

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Summary of Qualifications

18+ years of clinical experience including 11 years of Medical Directorship of emergency psychiatric care at BC Children's Hospital

4 years of executive leadership as Chief Medical Information Officer at PHSA

20 years of teaching experience, with authorship and content development

Economic representation of BC psychiatrists as Economics Chair, BC Psychiatric Association

Suicidology expertise consultant to the Senate of Canada, BC Coroners Service, BC Centre for Disease Control and Ministry of Health

Government, NGO, society and public health advocate

Education

University or Institution	Degree	Dates
University of British Columbia	Child & Adolescent Subspecialization	2006-2008
Dalhousie University and University of British Columbia	Postgraduate Residency	2003-2008
University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada	Doctor of Medicine (MD)	1999-2003
University of Alberta	Bachelor of Science (Pharmacology, Honors)	1995-1999

Special Professional Qualifications

Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Subspecialization 2013

Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons (In Psychiatry) 2008

Medical Licensure and Registration

Licensing Body	Jurisdiction	Dates
College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia (CPSBC)	British Columbia	

Board Certification

Fellow, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada — Psychiatry (2008) 2008-2013
& Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (2013)

Academic Appointments

Rank or Title	Department / Unit	Dates
Clinical Assistant Professor	Department of Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine, University of British Columbia	2008-present
Psychiatrist	Student Health Services	2023-2024

Other Academic Appointments

Rank or Title	Institution	Dates
Clinical Assistant Professor	School of Medicine, Simon Fraser University	2026-present

Health Care Leadership

Position	Organization	Dates
Chair, Economics	BC Psychiatric Association	2018-present
Program Development	BC Children's Hospital	2010-2022

Position	Organization	Dates
Medical Director, Emergency Psychiatry	BC Children's Hospital	2019-2021
Medical Director, CAPE Unit	BC Children's Hospital	2011-2019
Chief Medical Information Officer	BC Children's Hospital, BC Women's Hospital, and Sunny Hill Health Centre sites - PHSA	2014-2018

Clinical Experience

Role	Hospital or Organization	Dates
Consultant	Medicolegal Psychiatric Evaluations	2020-present
Psychiatrist	Ministry of Child and Family Development	February 2012-present
Inpatient Psychiatrist	BC Children's Hospital	2008-2024
Psychiatrist	Vancouver Coastal Health	2008-2016
Psychiatrist, Outreach (Terrace, BC)		December 2009-June 2012

Consultant

Canadian Mental Health Ass'n Burnaby — Advisor, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	2013-2014
Gov't of Canada — Knowledge Expert, Federal Framework for Suicide Prevention	2013

Research Interests

Suicidology and suicide risk assessment · Emergency pediatric psychiatry · Clinical pharmacology and psychopharmacology · Video games and youth mental health · Development of clinical tools for mental health assessment

Clinical Tools Developed

OpenHEARTSMAP (openheartsmap.ca) — Co-developer	ongoing
psychtools.ca — Developer	2026
QTc Calculator — Developer	2026
Medications Database — Developer	2026
taperchoice.org — Developer	2026

+7 more in the full academic CV.

Professional Service

Clinical Informatics Advisory Committee — Chair · Provincial Health Services Authority	2015-present
BCCDC Injury Prevention Task Force — Knowledge Expert · BCCDC	2019-present
Child Death Review Panel — Knowledge Expert · BC Coroner's Service	2014-present
Multiple Technology Committee Meetings and Committees	2014-present
SAM Steering Committee — Member	2010-present

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Public and Legislative Testimony

SOCI committee report "Rethinking the Federal Framework for Suicide Prevention: Doing What Works"	June 2023
House of Commons Standing Committee on Health (HESA)	3 November 2022
Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology (SOCI)	5 October 2022
Special Joint Committee on Medical Assistance in Dying (AMAD), Parliament of Canada	26 May 2022

+4 more in the full academic CV.

Expert Engagements and Testimony

Matter / Proceeding	Jurisdiction	Retained By	Type	Dates
Chair of Public Health Agency of Canada's Science Advisory Table on Suicide Prevention	Canada	Government	Committee testimony	started March 2026
Child Death Review Panel	Coroners Service of BC	Coroner	Panel testimony	2013, 2018, 2025

Selected Invited Presentations

>30 Presentations to Conferences and Professional Organizations — International Congress of Early Psychosis; St. Paul's Emergency Medicine Update; Conversations at the Royal; Multiple UBC programs · Tokyo; Vancouver; Ottawa; Vancouver	2010–present
— Game Developers Conference; PAX; Bioware; Electronic Arts; Microsoft · 5000	2009–present
Rapid Stabilization in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (Poster NRPOSTER-1.40) — AACAP 62nd Annual Meeting, New Research Posters Session 1 · San Antonio, TX	28 October 2015
Suicide Risk Assessment and Documentation (ASARI presented) — IWK Health Centre · Halifax, NS	2013–2015
A Smile on her Lips, and Cuts on her Hips: An approach to self-injury — "Conversations at The Royal" public lecture series, Royal Ottawa Mental Health Centre · Ottawa, ON	17 October 2013

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Broadcast Media

CTV News (+ CP24 pickup) — Should universities use a pass-fail system to support students' mental health?	16 August 2026
BCIT News — Youth suicide still high in B.C., say coroners	16 October 2025
CBC News (North) — N.W.T. gov't not tracking youth visits to ER specifically for self- harm	2025
The Globe and Mail — As Britain launches suicide surveillance tool, Canada pressed to adopt similar measures	30 November 2023

+31 more in the full academic CV.

Podcasts and Interviews

The House of Pod — "Anxiety" (Episode 138, multiple appearances)	2021–present
On Psych (Ontario Psychological Association) — S3E7: The Truth About Pandemic Suicides with Dr. Tyler Black	31 January 2024
OnPsych — The Truth About Pandemic Suicides	2024
PsyDactic (with Psychiatry Boot Camp) — Interview on Suicide Assessment	2023

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Public Writing and Op-Eds

long-form X Article (title/date unrecoverable — X blocks fetching) — X/Twitter @tylerblack32	2025–2026
One of the stranger suicidology graphs — Suicidology (Substack)	9 September 2023
Canadian pediatric suicide rates have plummeted 20% since the pandemic — Suicidology (Substack)	30 August 2023
Hand-me-down suicide: Suicide & Birth Order — Suicidology (Substack)	18 August 2023

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Professional Affiliations

American Psychiatric Association · Canadian Psychiatric Association · Canadian Association of Interns and

Residents · BC Psychiatric Association · University of British Columbia, Department of Psychiatry

Awards for Teaching

2009-10 Resident Teaching Award — University of British Columbia Department of Psychiatry	24 June 2010
Class of 2006 Medical Student Teaching Award — the Medical Class of 2006 at Dalhousie University	September 2004
Undergraduate Teaching Award — Dalhousie Psychiatry	
Resident Teacher of the Year — Dalhousie Medical School, Class of 2006	

Other Awards

Canada-Taiwan Scholarship — Taipei Economic and Cultural Office
A. Copp Family Leadership Scholarship — University of Alberta

Memberships on Scholarly Committees

Examination Committee (C&A Psychiatry) — Member · Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons	2016–present
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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Selected Publications

1. Onikashvili Y, Burt H, Meckler G, Bone JN, Hind T, Sih K, *et al.* A pilot randomized trial of ketamine for suicidal ideation in a pediatric emergency department. *Canadian Journal of Emergency Medicine*. 2026;online ahead of print, 1-9. [doi:10.1007/s43678-026-01190-7](https://doi.org/10.1007/s43678-026-01190-7)
2. Fan M, **Black T**, Bone JN, Doan Q. Seasonality and school day-based trends in mental-health-related pediatric emergency department visits during COVID-19 in British Columbia. *Canadian Journal of Emergency Medicine*. 2025;27(6):460-464. [doi:10.1007/s43678-025-00892-8](https://doi.org/10.1007/s43678-025-00892-8)
3. Woodward ML, Wolsey MW, Shalchy-Tabrizi S, Bone JN, **Black T**, Doan Q. Assessment of change and persistence of youth psychosocial status reported by youth and their guardians during the COVID-19 pandemic: A MyHEARTSMAP study. *PLoS One*. 2025;20(8):e0329898. [doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0329898](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0329898)
4. McCluskey CK, **Black TR**, Zee-Cheng J, Klein MJ, Lin A, Rogerson CM, *et al.* Suicide and Self-Harm in Adolescents During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A US Virtual Pediatric Systems, LLC, Database Study of PICU Admissions, 2016-2021. *Pediatric Critical Care Medicine*. 2024;25(2):e73-e81. [doi:10.1097/pcc.0000000000003381](https://doi.org/10.1097/pcc.0000000000003381)
5. Elbe D, **Black TR**, McGrane IR, Choi S. Clinical Handbook of Psychotropic Drugs for Children and Adolescents ONLINE. 2023. Hogrefe (item 91431; also licensed via Ovid/Wolters Kluwer); online/database ed of 5th.
6. Woodward ML, Hossain A, Chun A, Liu C, Kilyk K, Bone JN, *et al.* Evaluating the psychosocial status of BC children and youth during the COVID-19 pandemic: A MyHEARTSMAP cross-sectional study. *PLoS One*. 2023;18(3):e0281083. [doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0281083](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0281083)
7. Stea JN, **Black TR**, Di Domenico SI. Phrenology and neuroscience. *in: Investigating Pop Psychology (Routledge)*. 2022;9-19. Routledge. [doi:10.4324/9781003107798-2](https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003107798-2)
8. Lee A, Davidson J, **Black T**, Kim GG, Doan Q. Youth mental health-related presentations at a quaternary centre: who comes, what are their needs, and can we meet their needs. *Paediatrics & Child Health*. 2022;27(3):147-153. [doi:10.1093/pch/pxab091](https://doi.org/10.1093/pch/pxab091)