

# Mary-Lou van der Horst

## Oral Health for Frail Older Adults 4-Part IPNE Series \*

January 19, 26 and February 2, 9, 2009

The Presenters' Bios.....

**Mary-Lou van der Horst** is currently working with the Regional Geriatric Programs of Ontario – Central area as a Geriatric Nursing/Knowledge Translation Consultant and with the Ontario Osteoporosis Strategy for Long-Term Care as Project Manager/LTC Nursing Consultant. Within these commitments she is concentrating on developing interprofessional resources for the LTC and Primary Care Sectors including oral health, osteoporosis, and delirium.

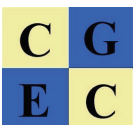
Previously, she was the Regional Best Practice Coordinator in Long-Term Care for Central South Ontario with the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care assisting the long-term care sector to implement evidence-based / best practices care improvements through various knowledge transfer strategies. Many of her LTC and Primary Care Resources are available online including her very popular Myth-busting Newsletter called the “BP Blogger”

She has Bachelors and Masters degree in Nursing from the University of Western Ontario and a Master of Business Degree from Athabasca University. She is currently an assistant clinical professor with the School of Nursing at McMaster University and has taught undergraduate and graduate students in nursing and health care management. She has many years of experience within the long term care, home care, community and hospital sectors from advanced practice/nurse practitioner to administrative to education to knowledge translation specialist.

She participated on the recent RNAO development panel for the new Best Practice Guideline on Oral Hygiene and involved with the making of RNAO’s “Oral Care for Residents with Dementia” DVD. She is currently involved with College of Nurses’ Advisory Steering Committee for Palliative Care and Medical Secretariat Advisory Panel on Wound Care.



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# Donna Scott

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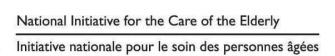
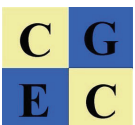
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**Donna Scott** is a Geriatric Resource Consultant at St. Joseph's Health Care, London - Parkwood Hospital site. She is currently involved in a provincial project linking the Regional Geriatric Programs (RGPs) of Ontario with primary care settings in family health teams and community health centres and promoting current practices in geriatric care.

Previously, Donna spent 2 years working as the Regional Best Practice Coordinator for LTC for the SW Region, supporting LTCHs to implement evidenced-based care for Residents. She has coupled her nursing career with work in the field of human resources, having completed a Post Graduate Program in Human Resource Management and holds a Certified Human Resource Professional (CHRP) designation. As well, Donna is an accreditation surveyor with Accreditation Canada.



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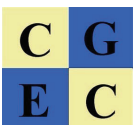
**Barb McCoy** is a Registered Nurse with a B.A. in Sociology & Gerontology from McMaster University. Barb is also a Certified Gerontological Nurse through the Canadian Nurses Association. Her experiences in Geriatric Mental Health and Dementia Care spans over 30 years in the community and acute and Long Term Care settings.

Barb is employed at the Alzheimer Society of Hamilton & Halton as a Psychogeriatric Resource Consultant. She also serves as chair of the Hamilton Continuing Gerontological Education Cooperative, co-chair of the Hamilton Dementia Network, and sits on the Steering Committee of the GPA program.



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**Toba Miller** is an Advanced Practice Nurse at The Ottawa Hospital in Ottawa. She was the Team Leader for the international interdisciplinary panel that developed the newly released Registered Nurses Association of Ontario's "Oral Hygiene Best Practice Guideline".

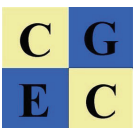
Her areas of clinical practice are rehabilitation and special care of the older adult. She has presented at numerous conferences and has obtained Masters degrees in Nursing and Health Administration.



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