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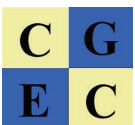
Dr. Mary McNally is an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Dentistry at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia where she has been a faculty member for the past 16 years. During the first nine years, she balanced part-time teaching with a full-time general practice in rural Nova Scotia. She joined the faculty full-time in 2001.

Dr. McNally has an undergraduate science degree in Nutrition and a Master of Science in General Pathology. She completed a Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1992 and a Master of Arts in Philosophy in 2003. Her clinical and academic interests include caring for older adults, oral health promotion, and health care ethics. Dr. McNally has numerous publications in the area of dental ethics and is currently involved in research initiatives in applied ethics, oral health promotion and continuing care, and access to oral health care for vulnerable populations. She has been the Chair of the Nova Scotia Capital District Health Authority Ethics Committee for the past five years.



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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.

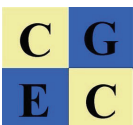
Previously, she was the Regional Best Practice Coordinator in Long-Term Care for Central South Ontario with the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care assisting the long-term care sector to implement evidence-based / best practices care improvements through various knowledge transfer strategies. 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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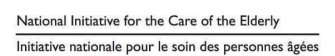
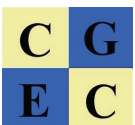
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Donna Scott is a Geriatric Resource Consultant at St. Joseph's Health Care, London - Parkwood Hospital site. She is currently involved in a provincial project linking the Regional Geriatric Programs (RGPs) of Ontario with primary care settings in family 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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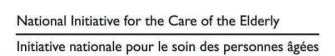
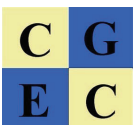
Ellen Ross is a dental health promoter employed by Halton Region Health Department. She has been instrumental in the development and sustainability of the Halton Oral Health Outreach (HOHO) program which is an integrated program providing oral health care services to the elderly and special need residents of Halton.

In 2001 and 2006 Ellen won the "National Practitioner Award " for the development of education tools specific to training caregivers to provide daily oral care for individuals that have physical, cognitive and medical compromises. In 2006, Ellen and her Halton Oral Health Outreach colleagues won the Canadian Dental Association "Oral Health Promotion Award "for the innovation and success of the HOHO program.

The education tools she has created have recently been referenced by the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario in their Best Practice Guidelines.



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