

Short Biographies of Panel Members – Presentation # 3

Lorraine Avery,

She has over 25 years' experience as a Clinical Nurse Specialist, Cardiac Sciences and is the Co-lead of the MB Acute Coronary Syndrome Network in Manitoba. She is the current President of the Clinical Nurse Association of Canada as well as the chair of the CNS Interest Group of Manitoba.

Robin Coatsworth-Puspoky,

Robin is a Clinical Nurse Specialist in geriatric mental health. She is currently the President Elect for CNS-Canada and an Assistant Professor at York University in the Healthy Aging stream. Her research is focused on developing and evaluating interventions to promote the health and well-being of older persons and consumer survivors. She is also interested in CNS title protection, impact measures for CNS practice, and the educational preparation of CNSs.

Paul-André Gauthier,

He is retired as a nursing professor, position that he held for more than 30 years in Northern Ontario. He completed in 1990 a Master's diploma in palliative care and, in 1991, a Master in Nursing. He is a Clinical Nurse Specialist in Palliative Care. In 2003, he received a PhD in nursing from the University of Alberta. He is the first man who graduated with a doctorate in nursing from that university. His research was a qualitative study with oncology nurses.

Reid Love,

Reid is the Director of Health Services for Cardiac Sciences Manitoba. He graduated from the University of Manitoba with a double major Master Degree of Nursing in Clinical Nurse Specialist and Administration with his thesis research focused on the Lived Experience of End Stage Heart Failure. Reid has held a number of leadership positions in healthcare in Manitoba and since September 2023 has been collaborating with Government, St Boniface Hospital and provincial partners to reestablish Heart Care (governance, planning, operations) in Manitoba post health system transformation in 2021 that resulted in the dismantling of cardiac care for Manitobans.

Tara Schmitz Forsyth,

For the past seven years, Tara has been a Clinical Nurse Specialist at Riverview Health Centre, a long-term care, hospital program facility. She also works in Winnipeg's largest hospital in an Infectious Disease, Diabetic Foot, and Complex Wound Clinic. Aside from being an advanced wound care clinician, Tara is nationally certified in vascular access and infusion therapy. Her clinical interests focus on the prevention of healthcare acquired complications and the early detection of resident deterioration.