

***Dr. Michael Varenbut, MD, CCFP, FCFP, DABSM, CASAM, CCSAM, MRO, FASAM***

Dr. Michael Varenbut graduated medicine with honours from the University of Toronto Medical School in 1991, and completed a residency in Family and Community Medicine at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre.

After several years in family and emergency practice, he began to focus his efforts on addiction medicine. For the past 10 years, he has spent a large proportion of his clinical and professional time in Addiction Medicine, and has also successfully achieved specialty certification from both the American and Canadian Societies of Addiction Medicine, and as a Medical Review Officer.

As the Executive Clinical Director of the Ontario Addiction Treatment Centres (OATC), Dr. Varenbut has promoted the expansion of addiction services to many under-serviced communities in Ontario. The OATC currently provides addiction services in over 20 communities, and to over 3000 patients on a daily basis. As the Clinical Director, he has been responsible for such aspects as treatment guidelines, policies & procedures, staff and physician training and education, and liaison with community agencies.

As an active member of CSAM, Dr. Varenbut has promoted CSAM's mission and has been able to achieve a significant increase in membership. He has also worked hard to promote and elevate the status of addiction medicine amongst the medical profession, and improve access to Addiction CME, Training and physician support.

In addition Dr. Varenbut has also achieved certification in Sleep Medicine, and is a Diplomat and Fellow of the American Board of Sleep Medicine. With this unique certification, it has allowed him to treat patients who are afflicted with the co-morbidity of addiction and sleep disorders.

Dr. Varenbut has also had a significant interest in primary clinical research in such areas as: MMTP, Effects of Opiates on sleep architecture, Sleep Apnea syndromes, Hepatitis C treatment in MMTP and Urine toxicology. Several of these areas have yielded research papers, publications and text authorships.

Dr. Varenbut has also been committed to education at multiple levels, which have included undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate levels through his academic appointment as assistant professor, Faculty of Medicine, at the University of Toronto, in addition a variety of educational activities targeted to the public, community agencies, medical and Para-medical groups.

With the opportunity to act as a board member on CSAM's board of directors, he sincerely hopes to be able to further promote the field of Addiction Medicine, and serve the interests of its members to the best of his abilities.