

Ongoing Transitions at the ReView

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This issue of the ReView introduces a new section entitled "Perspectives in Psychopharmacology". As our readers well know, with the controversy over the safety of SSRI's and more recently that of Adderal XR, it has been of great importance to stay well informed in this area. I am pleased to introduce the editor of this section, Dr. Adil Virani.

Dr. Virani recently moved to Vancouver, BC from Halifax, Nova Scotia, where he was the Clinical Pharmacy Consultant at the IWK Health Centre and an Assistant Professor with the Department of Psychiatry and the College of Pharmacy at Dalhousie University. At Dalhousie University, Dr. Virani coordinated a full year critical appraisal skills course that focused on evidence-based practices for pharmacists. He has published numerous articles in child psychopharmacology and co-edited a 300 page book entitled the Clinical Handbook of Psychotropic Drugs for Children and Adolescents. Dr. Virani is currently the Medication Management Coordinator for the Fraser Health Authority in British Columbia. He is a clinical consultant in pediatric psychiatry and an Assistant Professor with the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of British Columbia.

Our new section editor will aim to present current psychopharmacological topics of interest to child and adolescent practitioners. Clinicians will have the opportunity to read concise summaries of the psychopharmacology, clinical evidence and/or current opinions surrounding the use and safety concerns of various psychotropic agents used in pediatric psychiatry. Certain articles, such as the one in this issue which 'focuses' on atomoxetine and the recent warnings about suicidal behaviour or ideation, will provide clinicians with up to date information about a particular topic. Others will strive to provide a compilation of the thoughts and comments of several clinicians towards a topic or case and relate these to current evidence and/or practice.

We welcome your thoughts, comments and suggestions towards this and future articles as well as topics you would like

to see discussed in this section of the ReView. Feel free to email Dr. Virani at avirani@interchange.ubc.ca with your comments, contributions and topic suggestions.

It is with all my very best wishes that I say thank you and farewell to Dr. Wade Junek as the ReView's longstanding Book Editor. Dr. Junek has faithfully and diligently carried out his task with the outstanding book reviews he has compiled over the past 12 years being the legacy he leaves us. I am indebted to his dedication to the ReView and thank him for all his hard work. Dr. Junek has also been functioning as Secretary-Treasurer for the Academy and more recently has been involved in the design and construction of our new CACAP website and database. We look forward to accessing the new website in the near future. All the best Wade and many thanks for all your hard work.

I am delighted to announce that Dr. Pratihba Reebye has agreed to take on the role of Book Editor for the ReView starting with the February 2006 issue. Some of the readers may recognize Dr. Reebye's name from her past work on the Advocacy Committee with the Academy. Dr. Reebye has also acted as a guest editor for the ReView in the February 2005 theme issue on "Perspectives on Childhood and Adolescent Aggression". Dr. Reebye is Clinical Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at UBC, Clinical Associate at Simon Fraser University and is clinical head of the Infant Psychiatry Clinic at BC Women's and Children's Hospital. Welcome aboard Pratihba. I look forward to working with you as we strive to provide a quality journal for our readers.

Contributors to the ReView are reminded of the new section on Clinical Case Rounds in Child Psychiatry. See instructions on page 128.

Finally, I encourage readers to stay tuned for our new name and new look coming in February 06.

Happy Holidays