's campuses.

When he joined the college as Chair for the School of Health Sciences in 2010, Ken became the school lead for a \$32 million Centre for Applied Health Sciences building completion and purchasing of state-of-the-art simulation and lab equipment. In 2011, he became responsible for creating and providing opportunities for our local professionals and health care organizations to have the space, resources and continuing education and competency training. Since 2011, he has established collaboration with local hospitals, allied health professions, nurses and physicians and has implemented three new academic programs (Cardiovascular technologist; Diagnostic Medical Sonography; and Respiratory Therapy), to address the local and national needs for health care professionals.

Prior to joining St. Clair College, Ken spent 12 years as a health care professional providing chiropractic patient care including neurological EMG, MRI and interdisciplinary referrals, spinal decompression as well as spinal x-ray diagnostics.

Ken has a Doctor of Chiropractic, Bachelor of Science in Human Biology, advanced training in Phytochemical, Botanical medicine and their impact on chiropractic procedures from National University of Health Sciences in Lombard, Illinois and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Windsor. He has extensive teaching experience at numerous institutions including Everest College in Windsor, Michigan Board of Education, and the National University of Health Sciences in Lombard, Illinois.

Ken is actively involved in the Windsor and Essex County communities. He is currently serving as Vice Chair of the board of directors for the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit, Chair for the Quality and Strategic Advisory Committee for Hotel Dieu Grace Healthcare, Co-Chair for the Health Standards Organizations Academic Health Centers and Clinical Research Technical Committee, Co-Chair for the SouthWestern Academic Health Network (SWAHN) and a CMA

accreditor. He has also served his home town community as a Coach for the Amherstburg Minor Hockey Association for the past 13 years.

### **Dr. Lisa Porter**



Dr. Lisa Porter conducted her PhD at McMaster University and her PDF at the University of California San Diego. She is currently a Professor at the University of Windsor, commencing in 2004 and was appointed to the College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists of the Royal Society of Canada in 2014. Her research focuses on understanding how cells protect themselves throughout life and how this relates to aging, tissue regeneration and cancer initiation, progression and treatment. Dr. Porter has fostered collaborations between the academic and the medical/clinical research communities in Windsor/Essex through the establishment of the Windsor Cancer Research Group (WCRG) [www.windsorcancerresearch.ca](http://www.windsorcancerresearch.ca). She is passionate about sharing science and research with the public and students.

### **Ms. Anna Kras-Dupuis**



Ms. Anna Kras-Dupuis, RN MScN CNN(C), CRN(C), is a Clinical Nurse Specialist in the Rehabilitation Program at Parkwood Institute, St. Joseph's Health Care London. She has had over 33 years of experience in nursing, including acute neurosciences, education, and neurological rehabilitation. Anna's key areas of interest include knowledge mobilization and patient self-management. Anna has strongly supported clinical and research integration and collaborative innovations within the rehabilitation program. She was a Site co-Lead for the Parkwood Institute in the national SCI Knowledge Mobilization Network, led the Pressure Injury Prevention and Pain Assessment and Management in SCI individuals practice change initiatives, among many others. Anna believes in people's strengths, the collective wisdom of teams, and fosters the culture of ongoing improvement and learning through trying and using feedback.

### **Ms. Stephanie Cornell**



Ms. Stephanie Cornell is a physiotherapist in the Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Rehabilitation Program at Parkwood Institute, St. Joseph's Health Care London and is the clinical co-lead of the Research-to-Practice (R2P) team. Stephanie manages and conducts training for robotic modalities (Exoskeleton and Lokomat) and manual body-weight support treadmill therapies at Parkwood Institute and also teaches at Western University in the Physical Therapy program. She has a significant interest in understanding how various activity-based therapeutic approaches might be best utilized in clinical practice to achieve the best possible outcomes and has established a Community of Practice approach to achieve these aims.

**Ms. Stephanie Marrocco**



Ms. Stephanie Marrocco is a research coordinator with the Research-to-Practice (R2P) team at Parkwood Institute (Lawson Health Research Institute). Stephanie completed an MSc from Western University examining gait laterality in persons with stroke. She has just begun a PhD and is interested in better understanding rehabilitation processes associated with persons with neurological impairments. In particular, Stephanie is interested in examining variations in rehabilitation practice patterns and has developed different analysis and visualization approaches to address research questions within this area.