

Cathy Hickey, MD, FRCPC President-Elect (2023-2024)

Dr. Catherine Hickey has more than 15 years of experience as a clinician, educator and researcher. As a geriatric psychiatrist at the Miller Centre in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, she cares for a population amongst the oldest in Canada, bringing a unique perspective on mental health care for an aging population and their carers.

In addition to her role as president-elect of the CPA, she is the CPA Board Director representing Newfoundland and Labrador and a member of the CPA's education committee.

A graduate of the Memorial University of Newfoundland's (MUN) medical school in 1999, she completed psychiatry residency at Dalhousie University in 2004, followed by a one-year fellowship in psychosomatic medicine at Harvard University's Brigham and Women's Hospital. In 2014, she completed a certificate, diploma, and master's degree in medical education at the University of Dundee.

Dr. Hickey is an associate professor at Memorial, where she teaches along the age continuum. She is a highly regarded mentor and is the recipient of the 2019 Association of Chairs of Psychiatry of Canada Award for Excellence in Education. Dr. Hickey was also integral to establishing the geriatric psychiatry subspecialty training program at MUN, which is now fully accredited by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC).

Dr. Hickey continues to be a leader in medical education. She is currently head of the division of geriatric psychiatry at Eastern Health and the program director of the geriatric psychiatry subspecialty residency program at Memorial. She is a RCPSC board examiner for both general and geriatric psychiatry and was actively involved with the College's competency by design committees (the newest evolution in medical education) for both general and geriatric psychiatry.

She has authored of several peer-reviewed papers as well as the textbook, Understanding Davanloo's Intensive Short-term Dynamic Psychotherapy.