

# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

## Ontario Shores' Inaugural Research Day

### Promoting Recovery in Mental Health: Mobilizing Knowledge & Strengthening Partnerships



Ontario Shores  
Centre for Mental Health Sciences

Friday, March 23, 2012 at  
Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences,  
700 Gordon Street, Whitby, ON

#### KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dr. Norman Doidge



Norman Doidge, M.D., is a psychiatrist and psychoanalyst on faculty at the University of Toronto Department of Psychiatry and Research Faculty at the Columbia University Center for Psychoanalytic Training and Research, Department of Psychiatry, Columbia University. His book, *The Brain That Changes Itself*, on neuroplasticity, has been described by Oliver Sacks as "Fascinating...a remarkable and hopeful portrait of the endless adaptability of the human brain." The London Times has written, "Brilliant...Doidge has identified a tidal shift in basic science...the implications are monumental." *The New York Times* has written that *The Brain That Changes Itself*, has "implications...not only for individual patients with neurologic disease but for all human beings, not to mention human culture, human learning and human history." Available in over 100 countries, it has been made into two documentary films, and has received scholarly and academic awards, including the U.S. National Alliance on Mental Illness 2008 Ken Book Award, "for an outstanding literary contribution toward a better understanding of mental illness." Dr. Doidge recently hosted the 25 hour television series, *The Mysterious Mind: From Brilliant to Broken*.

#### Who should attend?

Nurses, occupational therapists, psychologists, social workers, social service workers, child and youth workers, psychiatrists, family physicians, counselors, therapists, mental health hospital and clinical managers/administrators, mental health community agency workers

**Deadline for Abstracts: January 31, 2012**

Turn over for details on how to submit an abstract

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Submissions accepted online at [www.confmail.com](http://www.confmail.com)

## How to Apply Online

Before you begin it may be helpful to have your abstract (up to 300 words) and brief biography in MS Word format that you can cut and paste into the appropriate sections of the online form. All abstracts must be submitted online – all information fields requested must be completed. Please visit [www.confmail.com](http://www.confmail.com)

## Types of Presentation Opportunities

**Concurrent session:** 20 minutes inclusive of a 5 minute question period

**Poster:** (below) presented at dedicated times on Friday



### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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## Themes/clusters

The clusters below are intended to stimulate you to share your knowledge, experiences and research related to the theme of “**Promoting Recovery in Mental Health: Mobilizing Knowledge & Strengthening Partnerships**”:

### Living Well with Mental Illness: Recovery Across the Lifespan

- Age specific (adolescents/seniors) approaches
- Developmental approaches
- Healthy lifestyles
- Clinical and personal recovery models of care

### Specialty Populations

- Dual-diagnosis & Neurological comorbidities
- Concurrent Disorders
- Psychological trauma
- Personality disorders
- Forensics
- Cultural Diversity

### Clinical Initiatives to Promote Safety

- Good catches and near misses
- Infection prevention and education
- Restraint minimization
- Patient and staff safety
- Crisis management

### Global Issues and Influencing Mental Health Policy

- Epidemiological, demographic and societal change
- DSM-5 and other diagnostic considerations
- Technological changes and challenges
- Global cross-cultural issues

### Advancing Education in Mental Health

- Education training models
- Interprofessional education
- Integrating student feedback in shaping education
- Bridging models
- Best practices/evidence based techniques
- Knowledge translation in education

## Content

Your abstract should be informative stating the problem, issue or project in the first paragraph. Briefly describe the manner in which the study, issue or project was addressed and describe the findings, conclusions or solutions. Evaluate the relevance of this study, innovation or strategy to other clinicians and the relevance to other settings. Authors are expected to clearly outline key learning objectives for their presentation.

## Selection Process

All abstracts received by the deadline date will be subjected to a “blind” peer review. Selection criteria include relevance to the conference theme, scholarship, creativity and application to mental health. Emphasis is being placed on completed work, lessons to be learned, and innovative contribution to the health care system.

## Notifications

All abstracts will be automatically acknowledged by email upon successful online submission. Selection will be completed and acknowledged by **email by February 15.**

## Process

Successful authors must indicate their intent to present by **February 22** to be included in the conference brochure. Members of the Conference Planning Committee will be available to coach authors as they develop their presentation to fit the conference theme and objectives if needed.

## Other Information

All presenters are responsible for all expenses incurred and **must register** for the conference (\$50 registration fee will be waived for presenters).

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