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## **SPEAKER BIOS**

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# CO-HOSTS FOR THE 1<sup>ST</sup> PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SUMMIT, APRIL 27, 2010

## Vivek Goel



- Vivek Goel is president and chief executive officer of the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion (OAHPP), an arm's-length government agency dedicated to protecting and promoting the health of all Ontarians and reducing inequities in health.
- A respected public health physician and health services researcher, Goel brings extensive experience in health-care evaluation and research to this role.
- Prior to joining OAHPP in 2008, he served five years as vice-president and provost at the University of Toronto.
- Goel is a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Canada, having obtained his medical degree from McGill University. He did his postgraduate medical training in community medicine at the University of Toronto and also obtained a master of health administration from the University of Toronto as well as a master of biostatistics from Harvard University's School of Public Health.

## Doris Grinspun



- Doris Grinspun is the executive director of the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO), the professional association representing registered nurses in the province of Ontario.
- From 1990 to 1996, Grinspun served as director of nursing at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto. She has also worked in practice and administrative capacities in Israel and the United States.
- Grinspun is an adjunct professor in the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Toronto; an adjunct professor at the School of Nursing, York University; an associate member of the Centre for Health Promotion at the University of Toronto; an affiliate member of the Centre for Health Studies at York University; and an associate fellow of the Centre for Latin American and Caribbean Studies at York University.
- In 2003, Grinspun was invested with the Order of Ontario.



**Dr. Heather Manson** directs planning and policy development, evaluation and research activities related to the Health Promotion, Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention portfolio at OAHPP. In addition to her leadership with the healthy communities initiatives, chronic disease and injury prevention, comprehensive tobacco use prevention, and work focused on reducing inequities, Dr. Manson promotes province-wide system-level changes, particularly supporting public health units in meeting their obligations under the Ontario Public Health Standards. Dr. Manson joined OAHPP from Vancouver Coastal Health in British Columbia, where she was responsible for leading the organization in achieving its strategic goal of improving health outcomes and enabling a continuum of care focused around the needs of the patient, client, resident or population. She brings clinical, administrative and population health experience to OAHPP, having also worked as an internist and hematologist, and senior medical director and medical health officer in Richmond, B.C.

**Michael Creek** is the co-ordinator of the Toronto speakers bureau Voices from the Street, where he has learned research, public policy and public speaking. Creek is also co-chair of the 25 in 5 Network for Poverty Reduction. He is vice-chair on the board of the Gerstein Crisis Centre in Toronto. Creek is a survivor of cancer and physical and mental abuse, homelessness, poverty and is a psychiatric consumer/survivor. He speaks out and advocates for many health issues that affect those who live in poverty. Creek has been a guest speaker and panelist with Legal Aid Ontario and at many Ontario universities and colleges. Creek continues to work with marginalized communities and people, encouraging them to speak out. He believes their voices can make a difference in shaping government policy and planning.

**Katie Dilworth**, RN, BScN, MHSc, CCHN(C), is a professional practice consultant and professional practice leader for nurses at Toronto Public Health. Dilworth's community health nursing experience spans both the home-health and public-health practice realms. She is currently president of the Community Health Nurses Initiative group for the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario. She is a member of the Political Action and Advocacy Standing committee for the Community Health Nurses of Canada. Dilworth has also been a member of the community/public health outreach advisory committee with the College of Nurses of Ontario and a current member of Sigma Theta Tau International. She has a bachelor's degree in nursing and a master of health science in health promotion, both from the University of Toronto. She is also a certified community health nurse with the Canadian Nurses Association.



**Lynn Beath** is director and chief executive officer of Public Health & Emergency Services, a department of Oxford County. The department's services include family health, immunization, healthy living, infectious disease prevention, sexual health, environmental health, emergency medical services, and other programs that support healthy behaviours in a healthy environment. Prior to this she served in leadership roles for the past 14 years at Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health, including chief nursing officer. Her almost 30 years of experience spans a range of public health program areas. She has served as ANDSOOHA Public Health Nursing Management president and as a member of the Association of Local Public Health Agencies board. Beath holds a bachelor of science in nursing from McMaster University and a master of public administration from the University of Western Ontario.

**Susan Jack** is an assistant professor, School of Nursing, and associate member, Clinical Epidemiology & Biostatistics, at McMaster University. Clinically, Jack has worked as a public health nurse in Alberta and Ontario, and was a child health manager at Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health. She holds a CIHR New Investigator personnel award. Her program of research is focused on; public health approaches for the prevention of family violence, the effectiveness of nurse-home visitation on maternal-child health outcomes, and studying the processes that influence the uptake of research evidence into public health and child-welfare decision-making. She is currently leading a U.S.-based study to develop a nursing intervention to address intimate partner violence within the context of a nurse-home visitation program. She is also a co-lead on a project to evaluate the first Canadian implementation of the Nurse-Family Partnership program.

**Dr. Carlos Quinonez** is an assistant professor, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, associate member of the School of Graduate Studies, and assistant professor and director, Specialty Training Program, for Dental Public Health with the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Toronto. Quinonez is an associate researcher at the Centre for Research on Inner City Health Keenan Research Centre, Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute at St. Michael's Hospital . Quinonez's research interests include health- and dental-care systems, social sciences and health, health services and policy. He is currently involved in the following research projects: applied health research network initiative — patterns and pathways of inequities along with Ron Labonte; rationing dental care in Canada — defining the balance between individual and social responsibility; opinions on the use of personal information for equity measurement purposes in health-care settings; and oral health-care needs in Toronto's homeless population. He has also recently concluded a study on alleviating disparities in oral health — responding to the information needs of key decision-makers, Canadian Institutes of Health Research.



**Karen Quigley-Hobbs** has been a public health nurse with the Region of Waterloo Public Health since 1981. Currently, she is the director of infectious disease, dental and sexual health, and chief nursing officer. Starting her career in general practice public health nursing, Quigley-Hobbs has gained experience in a number of programs and provided services in areas such as psychiatric outreach, school health, alcohol policy and violence prevention. In 2000, she moved into management with the immunization and vaccine preventable disease portfolio and in 2002 became director of her current division. Quigley-Hobbs received her bachelor of science in nursing from the University of Toronto in 1981 and a master of business administration from Nova South Eastern University in Fort Lauderdale in 1995. Quigley-Hobbs serves on the operating and foundation boards for the local Children's Aid Society and has a cross appointment with McMaster School of Nursing.

**Prof. Ruth Schofield**, B.Sc.N., M.Sc(T), received her BScN and MSc(T) from McMaster University. Schofield is an assistant professor at McMaster University School of Nursing with a teaching focus on community health nursing. She is a Community Health Nurses of Canada and RNAO board member, past-president of CHNIG, past co-chair of the National Community Health Nurses Conference, and past member of the Ontario Public Health Association board of directors. Schofield worked for more than 23 years in public health nursing in various positions and programs. Her areas of research are in mental health and housing, community health nursing, and child and family health.

**Penny Nelligan** is a public health nurse. She has a master of science in community health nursing and a faculty appointment with the McMaster University School of Nursing. Nelligan worked in public health for 19 years in a variety of roles from field work to program management to executive director — in both urban and rural settings. Throughout her career, Nelligan has worked with people who were often disenfranchised. She is currently director of standards, Programs and Community Development branch, for the Ontario Ministry of Health Promotion. Nelligan has also worked in mental health and addictions. She was chair of the board for a mental-health case management agency, a member of the advisory committee for an addictions agency and a member of the Mental Health System Design committee in Hamilton.

