

HEALTH/REHABILITATION TRACK

COORDINATOR: Dr. Peter Prior

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Two (2) Resident Positions are available

Number of applications in 2015: 14

The Health/Rehabilitation Track is designed to provide residents with broad-based clinical training combined with specialization in the integration of the knowledge and techniques of health, behavioural, and biomedical sciences. The Track also allows interested residents the opportunity to receive training across the lifespan.

The primary goals of the Health/Rehabilitation Track are twofold:

- to provide an understanding of the relationship between psychosocial issues, health, physical illness, and disability; and,
- to apply clinical and research skills and knowledge to the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of a wide variety of medical disorders and conditions.

Supervisors and clinical services are available in a number of different rotations with different medical populations and presentations. There is an opportunity to work with inpatients and outpatients, both in an individual and group format, and with a variety of assessment and intervention approaches.

To be considered for the Health/Rehabilitation Track, resident applicants must have the following credentials:

- A minimum of 200 hours of assessment, intervention, consultation, and/or supervision experience involving health, physical illness, and disability, and
- For those seeking a lifespan approach to their training, practicum experience with a range of age groups (children, adults, and older adults) is an asset.

Major Rotations available:

London Health Sciences Centre: Children's Hospital
London Health Sciences Centre: University Hospital
St. Joseph's Health Care London: Parkwood Institute
St. Joseph's Health Care London: St. Joseph's Hospital

London Health Sciences Centre: Children's Hospital

Psychologists in the Paediatric Health Psychology service of the Children's Hospital provide inpatient and outpatient services to children and families coping with acute and chronic medical conditions through a number of health focused clinics and interprofessional teams. Issues commonly addressed include coping with illness, medical compliance, and school adjustment.

Paediatric Health Psychology offers the following training experiences.

Inpatient:

Residents will become experienced in consultation-liaison and treatment services offered to a wide variety of inpatient medical services at the Children's Hospital (e.g., critical care, oncology, neurology, acquired brain injury, gastroenterology, and respirology). Services are provided for both children and their families for a number of different presenting problems such as treatment compliance, coping with prolonged hospitalization, and palliative care. Cognitive, emotional, and behavioural strategies are employed to assist in managing distressing physical (e.g., acute or chronic pain) and psychological (e.g., depression, anxiety, somatization) symptoms. The resident will attend relevant rounds (e.g., Oncology, Critical Care, General Medicine) and consult with medical team members.

Outpatient:

Work with outpatients will include assessment, therapy, as well as consultation within the hospital and occasionally with schools. Some flexibility in the amount and scope of outpatient work is possible. There are a number of opportunities for outpatient work on this rotation including the following:

Residents may work with patients originally seen in the hospital (e.g., cancer patients in late effects clinic, school reintegration program for cancer patients) or with their family members (e.g., sibling bereavement group therapy).

Residents may work with outpatient children, adolescents, and their families who have either a medical problem that affects their psychological adjustment, or psychological problems that affect their health or adjustment to a medical condition. Issues may include management of recurrent or chronic pain such as headaches or abdominal pain, anxiety and/or depression contributing or related to living with a medical condition, adjustment to a diagnosis, or adherence to treatment regimes.

Residents may also become involved with the Diabetes interprofessional team. Patient issues addressed include adjustment to chronic illness, disease management and adherence problems, and difficulties related to developmental changes or other stressors. Residents attend weekly team rounds where they consult with the medical team and may participate in specialized initiatives (e.g., education days, teen social evenings).

Residents may have the opportunity to attend the Encopresis Clinic, which blends medical and behavioural procedures, emphasizing positive strategies to enhance treatment compliance.

Supervisors: Dr. Danielle Cataudella
 Dr. Jennifer Crotochino
 Dr. Erica Gold
 Ms. Ann Klinck
 Dr. Cathy Maan

London Health Sciences Centre: Victoria Hospital

General Behavioural Medicine

Residents may choose to work in the General Behavioural Medicine Service. This clinical setting provides residents with a broad-based experience in the psychological assessment and treatment of medical conditions. Patients are referred from a wide variety of hospital programs, including anaesthesiology, neurology, oncology, physiatry, nephrology, and psychiatry. Patients on this service often present with comorbid physical (e.g., chronic pain, head injury, diabetes, and renal insufficiency) and psychological (e.g., depression, posttraumatic stress disorder, and personality disorders) conditions. Because of important medical repercussions, most patients present with significant changes in quality of life and experience difficulties with coping and acceptance. Assessment measures usually include indices of personality, emotional distress, quality of life, and coping. Residents provide individual and group interventions (structured treatment protocols and open-ended psychotherapy groups) on an outpatient basis. Residents also provide consultation services on a limited basis to hospital clinics (e.g., total parenteral nutrition clinic). When available, residents also have the opportunity to supervise practicum level students.

Supervisors: Dr. Tony Iezzi
Dr. Felicia Otchet

London Health Sciences Centre: University Hospital

Epilepsy

Residents may choose to work providing psychological services within the Clinical Neurological Services department, mainly the Epilepsy Monitoring Unit. Patients with seizures are referred to this unit for diagnosis, medication adjustment, assessment for surgery etc. Clinical psychology referrals include consultation regarding diagnostic questions (e.g., psychogenic non-epileptic seizures/conversion disorder, depression, anxiety), and referrals for treatment including mood/anxiety problems, personality, adjustment, etc. In the consulting role, patients are assessed using clinical interviews and psychological testing, and through preparing consultation reports. The assessment may lead to short-term interventions while the patient is in hospital (e.g., stress management, brief therapy). Outpatient assessments and psychological intervention may also be part of the rotation. Therapy is conducted with individuals, and tends to be short-term and solution-focused informed by cognitive-behavioural strategies and skills.

Supervisor: Dr. Sarah Vernon-Scott

Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry

Residents may also work with the Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry Service at University Hospital. This service is an interprofessional team (psychiatry, psychology, and mental health nursing) that provides mental health services to the inpatient medical-surgical units of the hospital. Patients seen by this service often present with complex physical and mental health issues (e.g., depression following liver transplantation). Some patients are seen for outpatient follow up. This rotation provides opportunities for the resident to further develop his/her skills in the areas of assessment, treatment, and interprofessional consultation. Treatment is typically short-term, problem-focused therapy that is cognitive-behavioural in orientation.

Supervisor: Dr. Sandra Ulch

St. Joseph's Health Care London: Parkwood Institute

Psychology Staff affiliated with the Health/Rehabilitation Track at St. Joseph's Health Care, Parkwood Institute provides services to several distinct areas including the long term care program for Canadian war veterans and to the inpatient and outpatient regional specialty rehabilitation programs serving Southwestern Ontario. Participation alongside members of interprofessional treatment teams is an important component of this setting.

Regional Rehabilitation Service

Psychology residents may participate in the Regional Rehabilitation Service that serves persons with Spinal Cord Injuries (SCI; 15 beds) and Acquired Brain Injuries (ABI; 10 beds) who require inpatient care. This includes individuals who have had a spinal cord injury that is either traumatic (e.g., from a motor vehicle accident or fall) or non-traumatic in etiology (e.g., spinal metastases or transverse myelitis) or other neurological disorder (e.g., Guillain-Barre Syndrome). Supportive counselling and psychoeducational groups are available as experiences to the residents working on the spinal cord service. There is a cognitive behavioural emphasis to the treatment interventions that focuses on adjustment of the patient to his or her disability. Evaluations frequently include the psychometric assessment of cognitive functioning. Services often are consultative in nature. Participation in a community injury prevention program is also available.

In the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Rehabilitation Program, the inpatient service provides acute rehabilitation to patients referred for assessment and intervention requiring an intensive interprofessional program. ABI may be due to traumatic brain injury (TBI) associated with physical injury sustained in falls, assaults, and motor vehicle collisions. ABI may also be associated with medical conditions that affect the central nervous system, such as anoxia, stroke, brain tumour, or meningitis. Degenerative disease and dementia are usually followed by other programs. Concomitant mood disorders and pain complaints are prevalent, and may require consultation with specialized mental health and/or addictions services. Psychology residents may obtain experience planning and providing clinical interventions for individuals and families. Interventions may include cognitive-behavioural approaches, clinical education on emotional regulation for survivors and spouses, and participation in interprofessional rehabilitation.

Supervisor: Dr. Steven Orenczuk

The Residential Veterans Care Program (VCP) provides inpatient long term care and chronic care for Canadian war veterans. Psychological service delivery in the residential program has evolved as the program itself has evolved, emphasizing different competencies at different times to bring added value to the care and service of aging veterans and related cohorts. The average age of eligible veterans is now 93 years and the current focus is on bringing a psychological and evidence-based perspective to organizational transition as the program takes the next steps in its mandate to provide quality care to an increasingly complex patient group that is rapidly declining in numbers. The program psychologist helps to conceptualize, analyze and synthesize systemic, clinical, policy, procedural and legacy issues at play in this transition process. Residents working in this program have the opportunity to engage in ongoing collaborative and consultative planning and change management initiatives. (Note that this rotation is only available as a Minor Rotation).

Supervisor: Dr. Maggie Gibson

St. Joseph's Health Care London: St. Joseph's Hospital

At the St. Joseph's Hospital site of St. Joseph's Health Care London, Psychological Services are provided through the Comprehensive Pain Program and the Cardiac Rehabilitation and Secondary Prevention Program.

Pain Management Program

The Pain Management Program offers interprofessional services for outpatients diagnosed with a range of persisting pain conditions, including musculoskeletal and neuropathic pain. Psychological services include education sessions, consultation, assessment, group treatment and follow-up/relapse prevention sessions, and, to a more limited degree, individual treatment. Treatment services are based on cognitive behavioural and acceptance based approaches, and include interprofessional chronic pain management groups, depression treatment groups, and ACT groups. Residents work collaboratively with physicians, nurses, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, social workers, and pharmacists. Residents have the opportunity to participate in rounds, observe interprofessional treatment interventions, and facilitate access to community services. There may also be opportunities to be involved in program development and evaluation, or clinical research projects.

Supervisors: Dr. Heather Getty
Dr. Marilyn Hill

Cardiac Rehabilitation and Secondary Prevention Program

Another option for residents is to work in the Cardiac Rehabilitation and Secondary Prevention Program (CRSPP) located at St. Joseph's Hospital. In this service, psychologists treat cardiovascular patients who present with a range of mental health issues; and deliver psychosocial and behavioural risk factor modification interventions for chronic cardiac and vascular disease. The population served by CRSPP includes adults across a range of ages. Most patients have cardiac conditions, including coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathy, heart failure, congenital heart problems, valve dysfunction, or dysrhythmias; and may have undergone open heart surgery, angioplasty and stenting, pacemaker or implantable cardioverter defibrillator (ICD) implantation, or medical management. In addition, the program has accepted patients following transient ischaemic attacks (TIAs) or mild strokes, in the context of clinical research trials. Opportunities include: screening of large numbers of cardiac patients in an inter-professional clinic setting, formal psychological assessment; individual or group interventions, the latter including orientation sessions for incoming patients, or a women's support group. Residents interact with members of the team, which includes cardiologists, dieticians, kinesiologists, nurses, and psychologists; and will use an advanced web-based clinical management system, the London Cardiovascular Information System (LCVIS), which was developed at CRSPP and can function as a multi-site cardiac rehabilitation registry. Residents can view medical and surgical procedures including exercise stress testing, percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI), or open heart surgery. CRSPP maintains a large clinical database, and has an active research program. These afford research opportunities within the rotation.

Supervisors: Dr. Judith Francis
Dr. Peter Prior

TRACK	Health/Rehabilitation (see p. 55)				
ORGANIZATION	London Health Sciences Centre(LHSC)			St. Joseph's Health Care London	
SITES	Children's Hospital (see p.56)	Victoria Hospital (see p. 57)	University Hospital (see p. 57)	Parkwood Institute (see p.58)	St. Joseph's Hospital (see p.59)
MAJOR ROTATION/ SERVICE *See list of Minor Rotation options (pp. 79-87)	Paediatric Health Psychology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inpatient • Outpatient • Diabetes Clinic • Encopresis Clinic 	General Behavioural Medicine Service	Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry Service Epilepsy	Veterans Care Program (VCP) Rehabilitation Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Rehabilitation Service • Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Rehabilitation Program 	Comprehensive Pain Program Cardiac Rehabilitation and Secondary Prevention Program

Sample Combinations of Major and Minor Rotation Schedules:

Track	1st Six Months Major – 4 days/week	2nd Six Months Major – 3 days/week	Minor – 1 day/week
Health/Rehabilitation	Behavioural Medicine (4 days) (LHSC)	Cardiac Rehabilitation & Secondary Prevention (SJHC)	Child/Adolescent Mood and Anxiety Disorders (LHSC)