

Networking Guests



Charlotte Anderson

Learn about clinic ownership, start up, and wearing multiple hats – physio, clinic owner, researcher, along with bridging private and public systems! Experience in private practice and musculoskeletal rehab.

Happy to mentor a student or new graduate!

Kara Asselstine

Learn about how to transition from a clinical to non-clinical role and what helped me grow in my journey. Learn how to get involved in your professional organization. Learn how to enter and navigate a unionized environment. Learn about the highlights working in hospital in geriatric rehabilitation, along with seniors and adult mental health.

Looking to mentor a student or new graduate!



Courtney Bean

Upon graduation from University of Toronto, I went to work in various cities in the United State in both neuro and orthopaedics before returning to Canada in leadership roles.

Learn about home care, and how I transitioned from clinical roles to coordinator roles, middle management, and then senior management. Also learn about what leadership entails as a clinician compared to leadership as a health care leader.



Oren Cheifetz

Learn about the transition from front line to hospital management. Learn about leadership and volunteering with the CPA and OPA, including their Divisions and Districts, along with the CPA clinical specialist program! Experience in oncology and amputee rehab.



Derek Debassige

Explore ideas across the scope of physiotherapy clinical practice and leadership in both public and private sectors including primary health care, Community Physiotherapy Clinic, home care (First Nations), paediatrics (First Nations school health support services), orthopedics, pain, vestibular rehab.

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Jasdeep Dhir

My professional journey as a Physiotherapist has allowed me to view the profession from various vantage points. I have practiced clinically, engaged in research and education, both within entry-level and post-graduate platforms, and have sat in leadership positions provincially and nationally. These roles have all contributed to the value I have for the profession and where I see opportunities for innovation and growth.



Jim Foley

Balance the art with the science of physiotherapy, along with contracting/protecting your practice and business practice for small practitioners! I work in private practice and in-home service, with experience in many funding streams such as motor vehicle accidents (MVA) and Extended Health Benefits/Private Payor.

Open to mentoring a student or new graduate!

Amy Hondronicols

Learn more about primary care teams, and equitable and accessible physiotherapy services. Experience in musculoskeletal, chronic disease and pain, and prevention.

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Carrie Lau

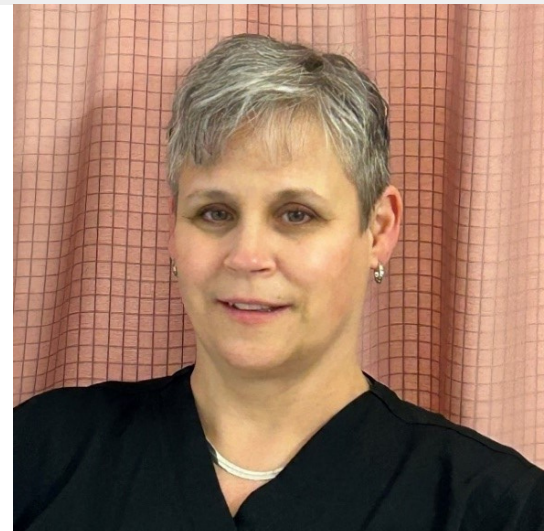
Learn about how some people advance their careers from clinician to alternative roles such as a practice leader. Gain insight about the world of specialty clinics and more! Experience in hospital, musculoskeletal, and dry needling.

Open to connecting with students and new graduates!

Jody Lemieux

Learn about the wonderful opportunity public rural health offers, such as out-patients, in-patients (medical unit), long-term care, as well as geriatric rehabilitation. Rural health helps to showcase the critical role physiotherapy plays in the interdisciplinary team, how to advocate for the patient, how to facilitate seamless transitions, and overall, how to provide patient-centered care.

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Magda McCaughan

Learn about trying different paths to find the one that suits you. On my journey, I tried research, teaching, and leadership and can comment on how I decided which path did or did not work for me and why. Experience in hospital and cardiorespiratory rehab.

Looking to mentor those looking for guidance on leadership!

Kiera McDuff

Learn about practicing as a physiotherapist in acute care, balancing interests in clinical practice and research, and how to get involved in advocacy work and leadership as an early career physiotherapist. Experience in critical care, cardiorespiratory, and neuro rehab.

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Arjun Patel

Learn about how to take leadership initiative and return from burnout. Experience in private practice and musculoskeletal rehab.

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Susan Roberts

Learn about my experience in developing advanced practice roles and working as an advanced practice clinician and what helped me in my journey. Experience in hospital and musculoskeletal rehab.



Brian Shumak

I specialize in financial planning for physiotherapists throughout Canada with a focus in Ontario. I work with clients on Cash Flow Management, Insurance Planning (including medical & dental plans), Tax Planning (incorporation Yay or Nay), Investment Planning and Estate Planning. Initial assessment fees are waived for OPA members and their families in good standing.



Amanda Smart

Learn about various leadership roles that a career in physiotherapy can offer you and how to establish the networks and seek the right opportunities to get you there. Experience in hospital management.

Open to connect with and potentially mentor a student or new graduate!



Wendy Smith

Explore how you could gain experience to support transitioning from a clinical to a system role and how the skill set of physiotherapy can be leveraged to support system change. Experience in Ontario Health Team administration.

Looking to mentor a student or new graduate!

Sarah Tam Lee

Learn about applying the physiotherapist skillset in non-direct, clinical leadership roles and what helped me grow in my journey!

Learn more about what it is like working in home care, along with the power and impact of a physiotherapist's skillset in being a change maker in the healthcare system.

Open to mentoring a student or new graduate!



Ben Tobali

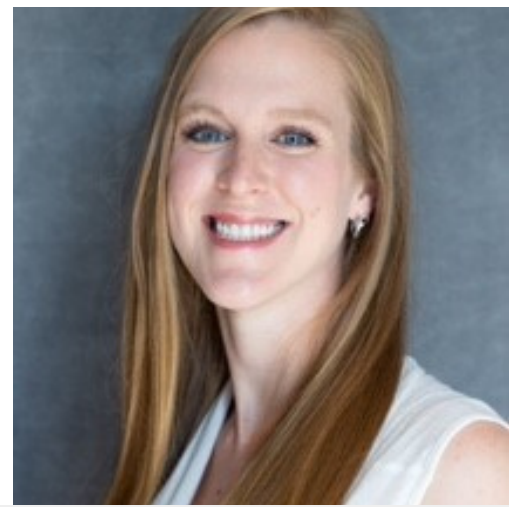
Learn about how to practice in a multidisciplinary collaborative care environment. Experience in private practice and musculoskeletal rehab.

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Amy VanSchyndel

Learn how to become an effective clinical investigator and offer meaningful placements for MPT students while respecting individual learning styles. Experience in private practice, long-term care, musculoskeletal/orthopaedics.

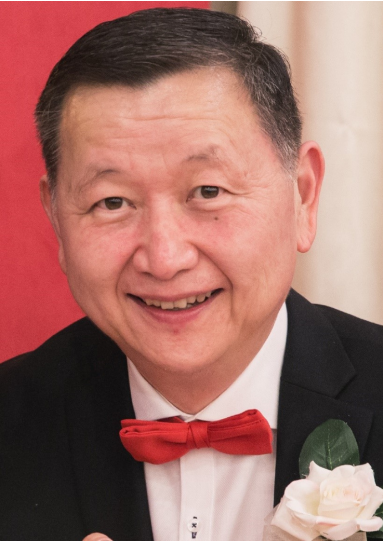
Open to mentoring new physiotherapy graduates in the Kitchen Waterloo area!



Andy Wang

We are so much stronger as a profession when we are together in one common goal. Advocating along with the mandates of OPA is paramount for the future of our profession. Working in a large clinical setting, such as hospitals and multidisciplinary private practice, are great. However, being in solo practice can also be very enjoyable. Experience in private practice and musculoskeletal.

Looking to mentor a student or new graduate!



Kyle Whaley

Learn what it takes to build a neuro-based practice from the ground up to three clinics across Ontario. We just opened our third location in Peterborough and are excited to continue to provide both clinic and community-based services. Learn how to juggle your professional practice and life!

Looking to mentor a student and/or new graduate!



Sarah Wojkowski

I am happy to share my experiences about how I transitioned from a full-time clinical position to a full-time position in academia following an atypical pathway. I am also happy to share my experiences as a primary care physiotherapist.

Open to mentoring new graduates who are interested in teaching in post-secondary institutions!



Raisa Kassam

Learn about how to transition from being a student/new grad to working in an inpatient setting as well as being an educator and advising on physiotherapy practice in the public sector. Learn about inpatient rehab oncology, transplant, and MSK.

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Anna Marie Sneath

Learn how by leaning into strengths and opportunities, a clinician has journeyed through the hospital, private, academic, and community sectors to land in place of professional leadership. Learn to embrace your career as a journey and how to identify what matters most to you. Learn how to be a changemaker and to be the best "you". Learn more about arthritis care.

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