Meet our Speakers

**Liisa Johnston** is a child and adolescent psychiatrist with a masters in medical education. Dr. Johnston completed her general psychiatry residency at Dalhousie University and her subspecialty training at the University of Ottawa. She is currently the medical lead of the Dual Diagnosis program at CHEO and splits her time between Dual Diagnosis and Steps to Success, a day treatment program through CHEO. Dr. Johnston has three young children who make sure that she is never bored.

**Sarena Dawn** Bacon is originally from the South shore of Montreal. She attended John Abbott College and Studied Women Studies and Applied human relations at Concordia University before moving to Ottawa in 2002. Sarena completed her Bachelor's in Social Work at Carleton University in 2003 and is presently completing her Master's in Social Work at Dalhousie University and will graduate in May 2022. Sarena has extensive work experience and knowledge in mental health, community development, and counselling support. She has worked collaboratively with multiple community stakeholders from health, social and judicial professionals. Aside from mental health, Sarena has also worked as a protection worker for the Children's Aid Society of Ottawa on the same-day response (SDR) team. Sarena is employed by CHEO since 2009 and has been working on the Dual Diagnosis team and CHEO's on-call social work services ever since. Sarena's areas of interest within social work are challenging barriers, raising awareness and advocating for social justice for individuals with intellectual and Developmental disabilities. Outside of social work, Sarena is passionate about horticulture, and developing self-sufficient skills around food preservation.

**Glenna Hunter** is a Board Certified Behaviour Analyst with the Dual Diagnosis program at CHEO, where she has the privilege of working with children with intellectual disabilities and their families. Previously, Glenna taught in the Bachelor of Behavioural Psychology program at St. Lawrence College in Kingston Ontario, and has served as a behaviour consultant with the Ottawa Children’s Treatment Centre, and as clinical supervisor with CHEO’s Autism program. Glenna harbours a passion for helping people learn to use the science of behaviour analysis in order to live vibrant and fulfilling lives. When she is not at work, Glenna likes to hang out with her family and friends, preferably playing music or phonetic Scrabble.
**Dr. Kevin Smit** is a pediatric orthopedic surgeon at CHEO and an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Ottawa. He is also a clinical researcher at the CHEO Research Institute. Dr. Smit completed his medical degree at the University of Ottawa, his orthopedic residency at Western University and a pediatric orthopedic fellowship at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas, Texas. Dr. Smit's main clinical interests include spinal deformity, complex hip pathologies (including DDH, SCFE and Perthes) and pediatric orthopedic trauma.

**Dr. Nicole Le Saux** is a Professor and Pediatric Infectious Diseases Consultant. Dr. Le Saux received her medical degree from University of Ottawa in 1981. She is certified by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in internal medicine, infectious diseases and anatomic pathology. She is past chair of the Royal College certification exam board for adult and paediatric infectious diseases, a member of the Canadian Paediatric Society's (CPS) infectious diseases committee; and lead investigator for rotavirus infection surveillance with the CPS Immunization Monitoring Program ACTive (IMPACT). Dr. Le Saux has published extensively in the areas of vaccines and clinical infectious diseases issues. Her research interests include antimicrobial stewardship and vaccine preventable diseases.

**Dr. Nuray Kanbur** is a Professor of Pediatrics at University of Ottawa and works at the Division of Adolescent Health at Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario since March 2021. Dr Kanbur is the President of International Chapter of Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine. Her research and publications are in a variety of areas of adolescent health and medicine and she is clinically more focused on eating disorders and chronic illness in adolescents. Dr. Kanbur graduated from Hacettepe University, Faculty of Medicine, Turkey and completed her residency there in the Department of Pediatrics. She completed her clinical fellowship in the Division of Adolescent Medicine at the Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto, Canada. She was a Professor of Pediatrics at the Faculty of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics and Division of Adolescent Medicine at Hacettepe University, Turkey.

**Dr. Hazen Gandy** is a child and adolescent psychiatrist at the Children’s Hospital of Eastern Ontario. He is the Medical Director of the Eastern Hub site of the Ontario Tele-mental Health Program. With over 25 years in clinical practice. Dr. Gandy has worked with a broad range of clinical populations in child and youth mental health with a particular interest in the delivery of psychiatric and mental health service through telemedicine and tele-psychiatry platforms.

**Lisa Hicks** is a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, she graduated from the University of Toronto Master of Nursing-Nurse Practitioner field of study program in 2013. She transitioned her role as a Registered Nurse at CHEO to working as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner in the Infectious Disease Department. She is also involved in the clinical follow-up of infants in Ottawa, Kingston and Northern Ontario who screen positive for CMV through risk factor screening for Permanent Hearing Loss.