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## Rona Achilles

Rona Achilles, Ph.D. is an adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences, University of Toronto. She is currently an independent consultant with a focus on health policy. Previously, she was the Coordinator of Sexual Health Research for the Department of Public Health, City of Toronto. She also worked as a consultant for the Royal Commission on New Reproductive Technologies and has published extensively on the psychosocial issues surrounding new reproductive technologies. Most recently, she was senior researcher for the Health Canada Population Health Fund project *Complementary and Alternative Practices and Therapies – A Canadian Overview*, undertaken by the York University Centre for Health Studies.

## Advisory Group on Complementary and Alternative Health Care

This Health Canada external advisory group was first convened in January 1999 to provide advice to the Health Systems Division in relation to health system impacts of complementary and alternative approaches. Areas of interest include: integrated health care model development, educational approaches, information and informed choice issues, practitioner/product interface and health human resource issues.

## James T. Casey

James T. Casey is a partner in the Edmonton office of the law firm Field Atkinson Perraton. Mr. Casey has acted as legal counsel to numerous professional organizations providing advice in all areas of professional regulation including legislation, discipline, scope of practice and government

relations. He has provided advice to governmental agencies at both the provincial and federal levels on professional regulation issues. He was retained by the Alberta provincial government to provide advice with respect to the development of the new Health Professions Act. Mr. Casey is the author of numerous publications including the standard text entitled *The Regulation of Professions in Canada* which covers all aspects of professional regulation. His book is widely used across Canada as a resource by individuals involved in professional regulation and has been cited in many Court cases across the country. In 1999 Mr. Casey completed a project for a federal/provincial/territorial committee which required a review and analysis of all health professional legislation across Canada. Mr. Casey has served as legal advisor to a number of project teams working on professional regulation issues. He is a frequent speaker to professional, business and community groups and has co-chaired conferences on professional regulation in Toronto, Vancouver and Halifax. Jim is also a sessional instructor at the Faculty of Law, University of Alberta.

## Theodore de Bruyn

Theodore de Bruyn is a consultant in health policy. From 1994 to 1996 he was a Senior Policy Advisor with the National AIDS Secretariat, Health Canada. As a consultant, Dr. de Bruyn has worked in the areas of HIV/AIDS, mental health, complementary and alternative therapies, and population health. He has written on legal and ethical issues related to HIV/AIDS, and is chair of the National Ethics Review Committee of the Canadian HIV/AIDS Trials Network.

Dr. de Bruyn holds a Ph.D. in theology and maintains a research program in religious history. He is an editor of book publications for the Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion.

## Frances Picherack

Frances Picherack, BScN, M.Ed, RN, R.Ac, is president of the consulting firms F. Picherack & Associates and Petrine Consulting Inc. Ms. Picherack is a policy analyst, planner and management consultant specializing in organizational, funding and regulatory matters affecting outcomes, accountability and public confidence in the health system. She has been involved in health care and regulatory reform with provincial and national associations, regulatory bodies and governments in Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia. In addition to systems design in these areas, Ms. Picherack has provided governance and policy development, program planning and stakeholder management services involving regulators, policy makers, provincial and national associations, employers, unions, insurers, ombudsman offices, health practitioners and the public regarding specific regulatory mechanisms and regulatory issues.

Ms. Picherack has dealt extensively with design, implementation and change management regarding the key elements or mechanisms for contemporary health professions regulation including: scope of practice statements, protected titles, entry to practice requirements, standards of practice, continuing competence programs, codes of ethics, controlled/restricted/reserved acts, complaints and discipline procedures, and alternate dispute resolution applied to complaints regarding registered members, or process concerns regarding college/association operations. Ms. Picherack is an Associate Faculty Member in the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Alberta.

## Douglas Tataryn

Dr. Douglas Tataryn is an adjunct assistant professor with the Faculty of Medicine, in both Community Health Sciences and Family Medicine, at the University of Manitoba. Before leaving academia for private practice in clinical psychology, Dr. Tataryn held a joint appointment as a assistant professor with the Faculty of Nursing and as a clinical research psychologist with Cancer Care Manitoba (CCM; formerly Manitoba Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation). Previously

Dr. Tataryn also held a five-year post-doctoral position with the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy and Evaluation which culminated in several seminal reports on the mental health and physician utilization of the Manitoba population, and a post-doctoral fellowship awarded by the National Cancer Institute of Canada, to study psychosocial determinants of health and well-being in cancer patients. Dr. Tataryn's primary research interests are in Mind-Body Medicine - understanding the role of stress and psychological factors in the etiology and progression of chronic diseases, and on theoretical issues in alternative and complementary medicine. Dr. Tataryn was also instrumental in developing CCM's "Relaxation and Mind-Body Approaches" program for people with cancer or other chronic diseases. Dr. Tataryn is on several national and local health-related advisory committees and has lectured extensively in Canada and abroad on contemporary issues in alternative and complementary medicine.

## Sally Thorne

Dr. Sally Thorne is a Professor in the School of Nursing at University of British Columbia and a Faculty Associate in the Institute for Health Promotion Research. She is author of *Negotiating Health Care: The Social Context of Chronic Illness* (Sage, 1993) and co-editor of *Nursing Praxis: Knowledge and Action* (Sage, 1997) and the author of numerous papers and chapters on the impact of health service delivery on chronic illness and cancer experience. Dr. Thorne is a Board Trustee of the British Columbia Cancer Agency and a member of the Standing Committee of Trustees of the Canadian Association of Provincial Cancer Agencies. She is also a member of Health Canada's Advisory Group on Complementary and Alternative Health Care.

## Marja Verhoef

Dr. Marja Verhoef is an Associate Professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences and Medicine at the University of Calgary. She has a Master's degree in sociology and a PhD in epidemiology. Dr. Verhoef is also the Director of the Alberta Consultative Health Research

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complementary therapies; physicians' opinions and behaviours (receiving training, referring and practicing); and complementary practitioners' perspectives on patient treatment. Dr. Verhoef teaches research methods to graduate students. She has a strong interest in combining quantitative and qualitative research.

