Speaker Biographies

Michael Schull MD, MSc, FRCPC

Dr. Schull is a Professor in the Department of Medicine, the Director of the Division of Emergency Medicine in the Department of Medicine at the University of Toronto and Deputy CEO and Senior Scientist at the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences. He is a Canadian Institutes of Health Research Applied Chair in Health Services and Policy Research for his work that brings together clinicians, scientists and policy-makers. His research focuses on health service utilization, quality of care and patient outcomes as they relate to emergency care, and the study of interventions designed to reduce emergency department waiting times. His studies use administrative datasets and linkages with clinical data, and examine the causes and consequences of emergency department overcrowding, variations in patient waiting times, and pre-hospital care. He is currently working with other researchers and health system decision-makers to evaluate policy interventions designed to reduce emergency department waiting times, and innovative ways to better integrate health care between hospital and community providers. Dr Schull practices as an Emergency Medicine specialist at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in Toronto.

Key Research Interests:

- Emergency health service utilization and quality of care
- Emergency department overcrowding and patient safety
- Integration of health care between hospital, primary care and community-based providers.

Onil Bhattacharyya, MD, PhD

Dr. Bhattacharyya practices family medicine at St. Michael's Hospital where he is also a Scientist at the Keenan Research Centre of the Li KaShing Knowledge Institute. He is an Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto in Family and Community Medicine and the Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation. He has a PhD in health services research from the University of Toronto and was a Takemi Fellow at the Harvard School of Public Health. His research focuses on innovative health service delivery models in high and low-income settings and improving the quality of chronic disease management through better guidelines.