



## 2016 ADHD Conference

### Speaker Biographies

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#### **Dr. Rosemary Tannock, PhD**

Rosemary Tannock is now Professor Emerita at the University of Toronto and continues as a Senior Scientist at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Canada. She held a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Special Education at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education in the University of Toronto from January 2006-February 2013. Her clinical research program, which focuses on the nature and treatment of cognitive and academic impairments in ADHD, has been funded continuously since 1990 from peer-reviewed Canadian and USA federal grants.

From 2007-2013, she was a member of the DSM-5 Work Group on ADHD and Externalizing Disorders and liaison-consultant to the Neurodevelopment Disabilities Work Group for Specific Learning Disabilities. Currently, she is an appointed member of the Steering Committee for the WHO International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) Core Set for ADHD & a consultant for the ICD-11 section on Specific Learning Disorders. In 2009, she was awarded Member of the CHADD Hall of Fame, (for outstanding medical and educational contributions to the field of ADHD).

Professor Tannock has contributed about 200 peer-reviewed publications, over 20 chapters, is co-editor of a new volume on the neuroscience of ADHD (Behavioral Neuroscience of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and Its Treatment), and has authored several policy documents on ADHD for the Canadian Federal and Provincial Government.

#### **Dr. Penny Corkum**

Dr. Corkum is a Registered Psychologist with a background in School and Child Clinical Psychology. She is a Professor in the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience at Dalhousie University and cross-appointed in Psychiatry and Pediatrics as well as being on Scientific Staff at IWK Health Centre. In addition to her academic appointments, she is a Psychologist and Director of the Colchester East Hants ADHD Clinic. She conducts

clinical research in the areas of child mental health (particularly ADHD) and pediatric sleep. She is the Principal Investigator on a Canada-wide Teacher Help eHealth initiative funded by Canadian Institute of Health Research. Teacher Help is an online program that assists classroom teachers in providing evidence-based interventions to student in grades 1 to 12 with ADHD, Learning Disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorder. In January 2017, she will be leading a national randomized controlled trial of this program. She has also developed and evaluated child and parent interventions for ADHD.

### **Heidi Bernhardt, RN**

Heidi Bernhardt, RN, is a psychiatric nurse by training, mother of three young men with ADHD, and the founder, President and Executive Director of the Centre for ADHD Awareness Canada (CADDAC), a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to awareness, education, and advocacy for ADHD. Heidi also served as the Executive Director of the Canadian ADHD Resource Alliance (CADDRA), a national not-for-profit organization of the leading clinicians and researchers in ADHD in Canada for 6 years. Over the past 23 years, Heidi Bernhardt has helped raise awareness and understanding of ADHD among parents, educators, health care professionals, industry leaders, and government officials through presentations, conferences, media interviews, and advocacy work.

### **Dr. Elisabeth Baerg Hall**

Elisabeth Baerg Hall, MD, CCFP, FRCPC, is the Medical Lead of the Vancouver Coastal Regional Adult ADHD Clinic: A demonstration clinic for adults with ADHD. The clinic offers assessment, consultation, short term psychotherapy and education for individuals with ADHD and their families. Prior to leading this initiative, Dr. Hall and colleagues developed a group psychotherapy program for young adults with ADHD in post-secondary settings. With support from the Doctors of BC, the Post-Secondary ADHD Group Medical Visit program, combines medication management, Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, and Executive Skills support for students at University of BC, Simon Fraser University and Langara College. A Clinical Associate Professor at UBC, with over twenty years in the field, Dr. Hall teaches psychiatry, family practice residents and community-based physicians.

## **Dr. Amori Mikami**

Amori Yee Mikami is an Associate Professor of Psychology at University of British Columbia, where her research focuses on peer relationships among children and adolescents. Her studies aim to uncover innovative ways in which parents and teachers encourage children's friendships in order to improve existing interventions for peer problems in the population of youth with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder. Dr. Mikami received her B.A. and M.A. in Psychology from Stanford University in 1998, her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from University of California, Berkeley in 2004, and completed clinical internship and postdoctoral fellowship at University of California, San Francisco. She is a Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research Scholar, and she has active research projects funded by CIHR and the Institute for Education Sciences. <http://peerlab.psych.ubc.ca>

## **Dr. Jake Locke**

Jake Locke is a UBC Clinical Associate Professor on Active Staff at BC Children's Hospital for the past 20 years. After graduation from UBC Medical School he worked as a Family Physician for 8 years in Kelowna before returning to specialize in Child Psychiatry. He has served in numerous administrative roles at BCCH including Acting Head of Child Psychiatry, MAC, Medical Director of Child Inpatient Unit for 12 years, numerous BCCH committees and Provincial committees. Dr Locke currently works in the Outpatient Clinic at BCCH, provides Outreach service to Vernon, teaches Medical students & Residents, gives regular community education presentations, and has a private practice. He has been trained in MBSR, MBCT, and MBRP and has a personal Mindfulness practice. He is currently involved in 2 Mindfulness research projects – (1) Mindful Awareness and Resilience Skills for Adolescents (MARS-A) with distress (such as depression, anxiety and chronic pain) and (2) MARS for parents who have children with ADHD.

## **Ryan Santin**

Ryan is a Child and Family Therapist in private practice and at Vancouver Coastal Health, Child and Youth Mental Health Services. Ryan has been working with children, youth and their families over twenty years. He has facilitated the ADHD Parent Program at Vancouver Coastal Health as well as, programs supporting youth experiencing concurrent disorders (mental health and addiction). He is currently at the Alderwood Family Development Centre, Day Treatment Program.

## **Dr. Geraldine Farrelly**

Geraldine Farrelly MD, FRCP(C), DCH DObst is a developmental behavioural pediatrician and clinical associate professor at the University of Calgary. She holds a joint appointment in the departments of Pediatrics and Psychiatry. Dr. Farrelly graduated from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and completed her fellowship in Canada. She is medical director and consultant at the CanLearn Society (CLC) and Alberta mental health ADHD treatment resistant Clinic and Calgary.

Dr. Farrelly has served as President of the Calgary Medical Society, President of the Pediatric Society, is a board member of CADDRA and CanReach and on their faculty. She is on the Advisory Board for CHAAD Calgary chapter and was inducted into the CHAAD Hall of Fame in 2007. Dr. Farrelly has published on ADHD and related topics in peer reviewed papers in Canada USA and Europe. She has been an invited speaker on ADHD at national and international conferences including in the USA, Europe, Mexico, and Costa Rica.

## **Dr. Candice Murray**

Dr. Candice Murray is the Director of the Provincial ADHD Program at B.C Children's Hospital and a clinical instructor in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of British Columbia. She has published scientific articles in peer reviewed journals and has been an invited speaker at numerous professional conferences. She recently developed the ADHD Specialist Practice Module for general psychiatrists and pediatricians in B.C. Dr. Murray works part-time in private practice with a focus on assessing and treating children, adolescents, and adults with ADHD/ADD.

## **Dr. Diane McIntosh**

Dr. McIntosh graduated from Dalhousie University, where she completed an undergraduate degree in pharmacy before completing her medical school training, 2 years of a pediatric residency and then an adult psychiatry residency. She is a clinical assistant professor at the University of British Columbia and has a busy private practice. She is extensively involved in continuing medical education programs to colleagues nationally and internationally, with a focus on rational pharmacology. She has a particular interest in the neurobiology of mood and anxiety disorders.

As a researcher, Dr. McIntosh has been a principle or sub-investigator in phase II-IV trials, both industry sponsored and investigator initiated, and she is the author of numerous clinical and research papers. She sits on the Board of Directors of CANMAT, the Canadian Network For Mood and Anxiety Treatments and the Advisory Board for CADDRA, the Canadian ADHD Research Association. She has recently published blogs in the Huffington Post, focusing on mental health issues.