

SPEAKER PROFILES

CARDIOLOGY, GERIATRICS & MEDICO-LEGAL UPDATE 2020
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Dr. Bradley J. Dibble, MD FRCPC, FACC

Dr. Dibble was born and raised in Barrie and attended Barrie North Collegiate, graduating top of his class and serving as valedictorian in 1984. He attended McMaster University in the Arts and Science Programme for two years before attending medical schools at the University of Western Ontario in London, where he graduated cum laude in 1990. He remained in London to complete training in Internal Medicine followed by Cardiology, and then completed a six-month position as a Clinical Assistant for the Department of Cardiology at Victoria Hospital. He started his practice in Barrie in 1996, and joined the team at Southlake in 2000 where he has worked in the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory.

He has a broad-based practice in clinical cardiology, with a particular interest in preventative medicine and risk factor modification. He has been the regional spokesperson for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario, and is often on radio and television discussing cardiovascular issues. He was the Physician Lead for the Division of Cardiology and the Clinical Director of the Cardiovascular Program at RVH from 2012 to 2017, helping to bring advanced cardiac care to the region's own Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory which officially opened in January 2018.

Outside of Cardiology, he also has an interest in the climate crisis, and was appointed by the federal Minister of the Environment (the late Jim Prentice) as one of 25 members to the Sustainable Development Advisory Council, a membership he still maintains. He has written a book on the subject entitled 'Comprehending the Climate Crisis' which has won awards and been endorsed by former Canadian astronaut Col. Chris Hadfield, and has received training from former Vice President and Nobel Laureate Al Gore in San Francisco in August 2012, allowing him to provide versions of Mr. Gore's climate talk to Canadians. He now serves as a Mentor for Climate Reality Canada.



Dr. Ken Schwartz

Dr. Schwartz received his MD from the University of Manitoba. He completed a residency in psychiatry at the University of Toronto, a fellowship in geriatric psychiatry at the Johnston R. Bowman Centre, Rush-Presbyterian-St. Lukes Medical Centre in Chicago, Illinois, and completed psychoanalytic training at the Toronto Institute of Psychoanalysis. He is on staff at Baycrest Centre, where he works at the Psychiatric Day Hospital for Depressed Elderly, and also serves as a psychogeriatric consultant, individual and group therapist at the Apotex and Cummer Lodge Homes for the Aged. Dr. Schwartz is also an Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto.

Dr. Schwartz's publications, presentations and research are all related to geriatric psychiatry, pertaining to the areas of individual and group therapy, sexuality, coping with aging in both patients and healthcare providers, and the development and teaching of a model to help long-term care staff and family caregivers of individuals with behavioral and psychological symptoms of dementia.

Dr. Schwartz is a passionate advocate of the care of the elderly, serving as a co-chairman of the Issues of Aging Special Interest Group of the American Group Psychotherapy Association, and as a member of the Executive and Board of Directors of the Canadian Group Psychotherapy Association. He is a recipient of the 2017 best poster award at the European Association of Psychosomatic Medicine Annual Conference for his caregiver model and of the Perry Roth Memorial Award at the 2017 American Group Psychotherapy Association Annual Meeting for his workshop on coping with aging.

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Michael is a Partner at Fogler, Rubinoff LLP where he heads the health law group. He is also a former member of the Firm's Executive Committee. Michael has extensive experience in all aspects of health law including the representation of physicians in regulatory matters involving complaints, discipline, quality assurance, fitness to practice and registration issues. He has represented numerous physicians in hospital privilege disputes as well as in matters involving the management and business operations of a medical practice including billing issues. He also advises hospitals, corporations and institutions with respect to health law issues. Michael is also an experienced medical malpractice litigator having both defended physicians and represented plaintiffs. Michael is a frequent speaker at continuing education programs for health care practitioners and lawyers on issues relating to health law and medical practice. Michael is a past chair of the Ontario Bar Association Health Law Section and Past President of the Medico-Legal Society of Toronto.