

ROSEMARY KOHR BA, BScn, MScN, PhD, RN

Tertiary Care Nurse Practioner Certficate (1998) San'yas Indigenous Cultural Safety Training Certificate (2015)

Dr. Rosemary Kohr, PhD, RN, is the Program Director (Wound Care and Patient Navigation programs), Health Leadership and Learning Network (HLLN), York University; Adjunct Associate Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences, Western University; and Instructor in the Masters of Health Sciences/Nursing, Athabasca University.

For nearly 2 decades, Dr. Kohr was an Advanced Practice Nurse/ Acute Care Nurse Practitioner and wound care specialist at London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC). Subsequently, she was the Corporate Program Lead for Wound Ostomy Continence with Saint Elizabeth Healthcare, prior to focusing her attention on teaching and consultation.

Dr. Kohr has a keen interest in improving care delivery across the continuum. Hands-on, clinically focused education for healthcare professionals is central to Dr. Kohr's work. She has travelled across Canada to deliver courses for physicians and nurses; and for the past 5 years, through HLLN at York University, the wound care (Level 1 and 2) courses have provided participants with a simple, standardized approach to dressing selection and best practice in wound prevention and treatment.

With a background in Mental Health (APN, Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry, LHSC) as well as years working the patients and their families from acute care to community environments, she developed and currently facilitates the Patient Navigation program offered through HLLN at York University. As well, much of her work has been informed by her role as subject-matter expert/consultant for government projects in Nova Scotia, Ontario and British Columbia for system-wide wound care revisions as well as consulting on development and implementation of Patient Navigation systems in Ontario.

Dr. Kohr has worked with First Nations/indigenous health centres and clients, to improve patient outcomes. In 2015, she completed the San'yas Indigenous Cultural Safety Training Certificate (Provincial Health Services Authority, British Columbia); and has created and delivered custom courses for First Nations healthcare providers.

Dr. Kohr is one of the founding members of the Ontario Wound Interest Group (ONTWIG). She was Co-Chair of the Seniors Health Knowledge Network group, developing the My Skin Health Passport for Older Adults. For six years, Dr. Kohr was on the Executive (including as President) of the Canadian Association of Advanced Practice Nurses.

Dr. Kohr has presented at over 70 national and international healthcare conferences, and published numerous articles in peer-reviewed journals. She is the author/editor of the Skin and Wound Chapter, Potter & Perry Canadian Edition of Fundamentals of Nursing, and the first Canadian Edition of Perry, Potter & Ostendorf Clinical Nursing Skills and Techniques. Dr. Kohr's PhD thesis, Hearts, hands and minds: The nurse's experience of changing a dressing, is available through the University of Alberta library e-holdings.

Dr. Kohr is a Registered Nurse, and member of the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO).

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