

**REGINA ROADSHOW**  
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**SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES**

**Molly Blake** BN MHS GNC(C) CIC - Molly Blake is the Clinical Team Leader for Infection Prevention and Control at the Health Sciences Centre, Winnipeg. She received a BN from the University of Manitoba and a Master of Health Studies from Athabasca University. She is also certified through the Certification Board of Infection Control. Ms. Blake is the 2011 Scientific Co – Chair and 2012 Scientific Chair of the CHICA–Canada National Education Conferences.

**Joseph Blondeau** BSc, BSc(Hons), MSc(Micro), PhD(Med Micro) – Joseph Blondeau is head, Clinical Microbiology, Royal University Hospital and the Saskatoon Health Region. He is also an adjunct Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, a Clinical Associate Professor of Pathology and a Clinical Associate Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Saskatchewan. He lectures to undergraduate, graduate, medical, dental, nursing and pharmacy students and to medical laboratory technologist students in areas pertaining to clinical microbiology and infectious diseases, antimicrobial agents and antimicrobial chemotherapy and pharmacology. Since 1993, Dr. Blondeau has developed an active and externally supported research program on antimicrobial agents and antimicrobial resistance. Dr. Blondeau is a reviewer for many prestigious journals worldwide and currently sits on the editorial boards of several international journals. He is the section editor for anti-infectives for the journal Expert Opinion on Investigational Drugs and is an Associate Editor for journal Expert Review of Clinical Pharmacology. Dr. Blondeau is the 2011 University of Saskatchewan nominee for the Henry Friesen Award and Lecture. This award is jointly sponsored by the Canadian Society for Clinical Investigation and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and recognizes clinical investigators at a Canadian University.

**Anjum Chagpar** MHSC, P.Eng. - As a founding member of University Health Network's Healthcare Human Factors, Anjum led the design of the state of the art Usability and Simulation labs at the Centre for Global eHealth Innovation, and has over ten year's experience designing, building and evaluating healthcare systems using user-centred human factors methods.

**Karen Clinker** MEd, BScN, CCOHN CIC – Karen is the Director of Programs & Projects for CHICA-Canada. Karen graduated from Nursing at Lakehead University, moved to Alberta and spent 27 years as the Manager of Occupational Health and Safety and Disability Management under the Alberta Mental Health Board. She completed a master's degree in adult education at the University of Alberta in 1990. She began full time focus in infection prevention and control in 2004 with the David Thompson Health Region, and in 2006 with the OAHPP Northwestern Ontario Regional Infection Control Network.

**Michael Gardam** MD CM MSc FRCPC – Michael Gardam completed his undergraduate degree, master's degree and medical school training at McGill University in Montreal. He completed training in internal medicine and infectious diseases and became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in 1998. He is Medical Director, Infection Prevention and Control and Tuberculosis Clinic, University Health Network, Toronto, Ontario. Dr. Gardam is also a National Intervention Lead with Safer Healthcare Now! Dr. Gardam currently serves as Physician Director on the Board of Directors of CHICA-Canada.

**George Koutsoulis** BSc BASc CIPHI – Mr. Koutsoulis is Senior Public Health Inspector, Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region. He has been working as a public health inspector since 1996. He worked two years in northern Saskatchewan as a field inspector and for the past eight years has been with the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region. Currently, George is a Senior Communicable Disease/Educator Public Health Inspector. This position involves overseeing communicable disease, water, animal bite and outbreak related programs for the Environmental Health Program.

**Oscar Larios** BSc(Hon), MD, FRCPC - Oscar Larios is currently an Assistant Professor in the Departments of Medicine and Laboratory Medicine, and Divisions of Infectious Diseases and Medical Microbiology at the University of Saskatchewan. He is a practicing clinician in the fields of Internal Medicine, Infectious Diseases and Medical Microbiology. He is also the Infection Control Officer for the Saskatoon Health Region which is composed of more than 75 facilities, including 10 hospitals. His teaching and research interests include antibiotic resistant organisms, antimicrobials, nosocomial infections and diagnostic techniques in microbiology. He is a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and a member of several professional associations, including the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA), the Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (AMMI) Canada, the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA) and the Community and Hospital Infection Control Association (CHICA) Canada.

**Susan Macknak RN** - Susan has been a Registered Nurse since 1981 and has been a previous OR Director. She has a special interest in Patient Safety so she became a Quality Improvement Consultant. Susan is Six Sigma Certified and Currently Enrolled in Quality Improvement School with the Health Quality Council.

**Yvonne Shevchuk** BSP, Pharm. D., FCSHP – Dr. Shevchuk is Associate Dean, College of Pharmacy and Nutrition, University of Saskatchewan, and Professor, Division of Pharmacy, College of Pharmacy and Nutrition. In addition, Dr. Shevchuk is Director, Saskatchewan Drug Information Service. Her major areas of interest are optimal drug use in general and antibiotics and infectious diseases more specifically. Antibiotic pharmacokinetics and adverse effects have been her major areas of research interest. Dr. Shevchuk was Representative for the Canadian Pharmacists Association on the Canadian Committee for Antimicrobial Resistance (CCAR) which was a national organization formed to coordinate efforts to control the development and transmission of antibiotic resistance in Canada.