

Biographies

Tyler Amell BSc MSc PhD

Dr. Amell is a widely known and recognized thought leader on the topic of workplace health and productivity. His energetic and though provoking speaking style always contributes to a great conference experience. When he is not speaking at events around the world, he is a trusted advisor to many organizations on strategic and integrated workplace health and productivity, absence and leave management, occupational rehabilitation, disability prevention and STD/LTD management, workers' compensation, mental health, musculoskeletal health, chronic disease, well-being programs, medical assessment and health and safety.

Dr. Amell serves on the Executive Board of Directors of the Canadian Association for Research on Work and Health (CARWH) and the Integrated Benefits Institute. He is the past CEO of a Human Resources Technology Company, and Vice President of Canada's largest independent Healthcare and Rehabilitation company.

Dr. Amell has recently contributed to events and publications of the Conference Board of Canada, the Integrated Benefits Institute, the Disability Management Employers Coalition (DMEC), Schedule 2 Employers Group, the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans (IFEBP), and the Occupational and Environmental Medical Association of Canada (OEMAC).

Dr. Amell has given seminars and presentations at over 125 national and international events. He is a former instructor at Queen's University and the Universities of Alberta, Calgary and Ottawa. He is currently on faculty at the Pacific Coast University for Workplace Health Sciences.

Charl Els MBChB FCPsychSA MMedPsych

Dr. Charl Els is a psychiatrist, addiction specialist, and a Medical Review Officer. Dr. Els co-chairs the OEMAC Guideline Committee and has co-authored several Guideline sets for ACOEM. Dr. Els regularly conducts assessments on employees in safety sensitive and decision critical positions. He serves on the University of Alberta's Health Research Ethics Board and is a Clinical Professor in the Department of Psychiatry.

Jeremy Beach MBBS MD FRCPC

Dr. Beach joined the CPSA in his current role in December 2016. He first became interested in physician health in 1992/93 when he authored a report on The Morbidity and Mortality of the Medical Profession for the Board of Sciences and Education of the British Medical Association. Since then he has advised on physician health to individual physicians referred to him, as well as to health organizations and bodies responsible for overseeing medical training of students and residents. He was on the Advisory Committee of the Alberta Medical Association, Physician and Family Support Program, for a number of years prior to joining the CPSA. Prior to starting work at the CPSA, he worked at the University of Alberta 2002-2016 in the Occupational Medicine Program where he was the Residency Program Director for almost 15 years. He retains a position as Emeritus Professor in the Department of Medicine as well as a position as Adjunct Professor in the School of Public Health at the University of Alberta.

He graduated from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne in 1983, trained initially in internal medicine and respiratory medicine, and then completed a doctorate with a thesis on asthma among shipyard welders. He trained in occupational medicine 1992-1997 at Birmingham University in the UK, completing that in 1997. He also worked at Monash University 1995/96. He has three children and one grandchild, and his main interest outside medicine is playing football (soccer). He still tries to play when his knees and ankles allow!

Steve Tsekrekos MSc MD FRCPC

Dr. Tsekrekos has been Medical Director for Workplace Health & Safety at Alberta Health Services for the past five years. He completed his medical degree at the University of Calgary and his occupational medicine specialty training at the University of Alberta. He worked with the Department of National Defence in Ottawa as the occupational medicine specialist for the Canadian Forces and as a Reserve Artillery Officer. In addition to his current AHS role, Dr. Tsekrekos leads an interactive tutorial group with the University of Alberta Foundations Course in Occupational Medicine, serves on the Board of Directors for OMSOC, and is a consultant to the Workers' Compensation Board of Nova Scotia.

Tom Lawley MSc MD FRCPC

Dr. Lawley is a specialist in Occupational Medicine currently working as a consultant. He recently retired from Syncrude after 13 years as Chief Medical Officer. Prior to working at Syncrude he was a Medical Consultant to the Workplace Health, Safety, and Compensation Board of New Brunswick and Workers' Compensation Board Alberta.

Dr. Lawley has a BSc in Biology from Acadia University and an MSc in Pharmacology and MD from Dalhousie University. He was in general practice in Pugwash, Nova Scotia when he developed an interest in occupational medicine, then completed his specialty training and an MSc in Medical/Public Health Sciences at the University of Alberta.

He is interested in photography, golfing, fly-fishing, mountain biking, and rebuilding log cabins. He is married and has three adult children.

David Corry QC

David Corry is a partner in Gowling WLG's Calgary office, practising in the areas of labour and employment law, education law and human rights. He has experience in both the federal and provincial areas of jurisdiction and has appeared before the Canada Industrial Relations Board, the Alberta Labour Relations Board, the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench, the Alberta Court of Appeal, and the Supreme Court of Canada.

David represents diverse client groups in the federal and provincial sectors, airlines, transportation, construction, the grocery and meat packing industries, public and government organizations, telecommunications, school boards, charter schools and municipalities. He has acted as counsel and the management nominee on a number of labour arbitrations. David has advised and represented management in collective bargaining and labour disputes.

He has been a part-time instructor in labour and employment law in the Faculty of Law and Faculty of Management at the University of Calgary where he has also instructed on labour and employment issues within the faculty of management. He has served as Chair of the Labour Law Section of the Canadian Bar Association, and an instructor at the Bar Admission Course for several years.

In addition to his practice, David volunteers his time to numerous associations and community programs, including the Canadian Diabetes Association, the National Advocacy Council, and the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium Society

Kenneth Corbet MD FRCPC

Dr. Corbet is a specialist in occupational medicine and a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences, University of Calgary. He obtained a BSc in Biochemistry from the University of British Columbia, and his MD from the University of Calgary. He completed residency training programs in Family Medicine and Occupational Medicine, both at the University of Calgary.

He has taught occupational medicine in undergraduate, graduate, graduate clinical, and continuing medical education programs since 1990. Dr. Corbet has consulted in the rehabilitation, rail, marine/offshore, oil and gas, petrochemical, and small business sectors.

His professional interests include the assessment of fitness to work, medical surveillance programs, occupational toxicology, and hearing loss.
