



Program Reports 2020-21

Continuing Professional and Practice Development Report

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Continuing Professional and Practice Development Portfolio continues to be very productive within the department. We are responsible for the oversight for the 900 psychiatry programs/events within the department. The portfolio also is very closely involved with the reviewing these programs so that they meet accreditation standards.

One of the major accomplishment over the last year is the unveiling of our new online platform for CPPD. After 6 months of planning meetings, we were delighted to start our new online CPD platform for the department. This will lead to new and innovative programs in CPD and Quality Improvement. We are also planning on uploading new content to this platform during the upcoming year.

The portfolio also has successfully transitioned to the virtual platform for the most of its programming. Our flagship Psychopharmacology and Future of Psychotherapy Conferences was once again a tremendous success. Our online psychopharmacology conference was in fact nominated for a national award this past year as a result of exceptional feedback and review.

The City Wide Psychiatry Grand Rounds has been a very successful joint venture in partnership with our PICs. Our Vice Chair of Clinical has also been providing her leadership and guidance of this venture. We have had three very successful Grands Rounds with exceptional feedback from faculty. It continues to be venue for new and innovative presentations in psychiatry. This year we will be expanding from 3 to 8 Grand Rounds in the academic year. The portfolio was also the recipient for numerous CPD awards over the last year. This shows the continued commitment of the faculty to create new and innovative CPD Programs. One such program was the “Reading of the Week Program” that garnered this year’s Ivan Silver Award. This is a very innovative program has won numerous awards over the last couple of years.

The portfolio also has been involved with numerous national and international collaborations. We have been working with COPCE (CPD Directors Nationally) on gathering data on online programming challenges during the COVID-19 Pandemic. We are in the process of developing a study around these challenges. We are also working on CPD Programming with the WPA. This is an international collaboration with the University of Toronto.

Mentorship of Junior Faculty has also been a focus of the portfolio in association with our scholarship director. The committee has expanded significantly over the last two years to incorporate numerous junior faculty.

The committee serves as a venue for mentorship and guidance for faculty and residents around CPPD. The membership includes various leaders in Quality Improvement and CPD from the various University of Toronto affiliated sites.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge my sincere gratitude to the CPPD committee, Admin Team, PICs, Vice Chairs and the Chair of our department for their continued support of this portfolio.

