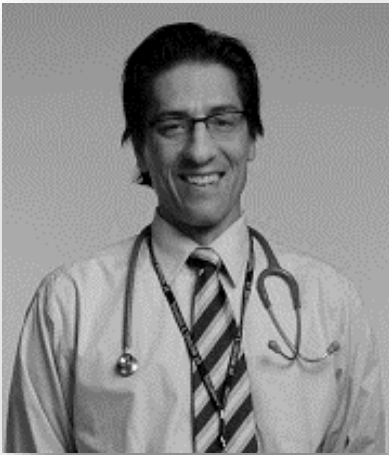




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TONY BAROZZINO MD, FRCPC

Tony Barozzino is the Director of Community Outreach & Ambulatory Services in the Department of Pediatrics at St. Michael's Hospital and formerly served as Chief of Pediatrics from 2001 to 2012. He is an Associate Professor in the Department of Pediatrics, Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto. He has been Co-Editor-in-Chief of the Canadian Pediatric Society sponsored *Caring for Kids New to Canada Web Resource*, an online, bilingual free access site developed for health professionals and others who care for immigrant / refugee children, youth and families. He now is Chair of the *Caring for Kids New to Canada Task Force*, which hopes to lead the charge to improve healthcare and health outcomes in immigrant refugee children and youth in Canada by advancing research, education and clinical care provision to this at-risk population.

Tony has worked as a Consultant Pediatrician in downtown Toronto for over 20 years with particular expertise in neonatology, developmental/school issues and care of the medically complex child. He has developed a specialized pediatric care model for South East Toronto, focusing on inner city children/youth and their particular issues as seen through the lens of the social determinants of health. His administrative leadership has resulted in St. Michael's Hospital's Department of Pediatrics being at the forefront of clinical care provision, education and research around socially disadvantaged children and their families. The Pediatric Outreach initiatives, Developmental Services Team, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Diagnostic Clinic, School Based Health Clinic and the Infectious Diseases/Immigrant Health Clinics are but a few of the successful developments with regards to clinical care in this area.



PHILIP BERGER MD, CCFP, FCAHS

Philip Berger was Medical Director of the Inner City Health Program at St. Michael's Hospital from 1997-2017 and former Chief of its Department of Family and Community Medicine from 1997 to 2013. He is an Associate Professor at the University of Toronto. Dr. Berger has helped establish human rights related health organizations arising from his work with torture victims, refugees and people with HIV and has been involved in campaigns to fight poverty and for support of programs addressing the needs of drug users. Dr. Berger is Chair of the Board of Inner City Health Associates, a group of 90 physicians who provide medical services for homeless people in Toronto. He is a co-founder and Special Advisor to *Canadian Doctors for Protection from Guns*.



MAHLI BRINDAMOUR MD, FRCPC (PED.)

Mahli Brindamour is a general paediatrician and Assistant Professor in the Department Paediatrics, University of Saskatchewan with a special interest in global health, refugee and Indigenous health. She serves on the board of the *North American Society of Refugee Healthcare Providers* and served as a member of the steering committee of *Canadian Doctors for Refugee Care*. She is the President-elect of the Canadian Paediatric Society *Global Child and Youth Health Section*, and a member of the *Caring for Kids New to Canada Task Force*.

With the Saskatoon Refugee Health Collaborative, she co-founded the Refugee Engagement and Community Health (REACH) Clinic, where she provides regular paediatric care to refugee children. She provides monthly outreach clinics to the Métis and Dene communities of Ile à la Crosse and La Loche in Norther Saskatchewan.

Born and raised in Québec, Mahli has made Saskatchewan her home and enjoys the sunny Prairies with her partner Ryan, their two children, and their dog Marie-Georges.



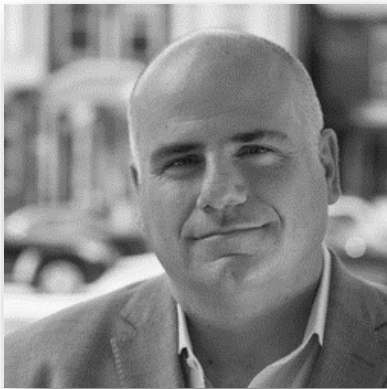
ANNALEE COAKLEY MD, CCFP

Annalee Coakley has dedicated her medical career to caring for marginalized and vulnerable patients, including refugees who often arrive in Canada dealing with a myriad of health issues after enduring unimaginable trauma. As the medical director of the *Mosaic Refugee Health Clinic* in Calgary, she not only provides compassionate care to new Canadians, but also advocates for her patients locally, nationally and internationally.

Dr. Coakley is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Calgary. She has practiced emergency and outpatient family medicine throughout Ontario and Nova Scotia, often working in remote, rural communities. In 2008, she relocated to Calgary, and in 2009 she began practicing at the *Mosaic Refugee Health Clinic* where, in 2012, she became medical director. She also practices at the East Calgary Family Care Clinic.

Dr. Coakley is a passionate advocate for programs that are crucial to her patients' health and wellbeing. She was part of a team of concerned citizens who spoke out about cuts to the Interim Federal Health Program, and spent countless hours working directly with patients who had been declined status or lost their health care privileges. In instances when patients faced overwhelming bills for uncovered hospital stays or procedures, she fought to reduce these costs. Her concern for vulnerable patients transcends borders and has led to her involvement with a charitable organization that provides medical care to a refugee camp in Kenya. That concern has prompted her to pursue additional training in tropical medicine and to teach about immigrant and refugee health at the University of Calgary.

In 2016, Dr. Coakley marshalled the community to welcome and care for the influx of Syrian refugees coming to Calgary, establishing satellite clinics and caring for those who arrive battling illness, injury or trauma. Most recently, over the course of 2017 and 2018, Dr. Coakley has helped welcome the Yazidi refugees to Calgary, providing health care to this highly traumatized population.



ANDREA A. CORTINOIS PhD

Over the past 30 years, Andrea Cortinois has worked as a journalist, researcher, educator, and manager of health-related interventions on four continents, mainly in low-income countries. He has earned a Masters of Public Health with a global health emphasis in the UK, and a Ph.D. in the Institute of Health Policy, Management, and Evaluation at the University of Toronto. He is an Assistant Professor at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto, where he teaches both graduate and undergraduate courses in migration and health and global public health.

Over the past several years, Andrea has worked on applied research projects focusing on the use of new information and communication technologies to reach marginalized population groups, both in Canada and globally. More recently, his research interests have focused on the impact of the global economic regime on migration fluxes and health. He has focused specifically on mechanisms of inclusion/exclusion, precariousness, and detention as mediating factors. As an integral part of his academic work, he is also interested in issues of quality of life and scholarship in the context of the neoliberal university.

CHRIS GREENAWAY MD, FRCPC, MSc



Chris Greenaway is an Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, McGill University and infectious disease physician, clinician researcher and internationally recognized expert in migrant health. Her research program has focused on identifying and addressing the infectious disease health disparities among migrants. The overall objective of her research program is to promote health within the migrant population and to decrease their health disparities. To achieve these goals, she has conducted observational studies, retrospective cohort studies with large linked administrative datasets, systematic reviews, economic analyses and has developed screening and clinical guidelines for migrants in Canada and Europe using the GRADE (*Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation*) methodology.

Dr. Greenaway has a long standing interest in TB and been involved in clinical care of patients with TB for almost 20 years. She established the TB clinic at the Jewish General Hospital in 2001 and has conducted research related to the diagnosis and treatment of TB and the TB burden and screening strategies for the migrant population. She has written screening guidelines for active and latent TB for the Canadian Collaboration for Immigrant and Refugee Health (CMAJ 2011) and for the [European Centers for Disease Control](#) (2018). She is a co-PI on a multi-province CIHR funded study (2017-2020) that is using linked administrative databases to develop a risk prediction tool for the development of active TB among migrants. This data will be used to determine the most cost-effective screening and treatment strategy to achieve TB elimination in Canada.

GHAYDA HASSAN ^{PHD}

Dr. Ghayda Hassan is Professor of Clinical Psychology at UQAM university in Montreal and has several research, clinical and community based national and international affiliations.

She is the director of the [Canadian Practitioner Network for the Prevention of Radicalization and Extremist Violence](#) (CPN-PREV, funded by PS Canada). She is the [UNESCO – PREV Co-Chair](#) (Prevention of Radicalization and Extremist Violence), a worldwide first and she is also a researcher and senior clinical consultant at the SHERPA-RAPS (RAPS for Research and Action on Radicalisation and Social Suffering) at the CIUSSS Center-West of the island of Montreal.

Her systematic reviews, research and clinical activities are centred around four main areas of clinical cultural psychology: 1) social suffering, intercommunity relations, radicalisation and extremist violence; 2) intervention in family violence & cultural diversity; 3) identity, belonging and mental health of children and adolescents from ethnic/religious minorities; and, 4) working with vulnerable immigrants and refugees.



Her clinical and research activities focus on the interplay of culture, identity, mental health and violence among the specific studied groups. Often what determines working with a given group stems from the social realities at hand and, particularly, needs of the clinical and community milieux with whom she works closely

TIM HOLLAND MD, CCFP



After completing a degree in philosophy and psychology, Tim Holland began study at Dalhousie Medical School in 2007 with an elective focus in global health and ethics. During his medical training, he co-produced and directed the research documentary, "*First, Do No Harm*", which examined the ethics of global health service learning. The film premiered at the Consortium of Universities for Global Health, Global Health Education Consortium and the Canadian Society for International Health Conference in 2011. It has since been screened all over the globe.

During his Family Medicine residency he began advocating for the creation of a specialized clinic to serve the refugee population in Halifax, N.S. Now, as Assistant Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at Dalhousie University, he continues to advocate and in April 2014 he led the opening of the *Halifax Transitional Health Clinic for Refugees*. The clinic has gone through considerable change since it opened beginning with a shoestring budget relying on "borrowed" supplies from other clinics to emerging as an integral part of the Primary Care Network of the Nova Scotia Health Authority. It has survived and flourished during the Syrian influx of 2016. It has gone from 3 co-founding physicians working a couple shifts a month to a roster of family doctors, nurses and visiting specialists filling four jam-packed clinic rooms. The name has changed to the "*Newcomer Health Clinic*" and Tim Holland is currently the Clinical Lead.

Aside from his work with the *Newcomer Health Clinic*, Tim has just finished his term as President of *Doctors Nova Scotia* and is now Chair of the *Committee on Ethics* for the Canadian Medical Association. He currently divides clinical time between Emergency Medicine in Truro, N.S. and Family Medicine that is equally divided between the



Newcomer Health Clinic and his family practice at the *Sipekne'katik Health Center* in Indian Brook, N.S.

ANDREA HUNTER MD, FRCPC, FAAP, DIP TROP MED

Andrea Hunter is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at McMaster University and a Consultant Pediatrician at McMaster Children's Hospital and St. Joseph's Healthcare, Hamilton. She completed both medical school and pediatric residency at McMaster University, followed by a Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene in London, UK.

Dr. Hunter maintains a consulting general pediatric practice focusing on children/youth new to Canada and socially vulnerable families. She is the McMaster pediatric residency program director, which includes an innovative social pediatric rotation for all residents.

Her clinical and research interests include pediatric refugee & immigrant health, social determinants of health and global child health. She has coordinated community-based pediatric refugee / immigrant health clinics in Hamilton since 2004, and is an editor and task force member for *Caring for Kids New to Canada*, a Canadian Pediatric Society peer-reviewed guide to health professionals working with immigrant and refugee children and youth. Internationally, she has been involved in ongoing global child health education programs in Uganda and is co-program director of a pediatric residency program in Guyana.

MICHAELA HYNIE PhD



Michaela Hynie is a Professor in the Department of Psychology, and the *Centre for Refugee Studies* at York University and was the founder and director of the *Program Evaluation Unit* in the York Institute of Health Research (2009-2018).

Dr. Hynie conducts mixed-method community-based research on the development and evaluation of interventions that can strengthen social and institutional relationships to improve health and well-being. Her work focuses on situations of social conflict and forced displacement in different cultural, political and physical environments. She has worked in Canada, the Democratic Republic of Congo, India, Liberia, Nepal, Rwanda, Sierra Leone and South Africa and with her colleagues has been

funded by the *Lupina Foundation, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Grand Challenges Canada, International Development and Research, Canada* and the *Canadian Institutes for Health Research*.

Michaela is currently leading *Syria.LTH*, a 5-year CIHR-funded longitudinal study on Syrian refugee integration and long-term health outcomes in Canada. She is the past President of the *Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies*.



LAURENCE KIRMAYER MD, FRCPC, FCAHS, FRSC

Laurence J. Kirmayer is the James McGill Professor and Director, Division of Social and Transcultural Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry, McGill University and Co-director of the Culture, Mind and Brain Program, McGill University. He is Editor-in-Chief of *Transcultural Psychiatry*, and Director of the *Culture & Mental Health Research Unit* at the Institute of Community and Family Psychiatry, Jewish General Hospital in Montreal, where he conducts research on culturally responsive mental health services for immigrants and refugees, the mental health of Indigenous peoples, and the philosophy of psychiatry.

Dr. Kirmayer founded and directs the annual Summer Program and *Advanced Study Institute in Cultural Psychiatry* at McGill. He also founded and directs the *Network for Aboriginal Mental Health Research*. His past research includes studies on cultural consultation, pathways and barriers to mental health care for immigrants and refugees, somatization in primary care, cultural concepts of mental health and illness in Inuit communities, risk and protective factors for suicide among Inuit youth, and resilience among Indigenous peoples. Current projects include: mental health promotion for Indigenous youth; the integration of ethnography and neuroscience in global mental health; and models of mental health services for multicultural societies.

Dr. Kirmayer co-edited the volumes: *Understanding Trauma: Integrating Biological, Clinical, and Cultural Perspectives* (Cambridge University Press), and *Healing Traditions: The Mental Health of Aboriginal Peoples in Canada* (University of British

Columbia Press); *Cultural Consultation: Encountering the Other in Mental Health Care* (Springer); the *DSM-5 Handbook for the Cultural Formulation Interview* (APPI); and *Re-Visioning Psychiatry: Cultural Phenomenology, Critical Neuroscience and Global Mental Health* (Cambridge).

Laurence is a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences and the Royal Society of Canada.

RACHEL KRONICK MD, MSc



Rachel Kronick is a child and adolescent Psychiatrist at the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal, and a researcher at the Lady Davis Institute and Sherpa Research Institute. She is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry of McGill University. Her research and advocacy focus on immigration detention of children and families in Canada.

Recently, she has reported that field work in immigration detention centres is an emotionally demanding process in which investigators find themselves in conflict between their role as researchers and their sense of moral and clinical obligations toward distressed detainees, especially children. Seeking to understand these emotional responses helps to explain the effects of detention itself and what is at stake when researchers are faced with the suffering of the refugees in these spaces of confinement.

MIE THA LAH



Mie Tha (A Karen ethnic from Burma) arrived in Canada in May 2007 as a government sponsored refugee with his family from refugee camp in Thailand. He graduated from Bachelor of Secondary Education in the Philippines in 2003 and he had been working as an educator and community worker for the Karen refugees until he resettled to Canada. He married his college classmate Jocelyn from the Philippines and they now have three wonderful children born in Toronto. He is an accredited court interpreter for Karen and Burmese languages for Ministry of Attorney General. He is also currently working for Jane Finch Centre as Settlement Worker providing pivotal settlement assistance to newcomer immigrants and refugee families in Toronto. Before

Mie Tha came to Canada, he lived in the refugee camp for 13 years with his parents in siblings.

AUDREY MACKLIN BSc., LLB, LLM



Professor Audrey Macklin (BSc. (Alberta), LLB (Toronto), LLM (Yale) is Director of the *Centre for Criminology and Sociolegal Studies* and Chair in International Human Rights Law at the University of Toronto. She teaches, researches and writes in the area of migration and citizenship law, business and human rights, and administrative law. She is co-author of the *Governance Gap: Extractive Industries, Human Rights, and the Home State Advantage* and the Canadian text, *Immigration and Refugee Law: Cases, Materials and Commentary*, 2nd Edition.

Through her scholarship and advocacy, Professor Macklin's body of work addresses academic and non-academic legal audiences, interdisciplinary scholarly networks, and civil society inside and outside Canada. Professor Macklin is a frequent commentator in Canadian and international print, radio and television media. Her op-eds have appeared in the New York Times, The Guardian, the Globe and Mail, the Toronto Star, and the Washington Post.

From 1994-96, Professor Macklin was a Member of Canada's Immigration and Refugee Board, where she adjudicated refugee claims. She was also involved in the case of Omar Khadr, a Canadian citizen detained by the United States for almost a decade at Guantànamo Bay. She was an observer for Human Rights Watch at the Military Commission proceedings against Mr. Khadr in Guantànamo Bay, and represented Human Rights Watch as intervener before the Supreme Court of Canada in two Khadr appeals. Professor Macklin has also acted as pro bono intervener counsel or academic legal advisor in several public interest human rights cases, including legal challenges to security certificates, withdrawal of health care for refugees, citizenship revocation, and the ban on niqabs at citizenship ceremonies.



Prof. Macklin was named a Trudeau Fellow in 2017, and awarded the Ludwik and Estelle Jus Human Rights Award in 2019.

ALEX NEVE OC, LLB

Alex Neve believes in a world in which the human rights of all people are protected. He has been a member of Amnesty International since 1985 and has served as Secretary General of Amnesty International Canada's English Branch since 2000. In that role he has carried out numerous human rights research missions throughout Africa and Latin America, and closer to home to such locations as Grassy Narrows First Nation in NW Ontario and to Guantánamo Bay. He speaks to audiences across the country about a wide range of human rights issues, appears regularly before parliamentary committees and UN bodies, and is a frequent commentator in the media.

Alex is a lawyer, with an LLB from Dalhousie University and a Masters Degree in International Human Rights Law from the University of Essex. He has served as a member of the Immigration and Refugee Board, taught at Osgoode Hall Law School and the University of Ottawa, been affiliated with York University's Centre for Refugee Studies, and worked as a refugee lawyer in private practice and in a community legal aid clinic. He is on the Board of Directors of Partnership Africa Canada, the Canadian Centre for International Justice and the Centre for Law and Democracy.

He is an Officer of the Order of Canada, a Trudeau Foundation Mentor and has received honorary Doctorate of Laws degrees from the University of Waterloo and the University of New Brunswick.



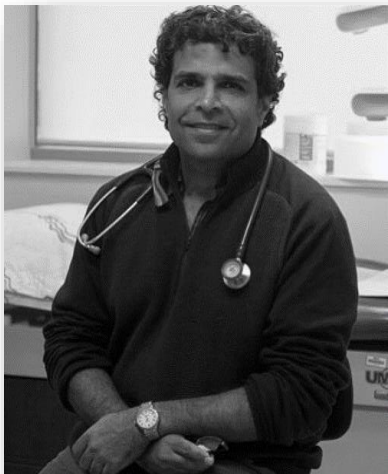
CLARE PAIN MD, MSc., FRCPC., D.Sc (Hons) AAU

Clare Pain is an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto and Director of the Psychological Trauma Program at Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto. In July 2014, she was awarded an honorary doctorate from Addis Ababa University (AAU) for her work to assist the development of psychiatry in Ethiopia.

Dr. Pain consults at the *Canadian Center for Victims of Torture*, and the [New Beginnings Clinic](#) for refugee mental health in Toronto. She is the co-lead of the [Toronto Addis Ababa Academic Collaboration](#) (TAAAC), under which there are 24 educational partnerships between the University of Toronto and Addis Ababa University working to strengthen educational capacity and sustainability in postgraduate training at AAU.

Her clinical focus is on the assessment and treatment of patients, including refugees, who continue to suffer from the effects of psychological trauma. She has lectured and taught on various aspects of psychological trauma including trans-cultural issues and increasingly on global mental health.

MEB RASHID MD, CCFP



Meb Rashid has had the privilege of spending the last fifteen years of his career working with newly arrived refugees in Canada. He is the Medical Director of the *Crossroads Clinic*, a medical clinic housed in Women's College Hospital that serves refugees arriving in Toronto. He has also co-founded the *Canadian Doctors for Refugee Care*, an organization founded to advocate for refugees to access health insurance. He was on the steering committee of the CCIRH, a group that developed evidence-based guidelines for the assessment of newly arrived immigrants and refugees and is a co-founder of the *Christie Refugee Health Clinic*, a health clinic located in a refugee shelter.

Dr. Rashid has written and lectured extensively about the health of refugee populations. He is an Assistant Professor with the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Toronto.



CÉCILE ROUSSEAU MD, MSc, FCAHS

Cécile Rousseau, MD is a Professor of the Division of Social and Cultural Psychiatry at McGill University. She has worked extensively with immigrant and refugee communities, developing specific school-based interventions and leading policy-oriented research. Presently her research focuses on intervention and prevention programs to address violent radicalization.

After medical school, as a young family doctor, Cécile Rousseau worked with Mayan communities in war torn Guatemala. Her subsequent clinical and research career has been dedicated to understand, and prevent the effects of organized violence on children, families and communities. She focused first on refugee mental health, uncovering the complex interactions between pre-migratory and post-migratory factors through numerous studies; she confirmed the pertinence of eco-systemic approaches for refugee care, which led her to develop school-based prevention programs for refugee children.

RACHEL SPITZER MD, MPH, FRCSC(C)



Dr. Spitzer obtained a BSc at McGill University and subsequently attended McMaster University medical school. She completed residency training in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Toronto and fellowship training at The Hospital for Sick Children in pediatric and adolescent gynecology where her clinical and research interests focused on complex contraception and adolescent pregnancy. She received a Master's in Public Health from Harvard University in 2007/2008 with a concentration in International Health and an interdisciplinary concentration in Women and Gender Health.

Dr. Spitzer joined the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Toronto in the summer of 2008. She served as Faculty Lead for Global Health in the Undergraduate Medical Program from 2011-2016 and Department Vice Chair for Global Health in 2014. She achieved promotion to the rank of

Associate Professor in 2015. Dr. Spitzer is cross appointed to the U of T Dalla Lana School of Public Health.

Dr. Spritzer combines a clinical practice of general, pediatric and adolescent Obstetrics and Gynecology with the practice and teaching of global women's health. In 2017, she successfully began Canada's first Fellowship Program in Global Women's Health and Equity, with a local equity clinic, and has developed resident curriculum in a complementary fashion to teach all levels of trainees about the needs of global and locally underserved populations.



MARGARET STEELE HBSc, MD, FRCPC, MEd, DFCPA, CCPE, FCAHS

Margaret Steele is a Professor of Psychiatry who took on the exciting role of Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at Memorial University of Newfoundland in August 2016. Previously she served as Vice Dean, Hospital & Interfaculty Relations, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry at Western University.

Dr. Steele earned her honours degree in microbiology and immunology at Western University in 1983, completing her MD in 1987. She obtained her Fellowship in Psychiatry in 1992 and was in the first cohort to receive a Fellowship in child and adolescent psychiatry in 2013. She earned a masters of higher education from the Ontario Institute of Studies in Education at the University of Toronto in 2002 and became a Fellow of the Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in academic medicine at Drexel University in Philadelphia in 2008. In 2012, she became a Distinguished Fellow of the Canadian Psychiatric Association and in 2013, a Canadian Certified Physician Executive.

Dr. Steele is the first Canadian to be an Association of American Medical Colleges Council of Dean Fellow. She was elected to the Fellowship of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences in 2018. She was granted Professor Emeritus at Western University in 2019.



SHAZEEN SULEMAN MSc MD MPH (FRCPC)

Shazeen Suleman is a staff physician in the Department of Pediatrics, Outreach Services at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto. She completed her pediatric residency at the Hospital for Sick Children and her medical degree at the University of British Columbia, where she was named a Wesbrook Scholar. She completed a master's of public health at the Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University in 2017, where she was a Sommer Scholar.

At St. Michael's Hospital, Dr. Suleman provides consulting general pediatrics care for children living in the inner-city, including urban Indigenous, refugee and immigrant children. She is a consultant pediatrician with the *Model Schools Pediatric Health Initiative*, and is the research lead for *K!DConnect*, a pediatric patient navigation program at St. Michael's Hospital. Her academic interests involve the development and evaluation of evidence-based programs to support newcomer and vulnerable children.

Beyond the clinic, she is the co-founder and President of the *MusicBox Children's Charity*, a national organization that has provided music education opportunities to more than 5,000 vulnerable children across Canada. She is a founding member of the *Social Pediatrics Special Interest Group* and was involved with the *Caring for Kids New to Canada Task Force*.

Dr. Suleman She is an assistant editor for *Paediatrics & Child Health*, the official journal of the Canadian Paediatric Society. She is actively involved in medical education, and frequently gives guest lectures, presentations and workshops to all levels of medical trainees.



SALLY THORNE, RN, PhD, FAAN, FCAHS

Sally Thorne is a Professor of Nursing at the University of British Columbia. Her body of research concerns health experience across a range of chronic and life-limiting conditions with an emphasis on the impact of social and structural determinants of health in the Canadian context.

Sally has authored numerous works on applied qualitative methodology, including *Interpretive Description: Qualitative Research for Applied Practice* (New York & London: Routledge, 2016), serves as Associate Editor for *Qualitative Health Research* (Sage) and is Editor-in-Chief for *Nursing Inquiry* (Wiley), a journal dedicated to critical scholarship in nursing and health care.



CATHARINE WHITESIDE CM MD PhD FRCPS(C) FCAHS

A University of Toronto graduate, Dr. Whiteside served as Dean of Medicine and Vice Provost Relations with Health Care Institutions at the University of Toronto from 2006 -14 and was recognized with WXN Canada's Most Powerful Women Top 100 Award in 2012.

Dr. Whiteside was awarded the 2007 Medal for Research Excellence from the Kidney Foundation of Canada and the Canadian Medical Association 2009 May Cohen Award for Women Mentors.

Dr. Whiteside is a founding member of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences and former President. She currently serves as a Director on the Boards of Baycrest Health and The Scarborough and Rouge Hospital Foundation and is Chair of the Board of the Banting Research Foundation. Dr. Whiteside now holds the position of Executive Director of *Diabetes Action Canada*, the CIHR-Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research Network in Diabetes and Related Complications.

In 2016, Dr. Whiteside was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada.