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Dr. Jaason Geerts

VICE-PRESIDENT, RESEARCH AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, CCHL

In addition to being a TEDx speaker, Jaason's work has been featured in international peer-reviewed journals and through the International Hospital Federation (IHF).

The model of leadership in a crisis that Jaason created serves as the theoretical foundation for a recent successful CIHR research grant, and he participated as an invited international expert advisor at a World Health Organization (WHO) symposium on health system recovery.



Ms. Kathleen Paterson

SOMA LEARNING ALLIANCES INC.

Kathleen is a dynamic leadership professional who specializes in coaching, change, and organizational growth. She is an expert in leadership development, transformation, and strategic planning and excels in complex environments.

A certified LEADS® and LEADS360® Executive Coach and Facilitator, Kathleen has extensive experience across healthcare, manufacturing, and food service, building trust and consensus while mentoring individuals and teams toward success.



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Dr. Dave McLinden

**RURAL FAMILY MEDICINE
PHYSICIAN AND FACULTY
MEMBER AND CLINICAL
EXPANSION LEAD AT NOSM
UNIVERSITY**

Dr. McLinden, a dedicated member of NOSM University since its inception, has 30+ years of experience in rural clinical teaching. He has contributed to faculty development, clinical expansion, and medical education across Northern Ontario.

As Clinical Expansion Lead, he collaborates with key organizations, leveraging his expertise to enhance training programs and support healthcare in rural communities.



Dr. Tania Tajirian

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR,
ACADEMIC HOSPITALIST IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND
COMMUNITY MEDICINE AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO**

Dr. Tajirian serves as the inaugural Chief Health Information Officer and Chief of Hospital Medicine at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH). In her role as CHIO, she has developed a clinically-driven strategy to reduce documentation burdens on healthcare providers, leading national efforts to ease demands on physicians and nurses across Canada.

As Chief of Hospital Medicine, she oversees research on integrating physical and mental healthcare and advancing health informatics to improve healthcare delivery and promote equitable population health. Her work focuses on enhancing clinician experience and health outcomes, earning her accolades such as the 2022 Most Influential Women in Health IT Award from HIMSS and recognition from Women Leaders in Digital Health Canada.