

Biography of Presenter – BPD 2012

PANEL DISCUSSION SPEAKER



Karima Velji, RN, PhD, CHE

Karima Velji is Vice President of Clinical and Residential Programs and Chief Nursing Executive at Baycrest. In this role, Karima has operational responsibility of clinical programs and services, professional practice/nursing, patient safety and quality. Prior to this role, Karima was at Toronto Rehab in the role of Vice President of Patient Care and Chief Nursing Executive for over 7 years.

Karima has a PhD degree from the University of Toronto's Faculty of Nursing. She has cross appointments to University of Toronto's Faculty of Nursing and McMaster University. She teaches in the graduate program at University of Toronto, and has been a visiting volunteer faculty and consultant to teaching hospitals in Canada, and to international sites in East Africa, Asia, Afghanistan and the Middle East.

Karima has a keen interest in developing and testing interventions in research studies, and transferring knowledge from research to guide practice changes. She has several PI funded grants in rehabilitation in the areas of patient safety, nursing practice and inter-professional education. She has led several funded studies in cancer care in the areas of symptom management and quality of life. Karima has presented extensively in national and international forums and has written several publications.

Karima's responsibilities extend to provincial leadership. She is currently appointed to several professional and leadership groups, she is the current chair of the policy committee of Academy of Canadian Executive Nurses (ACEN) and the chair for the Chief Nursing Executive Committee of Councils of Academic Hospitals for Ontario (CAHO). She is also co-chair of the new practice and education committee of CAHO.

Karima has won several outstanding achievement awards including the Sigma Theta Tau Excellence in Administration award, University of Toronto Distinguished Alumni award, and Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) Margaret Comack Award of Excellence in Nursing Leadership (2009).