



Steven Lewis

Steven Lewis is a health policy and research consultant based in Saskatoon, and Adjunct Professor of Health Policy at the University of Calgary and Simon Fraser University (where he was Visiting Scholar from January to April 2007).

Prior to resuming a full-time consulting practice he headed a health research granting agency and spent 7 years as CEO of the Health Services Utilization and Research Commission in Saskatchewan. He has served on various boards and committees, including the Governing Council of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the Saskatchewan Health Quality Council, the Health Council of Canada, and the editorial boards of several journals, including the newly launched Open Medicine.

His published work covers topics such as reforming and strengthening medicare, improving health care quality, primary health care, regionalization, and the management of wait times.



Dr. Rob Wedel

Dr. Wedel has been a practicing family physician in Taber, Alberta for the past 32 years, and also serves as the Medical Director of the Chinook Regional Palliative Care Program. He is currently the Physician Lead of the Chinook Primary Care Network, a network of 24 clinic sites and 110 family physicians. He Co-Chairs Alberta AIM, Albertas' Primary Care Improvement Steering Committee.

He is a Fellow of the College of Family Physicians of Canada, an Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of Calgary, and an Associate Clinical Professor at the University of Alberta.

He is a Past President of the College of Family Physicians of Canada (2004), and currently chairs the CFPC Advisory Committee on Primary Care Renewal.

Dr Wedel has recently received the U of C Faculty of Medicine Award of Excellence in Clinical Research, and the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Award for Organizational Vision and Leadership.



Dr. Vincent J. Felitti

Dr. Vincent J. Felitti founded the Department of Preventive Medicine for Kaiser Permanente in San Diego 26 years ago, and served as Chief of Preventive Medicine until March 2001.

Dr. Felitti was the co-lead of the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study of over 17,000 adults, demonstrating a powerful and graded relationship between 10 categories of adverse experience in childhood and some of life's most common, chronic diseases a half century later.

The ACE Study also provides a new paradigm for understanding depression and several common addictions, and gives insight into the unrecognized engine underlying a major portion of adult medical care costs.



Dr. Mark Nowaczynski

Dr. Mark Nowaczynski was born in Montreal and educated in Quebec, Singapore, Kingston (B.Sc.), Vancouver (Ph.D., M.D.), and Toronto (C.C.F.P.). He closed his family practice in July 2007, and now spends all of his clinical time outside of the office setting caring for frail house-bound seniors in Toronto.

In 1998 he began to photograph this hidden and vulnerable population in order to raise awareness and advocate for change. His ongoing photo-documentary project has been profiled in national print, radio, and television media and is now the subject of the Gemini Award winning 55 minute National Film Board of Canada documentary film "House Calls".

Working with a group of community partners, he is part of an interdisciplinary community-based team that promotes aging in place and improves the health and quality of life of seniors by providing ongoing home-based supportive, medical, and professional care.

An Assistant Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Toronto, he is actively involved in teaching, training, and research on geriatric home-based primary care.