

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY & COMMUNITY MEDICINE  
ENHANCED HIV SKILLS PROGRAM  
OBJECTIVES FOR ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL PSYCHIATRY

In addition to **maintaining and fostering all key and enabling competencies in family medicine, as set out by the College of Family Physicians of Canada**, the completion of the rotation in HIV Psychiatry will enable acquisition of the following competencies in each of the following domains.

Medical Expert

At the end of the fellowship the resident will be able to:

1. Perform a complete consultation, and provide inpatient and outpatient psychiatric management of persons with HIV/AIDS including the major neuropsychiatric and mood disorders associated with HIV disease
2. Demonstrate an understanding of DSM-V criteria for the major Psychiatric disorders in people with HIV/AIDS
3. Develop psychotherapeutic skills with a diverse range of patients including gay men, persons from inner city communities, transgender, and women from endemic countries
4. Develop comprehensive, problem-oriented investigation and treatment plans which incorporate medical and psychiatric diagnosis
5. Screen and assess for suicide risk and appropriately assess for capacity to make decisions
6. Understand indications for involuntary psychiatric assessment and admission and the process for applying for such an assessment

Communicator

At the end of the fellowship the resident will be able to:

- Establish positive therapeutic relationships with HIV patients that are characterized by understanding, trust, respect and confidentiality
- Communicate effectively with patients, their families and caregivers in a manner that is understood by all participants and respectful of their roles in the care of the patient

Collaborator

At the end of the fellowship the resident will be able to:

- Work and communicate effectively with other members of the health care team and referring teams to provide comprehensive and relevant consultations

Leader

At the end of the fellowship the resident will be able to:

Demonstrate effective use of resources across the healthcare system and demonstrate awareness of the just allocation of healthcare resources

Health Advocate

At the end of the fellowship the resident will be able to:

- Advocate for equitable care of patients with mental illness within the hospital system
- Advocate for patients to receive the best treatment for their psychiatric illness utilizing resources in the community

Scholar

At the end of the fellowship the resident will be able to:

- Apply lifelong self-directed learning skills to keep up-to-date on advancements in the area of HIV Psychiatry
- Appropriately apply evidence-based approaches and knowledge of the current literature to inform clinical decision-making
- Critically appraise medical information and successfully integrate information from a variety of sources

Professional

At the end of the fellowship the resident will be able to:

- Identify and appropriately respond to unique ethical issues arising in the care of patients with mental illness