



Dr. Melyn Leszcz

Dr. Melyn Leszcz is Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Toronto. He is the President of the American Group Psychotherapy Association. Dr Leszcz served as Psychiatrist-in-Chief at Sinai Health System from 2006-2017 and as Vice Chair, Clinical for Department of Psychiatry, University of Toronto, from 2010-2017.

Dr. Leszcz's academic and clinical work has focused on improving integration in psychiatric care and broadening the application of the psychotherapies within psychiatry. He co-authored with Irvin Yalom, the 5th edition of the Theory and Practice of Group Psychotherapy (2005). The 6th edition will be available in the Spring of 2020. A co-authored book in the *Psychotherapy Essentials to Go* series, *Achieving Psychotherapy Effectiveness*, was published in 2015.

Dr. Leszcz was awarded the Anne Alonso Award for Outstanding Contributions to Psychodynamic Group Therapy and also was awarded Distinguished Fellowship in the American Group Psychotherapy Association. Dr. Leszcz has been the recipient of a number of education teaching awards at the University of Toronto.



Dr. Dan Cass

Dr. Dan Cass is a two-time graduate of the University of Toronto, receiving his BSc in 1984 and MD in 1988 before completing the Royal College Residency Program in Emergency Medicine in Toronto in 1993. He worked as a staff Emergency Physician at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto for 16 years, from 1993 to 2009, for 10 of which he was Chief of Emergency Medicine.

Dr. Cass was appointed as an investigating coroner in 2007. He joined the Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario full-time in 2009 and held a number of successive leadership positions, including Deputy Chief Coroner – Investigations, and was Chair of the Patient Safety Review Committee. He served as Interim Chief Coroner for Ontario from January to July, 2013.

In March of 2015, Dr. Cass assumed the role of Vice President, Medical at St. Joseph's Health Centre in Toronto, where he also practiced Addiction Medicine. He served as Interim CEO of St. Joseph's in the summer of 2017, before heling to support the integration of St. Joseph's with St. Michael's Hospital and Providence Healthcare in August, 2017.

In January, 2018, Dr. Cass joined the leadership team of Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre as Executive Vice President, Programs and Chief Medical Executive. Dr. Cass also continues to practice clinically, providing care to homeless men through the Inner City Family Health Team one evening each week.

Dr. Cass is an Associate Professor in the Division of Emergency Medicine, Department of Medicine at the University of Toronto. He has presented more than 200 lectures, seminars and workshops to learners in the undergraduate, postgraduate and continuing professional education environments. He has 27 peer-reviewed publications, including the Canadian Medical Association Journal, JAMA and the New England Journal of Medicine.