



Fall 2022 Coalition for Physician Enhancement (CPE) Program
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Program Speakers

Graham McMahon, MD MMSc
President and Chief Executive Officer, ACCME



Dr. Graham McMahon is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME®), which leverages the power of education to drive quality in the medical profession and in healthcare. The ACCME accredits continuing medical education (CME) providers in the US and internationally, creating a framework that supports, inspires, and motivates educators to achieve their full potential. Dr. McMahon leads initiatives to accelerate learning, change, and growth, enabling clinicians and interprofessional teams in practice to optimize their performance and continuously improve care for patients, families, and communities.

In addition to his role at the ACCME, Dr. McMahon serves as Adjunct Professor of Medicine and Medical Education at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine teaching medical students and fellows, and continues to care for patients with endocrine disorders at Howard Brown Health.

Previously Dr. McMahon was an associate dean and associate professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School, and program director for the fellowship program in the division of endocrinology, diabetes and hypertension at the Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston where he completed his postgraduate training. Dr. McMahon received his medical education at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, a master's degree in clinical research from Harvard Medical School, and his doctorate in education from the National University of Ireland. He was the editor for medical education at the New England Journal of Medicine for more than 10 years. He has received local and national awards for his teaching and his work in medical education and diabetes research. His work has been published in the New England Journal of Medicine, Diabetes Care, the Archives of Internal Medicine, the Journal of General Internal Medicine, and Medical Education.



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Marie-France Pelland, MD



Marie-France Pelland is a family physician who graduated from the University of Montréal in 1996. She then practiced at the CLSC Bordeaux Cartierville family medicine teaching unit as well as in Sacré Cœur Hospital until 2016. She had a family medicine practice, working mainly in obstetrics, pediatrics, perinatal care and woman's health, as well as supervising medical students and residents. She has always been involved in continual professional development at University of Montréal, as a pedagogical leader.

Since 2016, she has worked as an inspector for the Practice Enhancement Division of the Collège des Médecins du Québec and since 2018, she has been part of the Professional Development and Remediation Division.

She is now involved in Structured Oral Interviews, remediation programs, and regulation of CPD activities for physicians in practice.

Leyla Korany, MD



Dr. Leyla Korany is a family physician who completed her training at the Université de Montréal in 2002.

She practiced at the teaching unit of the CLSC Bordeaux-Cartierville and at Saint-Eustache hospital. Her practice included working as a hospitalist in general medicine as well as primary care with a special focus on mental health problems. She remained involved in teaching medical students and residents and developed an interest in resident assessment and remediation.

Since 2020, she has worked as an inspector in the professional inspection division of the Collège des médecins du Québec.



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Johanne Thiffault



Johanne Thiffault is a statistician who completed a B.Sc. in mathematics (1983) and an M.Sc. in statistics (1985) at McGill University. She began her career as a research assistant at the Research Institute of the Montreal Children's Hospital. In 1988, she enrolled and completed four years in the Joint Ph.D. program in administration at Concordia University. Between 1992 and 2009, Mrs. Thiffault worked in various fields of application of statistics, including medical research, transportation, and philanthropy. From 2000 to 2009, she was also a course lecturer in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at McGill University.

Since 2009, Mrs. Thiffault has worked as a Senior research associate in the Professional Development and Remediation Division of the Collège des Médecins du Québec (CMQ). She is involved in the evaluation of assessment tools and remediation programs, and she collaborates in multiple projects with other CMQ divisions.

« If you can't measure it, you can't improve it » (Lord Kelvin or Peter Drucker)

Prof. Nigel Ashworth, MB.ChB., MSc(Epi), FRCPC



Trained in United Kingdom (Medical Degree), New Zealand, and Dalhousie University/University of Saskatchewan/ University Alberta, Canada (MSc in Community Health and Epidemiology) Professor, Department of Medicine, University of Alberta. Clinical: Consultant in clinical neurophysiology/neuromuscular disease for the last 20+ years. Director of the EMG lab at Glenrose Rehab hospital, Edmonton.

Research: Previous CIHR funded researcher. 80+ peer-reviewed publications in neurology, population-based health and medical regulation and physician performance.

Senior medical advisor and principal investigator, research and evaluation unit, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta (CPSA), Canada since 2015



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Elizabeth Wenghofer, PhD



Elizabeth (Liz) Wenghofer completed her PhD in Medical Sciences (Field: Health Services Research) in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto. Her primary appointment is at Laurentian University as full professor in the Faculty of Education and Health. She also holds appointments in the Division of Human Sciences at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University and the Faculty of Medicine at the University of California San Diego (UCSD). In addition, she is the Research Director for the UCSD Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) Program. Before joining Laurentian, she led the research activities of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario for eleven years.

Liz's research employs 'big data' to investigate the factors that impact practising physician performance, focusing on the interplay between the practice environment, continuing professional development, and medical regulation. She has partnered and conducted collaborative work with the Medical Council of Canada, the National Board of Medical Examiners, the College of Family Physicians of Canada, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, the Federation of State Medical Boards, multiple provincial medical regulators, and several large physician assessment organizations across the United States.