

Clinic Staff



Jorge Perez-Parada, MD, FRCPC (Psychiatry)

Dr. Perez-Parada completed his medical degree and post-graduate training in psychiatry at the University of Alberta. He also completed an MSc in psychiatry at the University of Alberta focusing on the link between panic disorder and cardiovascular morbidity and mortality. He is presently a member of the Psychiatric Consult-Liaison team at the University of Alberta Hospital and has an appointment as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry. He joined the Movement Disorders Program in 2008.



Dr. Ingrid de Kock, MBCHB, DA (SA)

Dr. Ingrid de Kock is a Palliative Care Program in July 2000. She a fellowship in palliative care medicine at the University of Ottawa. Prior to this, she was working in several provinces/territories as a rural GP surgeon/anesthetist, having completed her medical training in South Africa. As a palliative care physician, she joined our CNS clinic to provide her expertise. Dr. de Kock is the physician lead for the Palliative Community Consult team and currently also the Section Chief Palliative Care, the clinical medical lead for the Edmonton Zone Palliative Care Program. She is a past president of the Canadian Society of Palliative Care Physicians.



Dr. Nancy Fisher, PhD

Dr. Fisher completed her undergraduate education at York University in Toronto, and her graduate education in Clinical Neuropsychology at the University of Windsor in Windsor, Ontario. She subsequently joined the University of Alberta Hospital as a clinical neuropsychologist. She has been part of the Movement Disorders Program since 2002 as a neuropsychologist involved in the Neuromodulation Program.



Charlene Heavener, RN

Charlene received her nursing diploma from Kelsey Institute of Applied Arts and Science in Saskatoon in 1985. Since graduation she has worked in a variety of areas in both urban and rural Alberta. She has experience with nursing in acute care, long term care, rehabilitation and in the community. Charlene joined the PMDP in 2009.



Jennifer Mah, RN, BScN

Jennie received her BScN degree from the University of Alberta in 2002. She has nursing experience in a variety of settings including medicine, palliative care and psychiatry. She began working in neurology at the Glenrose Hospital Brain Injury Rehabilitation Program and later at the University of Alberta Multiple Sclerosis Clinic. Jennie joined the PMDP in 2015.



Michelle Waldron, BScN

Michelle received her BScN degree from Southern Adventist University in Tennessee in 1998. She has worked as a nurse in 4 different countries and across a variety of areas - including acute care, intensive care, and community nursing. She joined the Movement Disorders Program in August 2017 and is coordinating the Deep Brain Stimulation program.



Carlee Mahal, RN, BScN

Carlee received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from MacEwan University in 2013. Since then, she has worked in Neurosciences Intensive Care as well as in acute stroke and neurosurgery. She joined the Movement Disorders Clinic in April 2022, training in advanced therapies for Parkinson's disease, and is now coordinating the Duodopa program.



Karen Toore, RN, BScN

Karen has a BScN degree. She has been working in family medicine for over 5 years and was a RN previously in the PMDP as a DBS and Duodopa coordinator. She returned to PMDP in 2023.



Susan Loewen, BScPT

Ms. Loewen obtained her undergraduate education in physical therapy at the University of Alberta. She has worked as a physiotherapist in various settings including private practice, pediatric and adult neurology, long term care and sub-acute rehabilitation. She joined the Movement Disorders Program as a physiotherapist in 2009. She has previously taught at NorQuest College and enjoys providing information regarding physiotherapy and Parkinson's disease to various professional and community groups.



Roseleen John, MScOT, MSc Neuroscience

Ms. John graduated from the University of Alberta earning a Master of Science in Neuroscience and a Master of Science in Occupational Therapy. She has Occupational Therapy experience in multiple clinical settings including neuroscience, medicine, orthopedics, and general surgery. She has additional training in Motivational Interviewing, CO-OP Approach, and visuo-perceptual interventions. Ms. John is also actively involved in her professional community. She is the current Chair of the Canadian Occupational Therapy Certification Exam Committee. She also teaches in the OTA/PTA program at Grant MacEwan University. Ms. John joined the Parkinson and Movement Disorders program in 2022.



Daniela Buttenschoen

Palliative care consultant for complex neurological clinic.



Caroline Deutsch, PhD, Psy. D., R. Psych

Clinical Spiritual Health Practitioner & Registered Psychologist

Caroline joined the team in 2015 and works as a Pastoral psychologist for the Complex Neurology Symptoms Clinic.



Jeanette Amene

Palliative care nurse for complex neurological clinic.



Brigette Heppner

Ms. Heppner joined the Movement Disorders Program in 2008 as a Research Assistant. In 2010, she began as a secretary for the program to provide assistance and support to the patients and staff.