

SPEAKER PROFILES

GERIATRICS & CARDIOLOGY UPDATE 2014

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Kathryn Bell, MD, FRCP, Specialist in Geriatric Medicine

Dr. Bell did her training in Medicine and Geriatric Medicine at UBC and began practicing in North and West Vancouver in 1994. She then continued in Community practice until 2010 when she began working at the Short term Assessment and Treatment Unit at Vancouver General Hospital, where she provides consultations to a Psychogeriatric Unit and a Day Hospital. Dr. Bell provides outreach in the Sea to Sky corridor (Squamish to Pemberton) and enjoys both the complexity and the simplicity of Geriatric Medicine as well as passing that knowledge on to trainees in many different fields. When she is not working, she spends time walking the beaches and cycling the trails of Hornby Island.



Rudy Chow, MD

Dr. Rudy Chow is a UBC clinical professor and a member of the UBC Division of Cardiology. He recently completed one year of geriatric post-fellowship training at the University of British Columbia. In 2013, Rudy was awarded the first UBC Geriatric Cardiology Fellowship. He has a position as the first geriatric cardiologist in BC, working at Mount St. Joseph's Hospital (MSJH). MSJH in Vancouver is a leader in the field of Eldercare. Since 2011, the hospital has developed and improved cardiac treatment for the elderly patients and residents in our care, establishing a new university affiliated outpatient cardiac clinic. Rudy will provide a unique service to the elderly in East Vancouver. For the first time, geriatric patients will have a treatment plan charted that integrates expertise from both the cardiology and geriatric fields.

Rudy has an education focus and will be offering clinical electives to residents and fellows in the growing field of geriatric-cardiology. Topic areas of importance include frailty in cardiovascular disease, risk stratification in the elderly, interactions of comorbid illness on cardiovascular care, cardiac interventions in the elderly, and barriers to cardiovascular care in the elderly. Research areas of interest include non-invasive cardiac diagnostics as well as frailty assessment in patients undergoing implantable cardiac defibrillators and invasive coronary angiograms.



Deidre Macdonald, B.A., N.D.

Dr. Deidre Macdonald is a licensed Naturopathic Physician who has practiced in Courtenay, B.C. for 17 years. She graduated first in her class during her undergrad work at the University of British Columbia and completed her medical degree at the National College of Naturopathic Medicine in Portland, Oregon. She is the owner of the Macdonald Centre for Natural Medicine, which is a multidisciplinary clinic offering services from ND's, MD's, acupuncturists, massage therapist, counselors and more. She is on the board of the British Columbia Naturopathic Association and volunteers for the College of Naturopathic Physicians of B.C.



Dorothy (Sam) Williams, MD, FRCPC

Dr. Dorothy 'Sam' Williams is a Geriatrician /Chief of Staff At West Coast General Hospital in Port Alberni and Chair of the Health Authority Medical Advisory Committee for VIHA September 2009-Present. She has been working as a Geriatrician working for VIHA since 2000. She is a clinical instructor with the Department of Medicine UBC and the Island Medical Program.

Dr. Williams was born, bred, and trained in Edmonton.

Dr. Williams has a particular interest in Physician Health Issues; and is a member of the Physician Health Program 'Physician Advocating Wellness' groups in BC. She also chairs the Physician Health Program Steering Committee of the Doctors of BC. She is a longtime supporter of the Island Medical Program- a satellite of UBC.

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Anna Khan is the Director of Business Development for the management of medical professionals and their families personal and business assets.

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