

## BEHAVIOURAL SUPPORT ROUNDS

Thursday, March 21, 2024 | 2–3 PM EDT

### PRESENTATION TITLE:

Virtual Behavioural Medicine (VBM)-A Game Changer in Managing Neuropsychiatric Symptoms of Dementia

### PRESENTERS:

**Laura Petta, BSW, MSW, RSW** works as the Clinician Leader for the Virtual Behavioural Medicine Program at Baycrest. In this role she assists the VBM team, families and health care providers to further support patients with severe neuropsychiatric symptoms of dementia. Previously, Laura worked as a Social Worker for the BSO Caregiver Specialist Program out of the Alzheimer's Society of Toronto. She advised family/friend caregivers helping a person living with dementia in one of the Toronto Central long-term care homes, connected them with the many supports available at AST and facilitated support groups there. Much of her long-term care experience was acquired while working for the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Programs in both Santa Clara County, California and when she was Program Director for the New York City program.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

By the end of the presentation, participants will be able to:

- To Better Understand when escalate a patient to VBM
- Who is appropriate for VBM and meets our eligibility criteria
- Who to contact when you plan to make a referral to VBM and once you are in the VBM program

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- **Register in advance [here](#).** After registering, you will receive information about joining the webinar
- If you have any questions about these rounds or wish to be included on the distribution list, please contact Andrea Keddy at [AKeddy@baycrest.org](mailto:AKeddy@baycrest.org)
- If you have Zoom Webinar questions, please contact Agnes Cheng Tsallis at [achengtsallis@baycrest.org](mailto:achengtsallis@baycrest.org)

### HOW TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE:

After having attended, complete the evaluation survey and enter an email address to request your certificate.

These sessions are open to all healthcare professionals and students to provide a learning forum to review leading practices in assessing and managing personal expressions, as demonstrated by individuals who live with dementia.

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