

**DECLARATION OF COMPETING INTERESTS**  
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**Note:** Panel members made declarations of conflict of interest at several intervals during the BPG development process: (1) upon recruitment; (2) at recommendation development; and (3) prior to publication.

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<b>Dr. Céline Gélinas, N., Ph.D</b>	Expert panel co-chair	Yes		✓		✓	<p>My research program relates to pain assessment and management in vulnerable critically ill adults. As part of my research program, I have developed pain assessment tools (i.e., Critical-Care Pain Observation Tool or CPOT, CPOT-Neuro, Faces Pain Thermometer) and education material (online training and videos). I am also validating an innovative technology (Nociception Level Index) developed by Medasense Biometrics Ltd., Ramat Gan, Israel. My research work is funded by CIHR. I have also published my research work in various journals (critical care, nursing, pain). The CPOT was included in the previous RNAO Pain BPG (3<sup>rd</sup> ed).</p> <p>In the past five years (including current involvement): I am an expert consultant on the scientific committee of SAMDOC Medical Technologies (European society) to share my knowledge and expertise for the development of new technologies for the assessment of</p>	- Open disclosure

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							<p>pain. I will receive an annual honorarium for my participation in the committee.</p> <p>I also received royalties for pain chapters (Elsevier and Cheneliere Education) and honorarium as a guest speaker (Regroupment des Omni-Intensivistes, Qc).</p>	
<b>Dr. Lindsay Jibb, RN, PhD</b>	Expert panel co-chair	No – no conflict of interest to declare					n/a	n/a
<b>Mary Aubin Cadet</b>	Expert panel member	No – no conflict of interest to declare					n/a	n/a
<b>Sally Baerg</b>	Expert panel member	No – no conflict of interest to declare					n/a	n/a
<b>Marsha Campbell-Yeo</b> RN NNP-BC MN PhD FANN	Expert panel member	Yes		✓			<p>Co-author on related Cochrane reviews</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Johnston C, Campbell-Yeo M, Benoit B, Disher T. Skin-to-skin care for procedural pain in neonates. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2017, Issue 2. Art. No.: CD008435. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD008435.pub3. As well as update 2022 under review.</li> <li>Janet Yamada, Mariana Bueno, Lucia Santos, Sarah Haliburton, Marsha Campbell-Yeo, Bonnie Stevens. Sucrose analgesia for heel-lance procedures in</li> </ol>	- Open disclosure

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<b>Mahoganic Hines</b> BScN, RN, CHPCN(c)	Expert panel member	Yes			✓		1. President elect for Canadian Palliative Care Nursing Association (CPCNA)	- Open disclosure
<b>Samuel Jennings</b> , RPN	Expert panel member	No – no conflict of interest to declare					n/a	n/a
<b>Nicholas Joachimides</b> RN, BSc.N, IIWCC, MCISc, MSc, NSWOC, CHE, CpedN(c), MHE(c).	Expert panel member	Yes			✓		1. Kingsnorth, Shauna & Eickmeier, Taryn & Provvidenza, Christine & Adler, Ellie & Ami, Noam & Gresley-Jones, Tessa & Mankad, Deepali & Slonim, Naomi & Fay, Linda & Joachimides, Nick & Hoffman, Andrea & Hung, Ryan & Fehlings, Darcy. (2015). Chronic Pain Assessment Tools for Cerebral Palsy: A Systematic Review. Pediatrics. 136. 10.1542/peds.2015-0273. 2. Kingsnorth, Shauna & Joachimides, Nick & Krog, Kim & Davies, Barbara & Higuchi, Kathryn. (2015). Optimal Pain Assessment in Pediatric Rehabilitation: Implementation of a Nursing Guideline. Pain management nursing : official journal of the American Society of Pain Management Nurses. 16. 871-880. 10.1016/j.pmn.2015.07.009.	- Open disclosure
<b>Rachel Jones</b> , BScN, RN	Expert panel member	No – no conflict of interest to					n/a	n/a

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<b>Dr. Salima Ladak, NP, PhD</b>	Expert panel member	No – no conflict of interest to declare					n/a	n/a
<b>Jordan Miller</b>	Expert panel member	Yes		✓			<p>My research focuses on novel approaches to pain management and models of care, primarily in primary care settings. For example, one of my CIHR-funded projects seeks to assess the impact of integrating physiotherapists as the first point of contact in primary care for individuals with low back pain. In another area of research, we are evaluating the impact of self-management supports for people living with pain. Overall, this research is aimed at providing evidence to inform recommendations to improve pain management and this work will likely be part of the literature included in the guideline development process; however, I do not perceive that being an investigator on this work will unduly influence my participation or impartiality in the guideline development process.</p> <p>A list of my publications on these various topics can be accessed in my Google Scholar profile.  <a href="https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=SvJRDisAAAAJ&amp;hl=en">https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=SvJRDisAAAAJ&amp;hl=en</a></p>	- Open disclosure

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<b>Crystal Nikolich</b>	Expert panel member	No – no conflict of interest to declare					n/a	n/a
<b>Melanie Noel</b>	Expert panel member	No – no conflict of interest to declare					n/a	n/a
<b>Georgina Redsky, RN, BScN, CFNHM</b>	Expert panel member	No – no conflict of interest to declare					n/a	n/a
<b>Jennifer Reguindin</b>	Expert panel member	No – no conflict of interest to declare					n/a	n/a
<b>Courtney Sullivan, PhD, APRN, CPNP-AC, CPHON</b>				✓			My program of research includes developing a core set of nursing-sensitive quality indicators for international pediatric oncology nursing practice. One of eleven quality topics for development includes pain assessment and management. I will be conducting a Delphi study to identify priority indicators for inclusion in the core set while participating as an expert panel member in this project. This work is funded through a T32 postdoctoral research fellowship through the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality at the University of Alabama at Birmingham	- Open disclosure
<b>David Williamson, B.Pharm, M.Sc, Ph.D</b>	Expert panel member	No – no conflict of interest to declare			✓		I have participated in studies on the management of pain in the critical care setting (MPIC-ICU study CIHR) as well as the use of opioids.	- Open disclosure

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Liping (Lily) Zheng, MN	Expert panel member	No – no conflict of interest to declare					n/a	n/a