

Registration Form

Registration fee includes:

- ▶ Breakfast, hot-lunch and refreshment breaks.
- ▶ Ample free-parking at conference site
- ▶ GST & PST

\$135 Regular Rate

\$110 Seniors (60+) / Students

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER
23, 2006

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Directions to Conference Location:



Radisson

**Radisson Hotel
Toronto East**
55 Hallcrown Place,
Toronto, Ontario
M2J 4R1
Canada

- ▶ Take Victoria Park Exit from Hwy. 401 (travelling east or west) and drive north to Consumers Road.
- ▶ Turn Left on Consumers road.
- ▶ The first street on the left is hallcrown Place, turn left.
- ▶ The hotel is located at the end of hallcrown Place.
- ▶ 5 minutes walk from TTC

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Educational Conference

Culture, Spirituality & Mental Health

Accessing, Diagnosing and Treating
Mental Illness in a Multicultural Society

Keynote Address:

Dispersed Everywhere and at Home Nowhere

Dr. Gerard Francis

*Consulting Psychiatrist, Center for Personal
and Family Growth Erie, PA, USA.*

Friday, October 27, 2006

Radisson Hotel, Toronto East



Organized by:
**Healthcare Conferences
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This Conference will focus on:

- ▶ Capacity Building & Community Care
- ▶ Immigrants' Access to Mental Health Services
- ▶ Torture, Trauma and War related Mental Health Issues
- ▶ Multicultural Mental Health and the Media
- ▶ Therapeutic Aspects of Spirituality
- ▶ Well being Psychiatry – Caring for the “Whole Person”
- ▶ East-West Cross-cultural Treatment issues

Who will benefit:

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| ▶ Advocates/ Para Legal counsels | ▶ Mental Health Workers |
| ▶ Alzheimer/ Dementia Care- providers | ▶ Multicultural Service Agencies |
| ▶ Bioethicists | ▶ Police Service personnel |
| ▶ Chaplains/ Spiritual Care-givers | ▶ Psychotherapists |
| ▶ Community Access Workers | ▶ Social Workers |
| ▶ Healthcare Interpreters | ▶ Prison Counsellors |
| ▶ Nurses/ Physicians | ▶ Family Counseling workers |

Healthcare Conferences Canada Inc. is an Educational service-initiative founded by care-givers, professionals and students actively involved in the delivery of care. Recognizing the ever-increasing multicultural nature of the Canadian society we envisage in our programmes an innovative integration of the cultural and religious resources as invaluable constituents in the delivery of a person-centred and holistic care.

Programme

- 8:30 a.m Registration and Breakfast
- 9: 00 a.m Welcome & Introduction: Ms. Laura Silver
- 9:15 a.m Keynote Address: Dispersed Everywhere and at Home Nowhere: Culturally Contextualized Approach to Psychiatry and Psychosocial Support among New Immigrant Communities
Dr. Gerard Francis, *Consulting Psychiatrist, Center for Personal and Family Growth Erie, PA, USA.*
- 10:00 a.m Question and Answer Period
- 10:15 a.m **Refreshment Break**
- 10:30 a.m Panel Presentation:
Helping, Healing and Caring for those with Mental Illness:
- Islamic –Palestinian Perspectives:
Dr. Ahmad Nashef, *Clinical Psychologist, Guelph, ON*
- Ethiopian Cultural Perspectives:
Melaku T. Awoke, *Senior Case Manager, Ethiopian Association in the GTA & Surrounding Regions*
- Southeast and East Asian Perspectives:
Raymond C.Y. Chung, *Executive Director, Hong Fook Mental Health Association, Toronto, ON*
- Tamil Saiva Cultural Perspectives:
Dr. Joseph A. Chandrakathan, *Clinical Ethicist, CCE, and University of Toronto Joint Centre for Bioethics, Associate Professor, University of Toronto*
- 12:15 p.m **Lunch**
- 1:15 p.m Caring for Children and Adolescents with Mental Illness: **Rev. Claude Richard**, *Psycho-Spiritual Caregiver, Sick-kids Hospital, Toronto*
- 2:00 p.m **Refreshment Break**
- 2:15 p.m Close the Doors and Keep it in the Family: Cultural Perspectives on Stigma, Labelling and Confidentiality in Dealing with Mental Illness
Mr. Steve Abdool, *CEO, CECPE, CCE, and University of Toronto Joint Centre for Bioethics.*
- 3:30 p.m Concluding Remarks **Dr. Meera Selvakone**, *Family Physician, Toronto, ON*

Keynote Address:

DR. GERARD FRANCIS **Dispersed Everywhere, at Home Nowhere: Culturally Contextualized Approach to Psychiatry and Psychosocial Support among New Immigrant Communities**

Dr. Gerard Francis completed his medical education at the University of Jaffna and followed specialized programmes in Cardiology and Psychiatry and mental Health in a number of medical institutions in Canada and the USA. He has extensive experience in working with immigrant communities both in Europe and North America. He has worked among refugee populations with Save the Children Fund UK and has published a number of research papers on Psychiatric issues related to immigrant communities in war-torn regions. He served as the Former Director of Geriatric Psychiatry Meadville Medical Center and is also a member of the International Medical Health Organization, USA.

Concluding Address:

STEVE ABDOOL **Close the Doors and Keep it in the Family: Cultural Perspectives on Stigma, Labelling and Confidentiality in Dealing with Mental Illness**

Steve Abdool, RN, MA, PhD(Can.) works as Staff Bioethicist at the University of Toronto Joint Centre for Bioethics & St. Michael's Hospital. Steve is also Director of the Regional Centre for Ethics at Homewood Health Centre in Guelph, which provides ethics consultation and education to 15 regional health care organizations. Trained in England, Steve worked as a clinician in both physical medicine and psychiatry, before studying Psychology and Philosophy at the undergraduate level, specializing in Bioethics at graduate levels. Steve regularly writes, consults and presents at national and international professional conferences on pressing ethical issues in both mental health and physical medicine.