



## Collaborating Across Borders

An International Dialogue on  
Interprofessional Health Education,  
Research, Policy and Practice

May 20 - 22, 2009  
Westin Nova Scotian Hotel  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
Canada

# Join US

## Building Bridges Between Interprofessional Education and Practice

Collaborating Across Borders (CAB II) is the second Canada-United States joint conference focusing on an exploration of common issues around interprofessional education, practice and policy. This conference will build upon the highly successful first meeting (CAB I) held at the University of Minnesota in October 2007.

The conference will focus on a discussion of interprofessional education, practice and policy in an international context by featuring best practices, providing evidence that supports efforts, showcasing outcomes, describing lessons learned, and providing a venue for scholarly dialogue and productive networking.

### Who Should Attend?

This conference will be particularly relevant to:

- ◆ health care practitioners, policy-makers, regulators and health system leaders, from both Canadian and American perspectives, with an interest in evolving models of practice that require or assume interprofessional collaboration and a patient/client focus;
- ◆ academics and administrators whose interests and expertise lie in the realms of health policy, health law, professional regulatory bodies and program accreditation and who can speak to legal/regulatory issues in Canada and the United States that impact on implementing evolving collaborative models of practice;
- ◆ academics with interest or experience in faculty development who can explore strategies for preparing existing faculty members to deal with the new expectations around interprofessional education;
- ◆ students with an interest in interprofessional practice, education and/or research;
- ◆ academic educators with interests in:

- ◆ adapting curricula to incorporate interprofessional experiences, and
- ◆ enhancing the quality of professional preparation of graduates to fit into and contribute to existing and newly evolving models of practice;
- ◆ clinical educators with interest in issues around transforming traditional practicum or fieldwork placement experiences by:
  - ◆ weaving simulated and real interprofessional collaboration into the placement fabric and
  - ◆ preparing students to assume future leadership roles in bringing new collaborative models of practice to fruition;
- ◆ researchers with an interest in exploring and evaluating:
  - ◆ evolving models of practice and
  - ◆ the preparation of professionals who will fit into these new roles.

### Education Sessions

The conference program will offer a number of plenary sessions with internationally recognized keynote speakers, workshops, discussion groups, demonstrations, research papers and posters providing opportunities for dialogue and networking. These sessions will be based on the following themes:

- ◆ Interprofessional practice
- ◆ Interprofessional education
- ◆ Policy influencing interprofessional education and/or practice
- ◆ Systems influencing interprofessional education and/or practice
- ◆ Linkages amongst these themes

### Registration

Conference registration fees include: opening reception, breakfasts, lunches and nutrition breaks.

<b>Early Bird Registration</b> (on or before March 16th, 2009)	<b>\$465</b>
<b>Conference Registration</b> (after March 16th, 2009)	<b>\$565</b>
<b>Student Registration</b> (valid student ID required)	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Daily Registration Rate</b> (does not include opening reception)	<b>\$200</b>

Registration fees referenced above include tax.

Register online at [www.CABHalifax2009.dal.ca/Registration](http://www.CABHalifax2009.dal.ca/Registration)

or reach the conference secretariat:

Phone: 902-422-1886 or 1-877-731-1333

Email: [CABII@agendamanagers.com](mailto:CABII@agendamanagers.com)

Website: [www.CABHalifax2009.dal.ca](http://www.CABHalifax2009.dal.ca)



# Speakers

We are pleased to announce a number of international, high calibre, speakers who will be joining us in Halifax. The conference's keynote and plenary topics will focus on interprofessional education, practice and policy.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

## Dr. Leslie Ramsammy

Minister of Health of Guyana and  
President of the Sixty-first World Health Assembly

The Honorable Minister of Health from Guyana, Dr. Leslie Ramsammy, is the current President of the World Health Organization's 61st World Health Assembly and the President of the Pan American Health Organization's 47th Directing Council (2006-08). He is an inspirational global health leader and has devoted his life to improving the lives of people.

Dr. Leslie Ramsammy grew up in an impoverished community in Guyana. "No one starved and everyone took care of each other," he says. He was always driven by a sense of service to others. As a young man, he hoped to be a journalist but ended up studying microbiology in the United States of America. In 1982 he completed an MD/PHD in Biochemistry from St. John's University, N.Y.. By 1984 he had established himself as a successful medical researcher and became Assistant Professor of Medicine at the State University of New York and Research Physiologist at the Veterans Hospital, North Port, N.Y.

In the late 1990's, Dr. Ramsammy returned to Guyana serving in a wide range of public office positions culminating in the post of Minister of Health in 2001. In Guyana, Dr. Ramsammy has been a Member of Parliament since 1997 and is Chair of numerous National Oversight Committees including the National Health Thematic Group; the National TB Program; the National Malaria Program; the National PMTCT Program; the National Blood Transfusion Program; the Special Select Committee, and the Reforms of the Standing Orders of Parliament and National Fiduciary. In addition, he has played critical leadership roles on numerous government sub-committees (Health, Education, Housing and Water, Social Security and Human Services, Natural Resources and Environment, Parliamentary Affairs, Local Government, Amerindian Affairs), commissions, and special select committees including the Constitutional Commission and the Public Accounts Committee.

Dr. Leslie Ramsammy is the longest standing health minister in the world and is recognized as a global leader in Health. He is the current Chair of the Steering Committee for the establishment of the Caribbean Public Health Agency; the current Director of the Global Fund Board representing Latin America and the Caribbean; and Member of the Policy and Strategy Committee of the Global Fund representing Latin America and the Caribbean.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

## Dr. Ruth B. Purtilo, PhD, FAPTA

Director, Ethics Initiative  
MGH Institute of Health Professions

In 2004, Dr. Ruth Purtilo joined the Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions as the Ethics Initiative Director. She continues to hold a Faculty position in the Creighton University School of Medicine as a Clinical Professor.

As a Creighton University Medical Center Professor in 1991, she joined the Center for Health Policy and Ethics and later became its second Director in 1994.

Before coming to Creighton, she was the Henry Knox Sherrill Professor of Medical Ethics and Director, Program in Ethics at the Institute and Ethicist in Residence at MGH. She has held academic appointments in the area of ethics at the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, Karolinska Institute, and University of Massachusetts Medical School.

Dr. Purtilo is a Fellow of the Hastings Center, in Garrison, New York. She is a past President of the American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics (1992-93) and the Society for Health and Human Values (now the American Society of Bioethics and Humanities). She served on the Clinton Health Care Task Force in the spring of 1993.

She is a prolific author with over 100 publications including seven books, the most recent being the fourth edition of *Ethical Dimensions in the Health Professions*, a widely read text for health care professionals.

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PLENARY SPEAKER

## Dr. Marcia Brand, Ph.D (Invited)

Associate Administrator for Health Professions Health Resources and Services Administration U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Dr. Marcia Brand is an associate administrator for health professions in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

From 2001-2007, Dr. Brand was director and associate administrator of HRSA's Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP). In that position she was responsible for health policy, research and grant activities that promote better health care services in rural America.

In July 2007, Dr. Brand became associate administrator of the Bureau of Health Professions (BHP), while continuing in her leadership position at ORHP. Then in January 2008, she relinquished her ORHP position and retained her position as BHP's associate administrator. At BHP, she provides national leadership in the development, distribution and retention of a diverse, culturally competent health workforce that provides high-quality care for all Americans.

Dr. Brand earned a doctoral degree in higher education from the University of Pennsylvania, and master and bachelor of science degrees in dental hygiene from Old Dominion University in Virginia.

PLENARY SPEAKER

## Professor Della Freeth

Head of the Educational Development Unit,  
City University, London

As Head of the Educational Development Unit within the School of Community and Health Sciences Professor Della Freeth works closely with the School executive and departments across the School to support educational development and related staff development to help deliver the School's strategic objectives. She works closely with the CETL initiative (Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning Clinical and Communication Skills,

www.cetl.org.uk). Professor Freeth leads research in the fields of patient safety, learning through simulated professional practice and interprofessional education. She is an associate editor of the Journal of Interprofessional Care.

PLENARY SPEAKER

## Dr. Ivy F Oandasan, MD, MHSc, CCFP, FCFP

Clinical Studies Resource Centre Member  
Toronto Western Research Institute (TWRI)

Dr. Ivy Oandasan is an Associate Professor and Research Scholar with the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Toronto.

She has conducted a number of educational research projects related to the development of Interprofessional Education curricula and faculty development. Currently Dr. Oandasan is a Principal Investigator on the Health Canada "Structuring Communication Relationships for Inter-Professional Teamwork to Achieve Inter-Professional Education for Collaborative Patient Centred Practice" (S.C.R.I.P.T.) Programme at the University of Toronto.

Dr. Oandasan speaks widely on Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Patient Centred Practice across Canada. She grounds her knowledge and practice of this area through her work as a clinician, educator, researcher and administrator.

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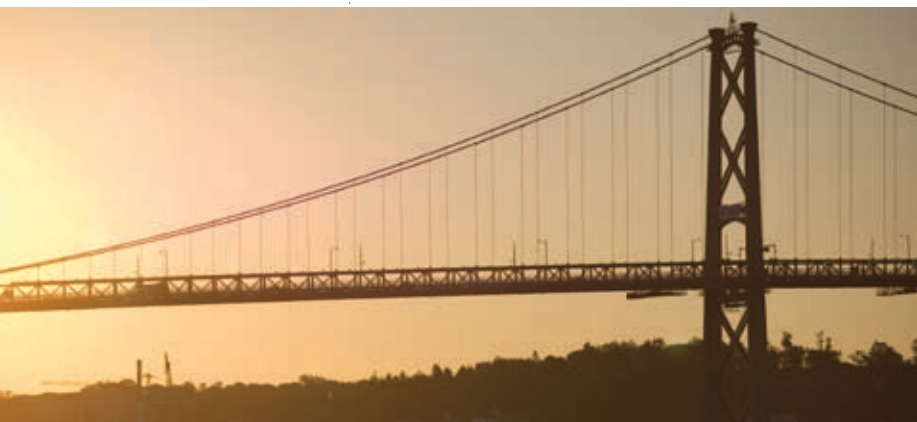
## Dr. Joshua Tepper

Assistant Deputy Minister, Ontario Ministry of  
Health and Long Term Care

Dr. Joshua Tepper is a family physician and an Assistant Deputy Minister at Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Health Human Resources Strategy Division. As the Assistant Deputy Minister he leads the HealthForceOntario health human resources strategy. In this role, he also reports to the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

With a degree in Public Policy from Duke University he has been involved in health policy and research relating to health human resources at both the provincial and national level. He was a senior medical officer for Health Canada, an adjunct scientist at the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES) and a research consultant for the Canadian Institute of Health Information (CIHI). Dr. Tepper was president of both the Canadian Federation of Medical Students and the Provincial Association of Interns and Residents of Ontario. He has sat on the board of both the Canadian Medical Association and the Ontario Medical Association. He completed his Masters of Public Health at Harvard University in 2005.

Dr. Tepper currently co-chairs the Physician Services Committee – a joint committee between the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the Ontario Medical Association. He is also a member of the Joint Provincial Nursing Committee.



# Halifax



## Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada – A Destination Must

Halifax is a city built around two bridges that connect the communities that make up this beautiful and historic city. The conference theme, *Collaborating Across Borders II: Building Bridges Between Interprofessional Education and Practice*, reflects the importance of establishing relationships and

networks to promote collaboration and the further development of interprofessional health education and practice.

Steeped in history and culture, life in Halifax, Nova Scotia revolves around the sea. But there's so much more!

From bustling city

streets to leisurely strolls along the magnificent Halifax harbour, to exploring historic Pier 21 or Halifax's Citadel Hill — there are so many things to do in Halifax.

Warm Maritime hospitality, fine dining, shopping, and the live music that Halifax pubs are famous for, it's all here! Take some time to explore everything that Halifax and surrounding region has to offer with close proximity to other famous Nova Scotia destinations including; Peggy's Cove, the Bay of Fundy, and Cape Breton Island.

For more information on what Halifax has to offer please visit [www.destinationhalifax.com](http://www.destinationhalifax.com)



## Accommodations

The Westin Nova Scotian Halifax, located deep in the heart of beautiful Halifax, Nova Scotia is the venue for CAB II. The "Nova Scotian" opened its doors on June 23rd, 1930 and was considered to be reminiscent of grand hotels seen all over the world, and one of its kind in Eastern Canada. Our conference plenary sessions will take place in the Commonwealth Ballroom, which has hosted royalty and dignitaries from all over the world.

Having recently completed an \$8 million renovation to all guest rooms and hallways, the Westin offers high-speed wired and wireless internet access in all guest rooms, the lobby, the Business Centre, and on the banquet floor.

Visit [www.Westin.ns.ca](http://www.Westin.ns.ca) to book your accommodations online. You may also contact The Westin directly at 902-496-8585, toll free 1-877-993-7846 or by fax at 902-425-2717. Please reference the *CAB II Conference* to take advantage of the preferred room rate of \$189, available until April 20, 2009 or until all rooms in our block are sold. We encourage you to book early. Rooms will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

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