

Dr. Pippa Moss



Pippa Moss grew up travelling around the world, training in University College, St Thomas' and The Maudsley in London, England, and Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia. She originally sub-specialized in Mental Handicap and then, on moving to Canada, in Child Psychiatry, with an interest in neurodevelopmental disorders. She has always had an interest in service delivery and optimizing the use of scarce resources within the context of evidence-based care. As such, she is the Coordinator and a founding member of NORCAP, a cross-district Child Psychiatry service in rural Nova Scotia. As Chief of Psychiatry in Cumberland Health District, she has established a department of psychiatry in which services are provided according to developmental stages rather than at arbitrary age cut-offs.

Dr. Moss has also been involved provincially, establishing and co-chairing the Provincial Chiefs of Psychiatrists group and is active in the Nova Scotia Psychiatric Association having spent many years on their Executive as Treasurer, President and Economics Chair. She has served on the Board of the provincial medical organization and acted a provincial MD/MLA liaison. She is affiliated with Dalhousie University and a member of the provincial Mental Health and Addictions Planning Committee. She is currently serving on a working group reviewing the provincial standards for treatment of prodrome and early psychosis.

Federal involvement includes past membership on the Canadian Psychiatric Association's Council of Provinces, Economics Committee and Board, as well as many years on the Board of the Foundation of the CPA. She is currently a founding member of the CPA's Stigma and Discrimination Working Group. Dr. Moss is also a longstanding and active member of the Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists, having served on their Board and being asked to establish their Fee and Tariff Committee, which she chaired for many years. She has presented to the Senate on matters pertaining to autism and currently is a member of the Royal College Subspecialty Committee for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

She is married, and has an adult son with autism, in university, as well as other relatives with a variety of mental illnesses, and is the founder of a home for AIDS abandoned and orphaned children in Kenya in which children are cared for through sponsored adoption.

She has been recognized for her work in Canada and abroad, as a Fellow of the Canadian Psychiatric Association, and continues to work in rural areas.