

2005 HPME GSU CONFERENCE

On Wednesday May 4, 2005, the HPME GSU sponsored its first ever Student Research Conference, as a pre-event to the annual department Research Day.

The conference, *From Silos to Integration*, was an opportunity to showcase student research and provide a forum for students, faculty, alumni and guests to exchange ideas on health policy and economics, epidemiology and performance measurement.

A selection of dynamic student oral presentations opened the day, followed by an expert panel discussion entitled, "Can We Reform Primary Care in Ontario?" moderated by our own Professor Louise Lemieux-Charles. Information on the presentations and biographies for last year's panellists are provided below.

A HUGE thank-you to all student, staff, faculty and guests who participated in the day and made it a great success. We couldn't have done it without you and we look forward to seeing even more of you out in the Spring of 2006!

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ORAL PRESENTATIONS 2005

Priority-Setting in Health Services Research

Priority-Setting for Genomic-Based Therapeutic Technologies. Rosenberg-Yunger Z, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON.

Priority Setting in Ontario Community Care Access Centres. Kohli M, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON.

Evaluating Changes in Health Care Delivery

An Economic Evaluation of Asthma Action Plans for Children. Lodha A, J Polisen, S Tam, A Laporte, P Coyte, and W Ungar, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON.

Age and Health Care Utilization: What Can Time-to-Death Modeling Reveal? Payne G, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON.

Implementing the Expanded Chronic Care Model in an Integrated Primary Care Network. Li M, LiME Creative Technology Solutions Inc.; A MacGregor and S Robinson, Vancouver Island Health Authority; Victoria BC.

The Structure of Ambulatory Physical Therapy Services in Hospitals: A Changing Public/Private Mix. Landry MD, Toronto Rehabilitation Institute (TRI) & Arthritis Community Research and Evaluation (ACREU), Toronto, ON.

EXPERT PANEL BIOGRAPHIES 2005

Panel Chair - Dr. Louise Lemieux-Charles, PhD (Toronto), HPME Chair

Louise Lemieux-Charles is Chair of the Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation (HPME) in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto. She teaches in the area of human resource management and labour relations, and organization strategy and management. Dr. Lemieux-Charles is currently involved in a number of research projects which include examining the impact of the accreditation process on quality and patient safety, determining the effect of long term care institutional settings' learning capacity on the adoption of clinical practice guidelines and the impact of the newly constituted Quality Council in monitoring performance in the Ontario cancer system. She recently completed a study of effectiveness of community-based dementia networks. Dr. Lemieux-Charles has over 25 years experience in the health care field, in both management and academia. Her experience in governance spans membership on professional and health care boards, including recent membership on the United Way Board where she chaired a committee to review its governance structures and processes. At present, she is a member of the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute Board of Directors. Dr. Lemieux-Charles is a co-editor with Francois Champagne, Universite de Montreal, of a book entitled, *Using Knowledge and Evidence in Health Care: Multidisciplinary Perspectives*, recently published by University of Toronto Press.

Dr. Ruth Wilson, Action Group on Family Health Teams

Dr. Ruth Wilson is the Chair of the Action Group on Family Health Teams, the former Chair of the Ontario Family Health Network, and she is a professor at Queen's University in Kingston. After graduating from the University of Toronto in 1976, Dr. Wilson did further postgraduate training as a family doctor and GP/Anaesthetist. She became a Certificant of the College of Family Physicians in 1980. Dr. Wilson has worked as a family doctor doing a full range of care including anaesthesia and obstetrics in the Sioux Lookout Zone Hospital (1978-79), the Bella Coola General Hospital in British Columbia (1979-80), the Baie Verte Peninsula Health Centre in Newfoundland (1980-85) and again in Sioux Lookout (1985-1989). Dr. Wilson joined the Department of Family Medicine at Queen's University to co-ordinate the Moose Factory Program. She was Head of the Department of Family Medicine at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario from 1991-2001. She is the co-editor of the chapters on women's health for the "Oxford Textbook of Primary Care", and co-editor of a new book entitled "Implementing Primary Care Reform: Barriers and Facilitators". Dr. Wilson is a member of the Ontario Women's Health Council and the Executive of the College of Family Physicians of Canada. As Chair of the Ontario Family Health Network since 2001, she has overseen the implementation of primary care renewal in Ontario. She will continue in this role as Chair of the Action Committee on Family Health Teams. She is married to a family physician and they have five children.

Dr. Ted Boadway, Ontario Medical Association

Dr. Ted Boadway is a medical doctor who spent the first 13 years of his professional career as a family physician. He has been a staff member of the Ontario Medical Association for the past 21 years. Throughout his career, Dr. Boadway has been actively involved in medical politics at the local, regional, provincial, and national levels. As Executive Director of Health Policy at the OMA, Dr. Boadway has played an active role in every piece of health or health services legislation tabled in Ontario over the last 25 years. Recent issues include Privacy legislation, the Health Care Accessibility Act, Auto Insurance Amendments, and Public Health Amendments. In 1988, Dr. Boadway was responsible for the influential OMA policy statement on "Health Effects of Ground-Level Ozone, Acid Aerosols & Particulate Matter," and more recently, for the development of the interactive computer software program, "Illness Costs of Air Pollution." In 2003, Dr. Boadway received the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal in recognition of his published and legislative work in tobacco control. Also in 2003, Dr. Boadway led the OMA response to the outbreak of SARS in Ontario and was responsible for communicating with the profession and the government. Dr. Boadway is a knowledgeable source to both local and national print and electronic media, and speaks internationally on health-care issues ranging from clinical medicine to medical politics.

Doris Grinspun, RN, MSN, PhD Candidate (York), OOnt, Registered Nurses Association of Ontario

Doris Grinspun is the Executive Director of the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario (RNAO), the professional association representing registered nurses in the province of Ontario. RNAO's mandate is to advocate for healthy public policy and for the role of registered nurses. Ms. Grinspun is a forceful advocate of the Canadian health-care system and the contribution of registered nurses to its success. Her research interests are in the areas of the nurse/patient relationship, health services restructuring, professional practice and rehabilitation. Ms. Grinspun has written and spoken extensively both in Canada and abroad. She has received numerous professional and scholarly awards. On March 31st 2004 Ms. Grinspun was invested with the Order of Ontario, the highest recognition of excellence and achievement in the province.

Dr. James R. MacLean, Markham-Stouffville Hospital

Dr. James R. MacLean is the President and CEO of Markham Stouffville Hospital. He was appointed to this position in April 1999. Prior to this position, he was the Chief of Staff of the hospital from May 1986 until November 1998. Dr. MacLean is currently on secondment to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, as part of the Health Results Team. He is leading the primary care initiative. Dr. MacLean chaired the Task Force responsible for redeveloping health care services for York Region during his term as a Council member of the York Region District Health Council. Dr. MacLean is the Chair of the Toronto East Network (TEN) CEO group. He is also a member of the OHA Health Council and Management Board's Advisory Committee on e-Government. In addition, Dr. MacLean serves on the Board of Smart Systems for Health Agency, the Child Health Network, and the Healthcare Insurance Reciprocal of Canada. Dr. MacLean has been involved in the implementation of many major information management and information technology projects, both in management, and as a clinician. Markham Stouffville Hospital is considered to be one of the most progressive hospitals in the province in the adoption of ICT. The success of its two most recent initiatives involving the development of integrated solutions for family physicians and hospital-wide point of care electronic documentation clearly demonstrates its leadership position. Markham Stouffville Hospital has also achieved success in the areas of quality and customer satisfaction and its current safety initiative is an extension of its culture of excellence.