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Speaker Details



Rick Swartz, MD, PhD

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Biography

Dr. Swartz is a staff neurologist at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, an associate professor in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto, a clinician-scientist in the Hurvitz Brain Sciences Program of the Sunnybrook Research Institute and an adjunct scientist at the ICES. Of his 100+ peer-reviewed papers, approximately a third are as first or senior author. He leads several peer-reviewed projects, including the multi-centered Ontario Neurodegenerative Diseases Research Initiative (ONDRI). His research focuses on vascular cognitive impairment (VCI), stroke (young survivors, pregnancy) and dementia. His work has used ICES data as a foundation in examining long-term outcomes in stroke patients and has demonstrated high recurrence rates and the need to examine non-traditional risk factors; this has led to his DOC (Depression, OSA, Cognition) studies and he is developing pragmatic interventions to improve outcomes for persons with stroke, VCI and dementia.