

EPEC™-O Canada Faculty Bios

Dr. Daphna Grossman, MD, CCFP, FCFP

Dr. Daphna Grossman is a palliative care physician at North York General Hospital. She is the co-lead for the supportive care program, which integrates palliative into the care of patients with non-malignant life limiting illness both in the inpatient and outpatient setting. Prior to joining NYGH, Daphna was the deputy of palliative care at Baycrest Health Sciences.

Daphna is an assistant professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Toronto. She is involved in research and teaching, both at the undergraduate and postgraduate level. She is the co-lead of the Wellness and Resiliency program for the palliative care fellows at the University of Toronto and is involved in teaching activities including LEAP and Heart to Heart. Daphna was part of the review team for EPEC-O and is on the module development team for LEAP.

Susan Blacker, M.S.W., R.S.W.

Susan Blacker has more than 20 years of experience as a clinical social worker, educator and leader in the field of cancer and palliative care. She presently is the Senior Director, Cancer and Palliative Program Planning and Performance at Sinai Health System in Toronto, Ontario. Previously she was the Director, Cancer Services Planning and Performance at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto, Ontario. Susan holds an appointment as regional Psychosocial Oncology lead with the Toronto Central Regional Cancer Program/Cancer Care Ontario. She is also the clinical co-lead for the Toronto Central Palliative Care Network.

Susan holds an appointment as Adjunct Professor in the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work and is the Quality Co-Lead for the Division of Palliative Care in the Faculty of Medicine at University of Toronto.

Susan is a founding board member of Social Work Hospice Palliative Care Network (SWHPN), and was the 2013 recipient of the Canadian Association of Psychosocial Oncology Education Excellence Award.

Catherine Kiteley RN MSc CONc, CHPCNc

Catherine Kiteley is a clinical nurse specialist in the area of oncology and palliative care. She has both her Oncology and Palliative certification from the Canadian Nurses Association.

Over her career, Cathy has engaged extensively in research, professional practice and education. She holds a master's degree in nursing from U of T and has been involved in teaching activities at de Souza Institute, LEAP and the University of Toronto. Prior to retiring from her full time role at Trillium Health Partners, she was an active clinician and regularly mentored nursing, inter-professional and medical students in oncology and palliative care. She was part of the development team for several CCO symptom management guides. She taught and evaluated workshops in emotional care, led an innovation in triaging and navigating palliative care referrals at Trillium, and she also facilitates numerous programs at Wellspring cancer wellness centre.