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3rd Annual Guyana Mental Health & Well-Being Conference Arthur Chung Conference Center Georgetown, Guyana

Tuesday, 5th of December 2023

Registration and Coffee

8:30 AM (GUY) / 7:30 AM (EST)

OPENING CEREMONY

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Welcome

Mr. Neaz Subhan, Master of Ceremonies

Brief Remarks

Prof. Emanuel Cummings
Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Guyana

Mr. Nicholas Pron
UNICEF Representative for Guyana and Suriname

Update on the Guyana Well-Being Studies

Prof. Christina W. Hoven, New York, USA
Professor of Epidemiology and Psychiatry, Director, Global Psychiatric Epidemiology Group (GPEG), Columbia University

OPENING PLENARY LECTURE

Moderator: Ms. Alicia Solomon, Social Worker, Ministry of Health

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STATUS OF MENTAL HEALTH IN GUYANA

Hon. Minister of Health Dr. Frank Anthony MP

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Brief Remarks Continued

Mr. Adam Loyer

Canada's Head of Corporation to Guyana and Suriname

Dr. Alexandra Harvey

Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation (GPHC)

Ms. Alison Drayton

CARICOM Assistant Secretary-General

Dr. Katjia Khan

President, Caribbean Alliance of National Psychological Associations (CANPA)

Prof. Prabha Chandra

Dean, Behavioral Sciences, National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, Bangalore, India

Prof. Michael Joseph

Vice Dean for Education, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, New York, NY

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Greetings

Prof. Afzal Javed, Lakore, Pakistan

Immediate Past-President, World Psychiatric Association (WPA); Consultant Psychiatrist (UK and Pakistan), & Honorary Professor, University of Birmingham and University of Warwick

Prof. Warren Ng, New York, USA

Immediate Past-President, American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Professor of Child Psychiatry, Columbia University

Prof. Norman Sartorius, Geneva, Switzerland

President, Association for the Improvement of Mental Health Programs & Former Director, WHO Division of Mental Health

Prof. Helen Herrman, Melbourne, Australia

Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry, The University of Melbourne, Australia, & Recent Past President, World Psychiatric Association (WPA)

Prof. Lakshmi Vijayakumar, Chennai, India

Suicidologist & Member of the WHO Network for Suicide Research and Prevention

Dr. Battuvshin Lkhagvasuren, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Director, Brain Science Institute, Mongolian National University of Medical Sciences

Prof. Norbert Skokauskas, Trondheim, Norway

Chair, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Section of the World Psychiatric Association (WPA), Professor, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)

Prof. Danuta Wasserman, Stockholm, Sweden

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President, World Psychiatric Association (WPA), Professor of Psychiatry and Suicidology, Karolinska Institutet

Dr. Mirza Rahman, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA

President, American College of Preventive Medicine, & President, the Guyanese Diaspora Charity

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ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION IN GUYANA'S SCHOOLS

Moderator: Mr. John Anderson

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Integrating Road Safety Education into the Schools' Existing Curriculum

Ms. Ramona Doorgen

INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE, COPING, AND SUICIDE

Moderator: Dr. George Musa

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The spatial and temporal correlation of suicide in the United States

Prof. Katherine Keyes

Best Practices for Addressing Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) in Healthcare Settings

Ms. Sungmin Kristy Hong

STRESSES FACED BY GUYANESE NURSES

Moderator: Ms. Leann Kendall

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How To Cope with Patient Death

Sister Meshel Vanessa Williams Sampson

Co-Authors: Jacqueline de Souza; Caique Ross Baldassarini; Jaqueline Lemos de Oliveira

Perceptions And Challenges of Nursing Students Towards Online Learning in Guyana During COVID-19: A Qualitative Study

Mrs. Lois Stephanas

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HIV, RISKY SEXUAL BEHAVIORS, AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Moderator: Ms. Karisma Das

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Evaluation of Risky Sexual Behavior and Associated Factors in University Students in Guyana.

Mrs. Nneoma Harris

Co-Authors: T Jagnarine

Electronic Medical Records (EMR) To Engage Support Services for HIV Patients That Become Follow Up (LFTU)

Mr. Collin Haynes

DATA MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS

Moderator: Dr. Ellen-ge Denton

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Wellbeing Assessment Tool and Data Management System for Psychologists - (*CME Credit)

Dr. Anand Arulsamy

WORKSHOP: MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SELF-CARE

Moderator: Ms. Mosa Hutson-Prince

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Workshop: Professional Self-Care for Mental Health Professionals

Mr. Shane Mark Tull

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ASK THE EXPERT: HIV AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Dean Michael Joseph, Public Health Expert

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PUBLIC MENTAL HEALTH: AGENDA FOR FUTURE ACTION

Moderator: Prof. Christina W. Hoven

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Public Mental Health Policy - (*CME Credit)

Prof. Afzal Javed

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PESTICIDES, ACCESS TO CARE AND SUICIDE

Moderator: Prof. Charles Branas

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Pesticides And Passion - Researching Suicide In Guyana

Ms. Charlotte Shaw

Co-Authors: Jaimee Stuart; Troy Thomas; Kairi Kolves

Access To Mental Health Care in Brazil: A Comparative Analysis Between The 2013 And 2019 National Health Surveys on The Association Between Individuals with Depression And Suicidal Ideation.

Miss Beatriz De Thomaz

Co-Author: Paulo Rossi

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CHILD MENTAL HEALTH

Moderator: Mr. Derek Harp

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The Struggle Is Real: Mental Health Issues Among Incarcerated and At-Risk Juveniles

Pastor Wendell Patrick Jeffrey

Parental Involvement with The Criminal Justice System (CJS) And Higher Risk Of CJS Involvement In Their Children: Modeling Causal Pathways to Children's CJS Involvement With A Causal Discovery Machine Learning Approach - (*CME Credit)

Dr. Lupo Geronazzo-Alman

Co-Authors: Lupo Geronazzo-Alman; Sisi Ma; Jonah Shi; Erich Kummerfeld; Glenn Saxe; Constantin Aliferis; Stephanie Kasen; Michaeline Bresnahan; George Musa; Keely Cheslack-Postava; Christina Hoven

VIOLENCE, MENTAL HEALTH AND RACISM

Moderator: Ms. Alicia Solomon

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The Intersection Between Structural Violence, Mental Health, And Racism - (*CME Credit)

Dr. Kamini Doobay

RELIGIOSITY AND WELL-BEING

Moderator: Ms. Leann Kendall

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Considering The Role of Religion in Mental Health and Well-Being - (*CME Credit)

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Dr. Connie Svob, Ms. Justine Wright, Ms. Teerandai Haripersaud, Pandita Dhanrajie Haimraj

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CLINICAL TRAINING-DEPRESSION IN PRIMARY CARE

Moderator: Ms. Aziza Khan

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Assessment And Management of Depression in Primary Care Settings - (*CME Credit)

Dr. Lawrence Amsel

WELCOME COCKTAIL RECEPTION, ARTHUR CHUNG CONFERENCE CENTER

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JUST HOW IMPORTANT IS PREVENTION?

Moderator: Prof. Judit Balazs

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Putting Prevention into Practice

Dr. Mirza Rahman

INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE IN GUYANA: WOMEN, MEN, AND INTERVENTION

Moderator: Mr. Derek Harp

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Attitudes Of Women Towards Domestic Violence in Guyana: Analyses of A Nationally Representative Survey - (*CME Credit)

Dr. Gary Joseph

Co-Authors: Christopher Morrison; Charlie Branas

Trauma Interventions for Men Who Use Violence in Relationships

Mrs. Sandra Rupnarai & Ms. Monica Riutort

CLINICAL TRAINING: ANXIETY IN PRIMARY CARE

Moderator: Ms. Aziza Khan

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Assessment And Management of Anxiety in Primary Care Settings - (*CME Credit)

Dr. Lawrence Amsel

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PREGNANCY, PARENTING AND MENTAL HEALTH

Moderator: Prof Ellen-ge Denton

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Common Mental Disorders in Antenatal and Postnatal Mothers Who Receive Public Health Care In Georgetown, Guyana - (*CME Credit)

Dr. Winifred Allison Mardenborough-Razack

Co-Authors: Flavia Azevedo Gomez-Sponhol

Poor Parental Impact: The Prevalence of Mental Health Illness, Personality Disorders, Developmental And Learning Disabilities Among Children and Adolescents in Guyana

Mr. Telford Layne

SUICIDE PREVENTION

Moderator: Ms. Cilandell Glen

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Suicide Awareness and Prevention - (*CME Credit)

Dr. Cherlin Simon

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ASK THE EXPERT: OPPORTUNITIES FOR GUYANA RESEARCH IN INJURY AND TRAUMA TRAINING (GRITT) PROGRAM

Dr. Reeta Gobin, GRITT CO-Director & Dr. George Musa, GRITT Co-Investigator

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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND RELIEF FUND (IDRF) PROJECT IN GUYANA

Moderator: Dr. George Musa

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Empowering Gatekeepers and Teachers: A Comprehensive Approach to Suicide Prevention

Dr. Tayyab Rashid & Dr. Norman Siddiqui & Mr. Nabil Ali

Co-Authors: Timothy Morgan

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH SUICIDE AMONG MEN IN GUYANA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Moderator: Dr. Sharlene Goberdhan

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Sociodemographic Factors, Culture and Suicide in Guyana - (*CME Credit)

Dr. Kay Delight Shako

Co-Authors: Vasileos Margaritis; Aaron Mendelson; Richard Palmer

Mental Health and Caribbean Men; A Focus on Suicide - (*CME Credit)

Dr. John Anderson

AUTISM, OTHER DISABILITIES, AND THE WORKPLACE

Moderator: Ms. Megan Ryan

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Applied Behavior Analysis in Improving the Lives Of Children And Adults With Disabilities

Mrs. Rachel Hazel-Samaroo

Co-Authors: Paulene Hazel; Robin Hazel

Autism Spectrum Disorder in The Workplace

Dr. Sigrid Piening

LIFESTYLE, INTERVENTION AND LGBTQIA+ ABANDONMENT

Moderator: Dr. Stephon Henry

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The Effectiveness of Lifestyle Interventions in Women with Gestational Diabetes At The Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation, Guyana.

Mrs. Leuanna Melina Tandi Otiko

Co-Authors: J. Robertson; R. Garnett; S. Achaiya; R. Bhojedat; L. Stephanas (supervisor)

The Psychological Effects of Abandonment on LGBTQIA+ Children and Adults

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Mr. Jerry Julian Collins

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PERSPECTIVES ON SCHIZOPHRENIA

Moderator: Ms. Alicia Solomon

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Schizophrenic Patients Admitted to The Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic at Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation, A Descriptive Study - (*CME Credit)

Dr. Elizabeth Nickram-Validum

Co-Author: Jenese October

The Invisible Attributes of Schizophrenia

Mr. Timothy Muia

Co-Authors: Ahmed I Gilan; Muhammad O Chohan; Melis Inan; Scott A Schobel; Nashid H Chaudhury; Samuel Paskewitz; Nao Chuhma; Sara Glickstein; Robert J Merker; Qing Xu; Scott A Small; Stewart A Anderson; Margaret Elizabeth Ross; Holly Moore

WELL-BEING OF HOTEL WORKERS IN JAMAICA

Moderator: Dr. Ellen-ge Denton

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Capability To Flourishing: Exploring the Emotional, Psychological, And Social Well-Being Of Hotel Workers in Jamaica - (*CME Credit)

Dr. Henry Jason Lewis

Lunch

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SYMPOSIUM: NIMH STRATEGIES FOR SUICIDE RISK REDUCTION

Moderator: Dr. Stephen O'Connor; Introduction by Prof. Judit Balazs

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Health Services Strategies for Suicide Risk Reduction - (*CME Credit)

Dr. Brian Ahmedani, Prof. Joan Asarnow & Dr. Edwin Boudreaux

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INSUFFICIENT SLEEP IN CHILDREN

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Prevalence of Being Overweight or Obese and Having Insufficient Sleep Among American Children - (*CME Credit)

Ms. Heather Zemeck

Co-Authors: Susan Lin; Keely Cheslack-Postava

INTERNATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH POLICY

Moderator: Dr. Stephon Henry

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The Moment Is Ripe for Mental Health Diplomacy: A Multi-Case Study of Four Countries' Approach To the WHO's Mental Health Action Plan

Mrs. Anaami Pandit-Haji

The Effectiveness of Interventions for Building Mental Health Services Delivery Capacity In Lower- And Middle-Income Countries: A Systematic Review

Mr. Mark Allen Storey

INCARCERATION, SUBSEQUENT SUBSTANCE USE, AND TREATMENT

Moderator: Dr. Quacy Grant

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Exploring Substance Use Treatment Adequacy among Formerly Incarcerated People Who Use Drugs in New York, NY USA - (*CME Credit)

Dr. Tawandra Rowell-Cunsolo

Co-Authors: Wendy Lee; Courtney Blanford; Grace Licausi; Ali Haydar Ozgun; Jessica Colon; George J. Musa

GUYANESE MENTAL HEALTH: A NORTHWELL PSYCHIATRY UPDATE

Moderator: Dr. Alexandra Harvey

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The Future of Guyanese Mental Health: Updates from Northwell Psychiatry And The Center For Global Health - (*CME Credit)

Dr. Lauren Azalea Hanna

Co-Authors: Eric Cioe-Peña & John Q Young

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SUICIDE IN TWO VERY DIFFERENT INTERNATIONAL SETTINGS

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An Alarming High Suicide Attempt Rate: Analysis of Admissions at The West Demerara Hospital, Guyana - (*CME Credit)

Dr. Davendranand Sharma

Co-Authors: D. Sharma; M. Bissoon; P. Joseph

Suicidal Behavior in Dutch Outpatient Adolescent Mental Health Service Users - (*CME Credit)

Dr. Ingrid van Balkom

Coffee

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ASK THE EXPERT: QUESTIONS ABOUT ADVANCED TRAINING IN PSYCHOLOGY

Dr. Ellen-ge Denton, Licensed Clinical Psychologist

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A NEW COURSE IN MENTAL HEALTH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GUYANA

Moderator: Dr. Reeta Gobin

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Innovations in Mental Health: A New Course Development at UG

Mr. Krish Nath & Dr. Katija Khan

USE OF LITHIUM IN GUYANA

Moderator: Mr. John Anderson

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Prescribing Lithium in Guyana - The Testing Question

Ms. Madeleine Coffey

Co-Author: Lauren Hanna

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MENTAL HEALTH AND VACCINATION DISPARITIES DURING COVID-19

Moderator: Mr. Derek Harp

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Mental Health Disparities During The COVID-19 Pandemic in A U.S. Longitudinal Cohort - (*CME Credit)

Dr. Keely Cheslack-Postava

Co-Authors: George J. Musa; Megan Ryan; Michaeline Bresnahan; Sarah Forthal; Rosemarie G. Sapigao; Susan Lin; Bin Fan; Larry Amsel; Connie Svob; Lupo Geronazzo-Alman; Yi-ju Hsu; Anna Krasnova; Xiaoxiao Sun; Renee D. Goodwin; Heather Zemeck; Norbert Skokauskas; Christina W. Hoven

Altruism And Vaccination Acceptance Among Us College Students: What Does Game Theory Say? - (*CME Credit)

Dr. Larkin McReynolds

Co-Authors: Lawrence Amsel; Micheline Bresnahan; Keely Cheslack-Postava; Megan Ryan; Yael Cycowicz; Diana Rodriguez Moreno; George Musa; Christina W. Hoven

SPIRITUALITY AND SOCIAL ATTITUDES TOWARD MENTAL ILLNESS

Moderator: Ms. Justine Wright

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Exploring The Association Between Spirituality and Social Attitudes Toward Individuals With Mental Health Challenges: Insights from GSS Data 2018 - (*CME Credit)

Dr. Ali Lateef

MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING

Moderator: Dr. Mariasheena Villareal

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Motivational Interviewing: A Tool for Engaging in Conversations About Change - (*CME Credit)

Dr. Jason Goodman

Co-Authors: Lauren Hanna; Bruce Goldman

SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN TURKEY

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Exploring The Relationship Between Sexual Violence Against Women Within Marriage And Coping Strategies in Turkey

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Mr. Ali Haydar Ozgun

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SUICIDE IN YOUTH: WHAT ARE THE PATHWAYS?

Moderator: Prof. Christina W. Hoven

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Pathways To Suicide in Youth - (*CME Credit)

Prof. Alan Apter

TRENDS IN ADOLESCENT SUICIDE IN GUYANA

Moderator: Dr. George Musa

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The Darkness Inside (poem)

Mr. Brandon Singh

Characteristics of Patients 2 To 17 Years Old Who Attended the Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation Psychiatry Clinic From 1 January 2016- 31 December 2022. - (*CME Credit)

Dr. Jenese October

Co-Authors: Elizabeth Nickram-Validum

Characterization Of Suicidal Behavior Among Patients 10 To 17 Years Old Who Attended The Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation Psychiatry Clinic From 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022 - (*CME Credit)

Dr. Shion Alecia Toney

Co-Author: Jenese October

COVID-19 AND MENTAL HEALTH

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COVID-19, Food Insecurity and Mental Health

Ms. Megan Ryan

Trends In New Psychiatric Diagnoses in Persons During Peri-Pandemic Periods At The Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation - (*CME Credit)

Dr. Triston Griffith

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NURSING DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN GUYANA

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Experiences Of BSc Nursing Students at The University of Guyana Berbice Campus During The Transition from Face-To-Face to Online Learning (1st Cohort)

Mr. Terrence Oswald Ross

Co-Authors: William Adu-Krow; Reeta Gobin

Clinical Experiences of Final-Year Nursing Students in Four Selected Nursing Schools During The First Wave of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Guyana. A Mixed Study - (*CME Credit)

Dr. Noel Holder

Co-Authors: Tabitha Mallampati; Terrence Ross; Meshel Williams Sampson; and Rev. Dr. Noel Holder

THE IMPORTANCE OF SOCIAL WORK IN GUYANA

Moderator: Ms. Alicia Solomon

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Reconciling A Broken Heritage: Developing Mental Health Social Work in Guyana

Ms. Coya Nietta Halley & Dr. Stephen Cowden

CLINICAL TRAINING: SUICIDAL IDEATION AND BEHAVIORS IN PRIMARY CARE

Moderator: Mr. Timothy Muia

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Assessment And Management of Suicidal Ideation and Behaviors In Primary Care Settings - (*CME Credit)

Dr. Lawrence Amsel

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ASK THE EXPERT: PROGRAMS IN CAREGIVING FOR THE ELDERLY

Dr. Thelma Mielenz, Public Health Expert

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SYMPOSIUM: NIMH YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION INTERVENTIONS

Moderator: Dr. Andrea Horvath Marques; Introduction by Prof. Christina W. Hoven

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Global Adaption of Youth Suicide Prevention Initiatives for Medical and Non-medical Settings

Lisa M. Horowitz

Co-Authors: Ritika C. Merai , Maria Adriana Rangel, Ana Cláudia Moura, Federico Daray, Demián Rodante, Eliana Papávero, Tesia Shi, María Soledad Burrone, Rubén Alvarado

CAREGIVER BURDEN & TEACHER BURNOUT

Moderator: Dr. Sharlene Goberdhan

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Caregiver Burden in Mental Illness of Newly Admitted Patients Of GPHC, Psychiatry Clinic, From January to December 2021 - (*CME Credit)

Dr. Baressa Alicia DeClou-King & Dr. Kristin Munroe

Teacher Burnout in Guyana: A Preliminary Study

Miss Faith Amma Ianna Ross

DEPRESSION AND ECT IN GUYANA

Moderator: Dr. Alexandra Harvey

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Factors Associated with Depression Among Adult Patients Attending a Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic At Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation - (*CME Credit)

Dr. Iala Duran Llanes

Co-Author: Zenia Lopez Mompel

Assessing Opinions About Electroconvulsive Therapy in A General Patient Population In Georgetown, Guyana

Ms. Quincy DeYoung

Co-Author: Lauren Hanna

WORKSHOP: COMBATING COMPASSION FATIGUE

Moderator: Dr. Karishma Jeeboo

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Sustainable Clinical Practice: Combating Compassion Fatigue

Mrs. Natasha Ganesh D'Arcangelo

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WORKSHOP: VICARIOUS TRAUMA

Moderator: Ms. Alicia Solomon

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Managing Wellbeing and Recognizing Vicarious Trauma

Ms. Carlotta Boodie

DEVELOPING CHILD MENTAL HEALTH INTERVENTIONS

Moderator: Ms. Leann Kendall

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School Mental Health - (*CME Credit)

Prof. Judit Balazs

Lunch

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WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE AND MENTAL HEALTH

Moderator: Prof. Charles Branas

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Climate Change and Mental Health

Dr. Michaeline Bresnahan, Dr. Keely Cheslack-Postva, Dr. Inge van Balkom, Dr. Adeel Riaz

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ACCULTURATION, RACE AND MENTAL HEALTH: AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Moderator: Mr. Derek Harp

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Acculturation, Posttraumatic Stress, And the Mediating Role of Coping Strategies Among Muslim Trauma Victims - (*CME Credit)

Dr. Richard Khan

Role Of Family Conflict Resolution in Reducing Stress, Anxiety, And Depressive Symptoms Among Resettled Bhutanese Adults in Massachusetts, United States - (*CME Credit)

Dr. Kalpana Poudel Tandukar

Co-Authors: Kalpana Poudel-Tandukar; Shan Rai; Razu Ramdam; Krishna C. Poudel; Elaine Marie

Racial Identity Within The Indo-Caribbean Community: A Proposed Model - (*CME Credit)

Dr. Alyssa Ramdihal

MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING IN PRIMARY CARE SETTINGS

Moderator: Dr. Ellen-ge Denton

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Developing A Universal Mental Health Screening Tool to Complement the Mental Health Global Action Programme (MhGAP)

Ms. Priyanka Algu

Co-Authors: Jared D. Weiss; Kristen H. Demertzis; John Q. Young; Lauren A. Hanna

Assessing Knowledge Attitude and Practice (KAP) Survey in Guyana's Primary Health Care, With A Focus on Mental Health to Achieve SDG 3.4 By 2030.

Ms. Darshinie Persaud

PHYSICIAN AND MEDICAL STUDENT WELL-BEING

Moderator: Ms. Karisma Das

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Fostering A Compassionate and Resilient Medical Culture: A Multifaceted Approach To Addressing Physician Well-Being and Patient Care

Ms. Tanya Kondolay

Co-Author: Sorrentina Awala

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INTERVENTIONS FOR INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE

Moderator: Ms. Kayshell Jennings

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Improving Mental Health and Well-Being Using Dance Movement with Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence During a Pandemic - (*CME Credit)

Dr. Allison Ross

Co-Authors: Yasemin Özümerzifon; Carol Ewing Garber

Teen Dating Violence: Unpacking and Regulating to Create Change

Mrs. Melanie Samantha Reid

Co-Author: Melanie Reid

MENTAL HEALTH STIGMA IN CARIBBEAN COMMUNITIES

Moderator: Prof. Michael Joseph

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Attitudes And Beliefs About Mental Health and Illness Among People Of Caribbean Descent - (*CME Credit)

Dr. Danielle Waldron

Openness As Progress

Ms. Usha Sookai

Coffee

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ASK THE EXPERT: GUN VIOLENCE

Prof. Charles Branas, Public Health Expert, Gun Violence

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**TRAINING OPPORTUNITY: THE GUYANA RESEARCH IN INJURY AND TRAUMA
TRAINING (GRITT) PROGRAM**

Moderator: Dr. William Adu-Krow

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Guyana Research in Injury and Trauma Training (GRITT)

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SUICIDE RISK AND DETECTION

Moderator: Ms. Justine Wright

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Detecting Suicide in Young Children - (*CME Credit)

Dr. Ellen-ge Denton

Suicide Risk Factors and Assessment in Guyana

Ms. Ulex Haynes

AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE OF MENTAL HEALTH INEQUALITIES

Moderator: Dr. Timothy Muia

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Global Mental Health Inequities - (*CME Credit)

Dr. Amber O'Neill Smith

Co-Author: Sharon Dyal

WORKSHOP: DEVELOPING SELF-ACTUALIZATION

Moderator: Ms. Heather Zemeck

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Design For Empathy and Self-Actualization - (*CME Credit)

Dr. Jessica Ann Huang

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WORKSHOP: SELF-ESTEEM AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

Moderator: Ms. Marva Langevine

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Importance of a Healthy Self-Esteem

Ms. Padma Behari

Encouraging Positive Change in Physical Activity Levels

Ms. Mosa Huston-Prince

Suicide Risk and Protective Factors among Indo-Guyanese Males: A Journey of Wellness

Ms. Bibi Farida Roberts

SUICIDE AND DIABETES: CULTURAL FACTORS

Moderator: Ms. Karisma Das

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Cultural, Ethnic, And Gender-Related Factors Contribute to The Prevalence of Diabetes In Guyana - A Retrospective Study.

Mrs. Tabitha Mallampati

Loosening The Noose: Suicide and Self-Harm

Miss Ashwannie Harripersaud

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GLOBAL MENTAL HEALTH

Moderator: Prof. Christina W. Hoven

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A New Agenda for Mental Health in the Americas

Dr. Renato Oliveira E Souza

MENTAL HEALTH, CANCER AND HIV

Moderator: Ms. Justine Wright

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Mental Health Assessment of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)- Infected Men Who Have Sex With Men (MSM) In Guyana

Ms. Rohanie Totaram

Co-Authors: Tariq Jagnarine; Eson Crandon

Fear Of Cancer Recurrence Among Cancer Survivors in Guyana

Mrs. Anju Vivekanandaraj

Co-Authors: Dave Laltoo; Latoya Gooding

PREGNANCY, PARENTING AND MENTAL HEALTH

Moderator: Ms. Megan Ryan

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Poor Parental Impact: The Prevalence of Mental Health Illness, Personality Disorders, Developmental And Learning Disabilities Among Children and Adolescents in Guyana

Mr. Telford Layne

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ASK THE EXPERT: REFUGEE CHILD MENTAL HEALTH

Prof. Judit Balazs, Child Psychiatrist

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GLOBAL INITIATIVE IN THE AMERICAS TO PREVENT SUICIDE

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Partnerships For Life - Global Initiative to Prevent Suicide: An Update on Progress In The Americas - (*CME Credit)

Dr. Mark Sinyor

Co-Authors: Daniel Sanchez-Morales

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CLOSING CEREMONY: YOUTH AMBASSADORS FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Moderator: Ms. Cilandell Glen

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The Darkness Inside (poem)

Mr. Brandon Singh

Coping Mechanism for Youths with Mental Health Disorders Using Sports

Ms. Breann Ritchie

An Investigation into The Link Between Maladjusted Eating Habits and Poor Mental Health Status Amongst the Guyanese Youth

Miss Renika Anand

Questions and Answers and Closing Remarks on Behalf of the GWB Team

Dr. Christina W. Hoven

Reflections on Youth in the Future of Guyana

Hon. Minister of Human Services and Social Security Dr. Vindhya V. Persaud MP (Tentative)

Closing Remarks

Hon. Minister of Health Dr. Frank Anthony MP