

SPEAKER PROFILES

OBESITY UPDATE 2011

BALTIC: AUGUST 2-14, 2011



Dr. Sean Wharton, MD, FRCPC, PharmD

Traditional Medicine

Dr. Wharton has his doctorate in both Pharmacy and Medicine. Dr. Wharton graduated from UofT Pharmacy program in 1992, and his Doctorate in Pharmacy in 1997. He completed medical school at UofT, in 2001 and residency in Internal Medicine at McMaster University in 2005. His interest in ethnicity and medicine led him to the study of hypertension and then to obesity under the guidance of Dr. Arya Sharma, an international recognized leader in Obesity research.

Dr. Wharton has treated thousands of obese patients and was one of the main physicians to spearhead the Hamilton General Hospital Bariatric Clinic, along with Dr. Sharma. Dr. Wharton's research includes The Inadequacy of Diagnostic Equipment for Bariatric Patients; Barriers to the Treatment of Obesity, and Epicardial Fat in Bariatric patients before and after a Low Calorie Diet Program.

Dr. Wharton has a vision to education all patients and their families, regarding the causes and treatment of increased weight. Patients should be part of the solution to their own medical condition and can be advocates to change the status of obesity from a social condition to a chronic medical condition that requires societal and governmental recognition and assistance.

Dr. Wharton is a strong advocate for government funded medical care for patients with increased weight. All care at the Weight Management Centre is an OHIP funded and there are no charges for patients. Ministry funding for bariatric medical care continues to be inadequate, and with advocacy this will improve the extent of care that can be delivered to all patients.

Dr. Wharton is a member of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, the Canadian Obesity Network, the Canadian Association of Bariatric Surgeons and Physicians.



Dr. Andrew Tresidder, MD, BS, MRCGP

Integrative Medicine / Physician's Health

Dr Andrew Tresidder trained at Guys Hospital. Since 1989 he has been a GP at Springmead Surgery in Chard, Somerset. From 2004-5 he was on the Professional Executive Committee of South Somerset Primary Care Trust, and is currently a Patient Safety GP Adviser to Somerset PCT. Andrew has experience in Prison and Forensic Medical work, and is an approved doctor under the Mental Health Act. He gained a Certificate of Medical Education in 2005.

From 1998-2006 Andrew was the local constituency representative on the Somerset Local Medical Committee. In 2003 he was part of the Stress in Primary Care Working Group, and wrote papers on Supporting GPs and their Emotional Well-Being. He gave a key-note presentation on the Emotional Well-Being of GPs at the 2004 Somerset LMC Conference, and helped refine the Somerset Occupational Health provision for GPs. A poster on "Self-Care for Health Professionals" was exhibited in 2008 at the BMA AMA CMA "Doctor's Health Matters" Conference in London. Andrew works both with individuals and organizations to help set strategy on health. Books include "I'm Fine, Learning to Unblock Your Emotions" (2002) and "Lazy Person's Guide to Emotional Healing, Using Flower Essences" Successfully (2000), whilst 2009 saw the release of a DVD Nature's Alchemy.



Peter Everett, LLB, CLU, TEP

Practice Management

Peter is Vice President, Planning Services with PPI Financial Group in Toronto. A tax lawyer, Peter graduated from McGill University Law School in 1977 and is a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada and the Law Society of British Columbia. His practice is restricted to taxation, corporate reorganizations and life insurance tax and estate planning issues. He has completed the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants In-Depth Tax Course, a number of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants Income Tax Practice Courses, and the University of Western Ontario Law School Tax Course. Peter is also a conference speaker and has authored articles and presentations for legal, accounting and insurance professional groups.

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Anna Khan MBA, PFP

Wealth Management

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

Mrs. Khan has over sixteen years of Financial Investment experience spanning the entire retail banking lifecycle including customer service, account management & investment planning as well as management of retail branches for one of Canada's leading financial institutions. Mrs. Khan is a Director of the Canadian Association of Women Executives and Entrepreneurs advisory council, a member of the Toronto Board of Trade and a member of the Women's Post. Mrs. Khan teaches investment courses at the George Brown College and also volunteers her time at the Toronto Board of Education, where she inspires Canada's new immigrants on their job opportunities.