Dr. VINCENT AGYAPONG

Dr Agyapong is a Clinical Professor with the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Alberta and an Adjunct Professor of Global Mental Health at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Ghana. He is Alberta Health Services' Edmonton Zone Clinical Section Chief for Community Mental Health and he serves as one of two Specialist Members on the Health Technology Expert Review Panel on Internet delivered Cognitive Behaviour Therapy for the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health. He has also served as Mental Health Expert on Disaster Medicine with the Canadian Institute for Health Research Communications and Media Relations Department. He holds two Doctorate degrees; a Research MD in Clinical Psychiatry and a PhD in Global Mental Health, both awarded by the University of Dublin Trinity College in Ireland. He was also awarded a Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training by the College of Psychiatrists of Ireland. He holds multiple Fellowships from Royal College of Physician of Canada, Royal Society of Medicine in the UK and the Royal Academy for Medicine in Ireland, the American Psychiatric Association, the Royal College of Psychiatrists in the UK and the International College of Psychosomatic Medicine. In addition, he holds certifications in health services management, forensic medicine and statistics.

Dr Agyapong has over 90 publications in international peer review journals and has made over 60 presentations at national and international conferences in 18 countries across 5 continents. He has been Principal Investigator on more than a two dozen research projects including five clinical trials with his research focusing primarily on health innovations that expand access to quality mental health care.

Dr Agyapong has won numerous awards related to his work, including; the Health Innovation Award in 2011 from the Royal Power Magazine, Alberta Health Services' Spirit of Excellence Award in 2016, the Edmonton Zone Medical Staff Association Physician Innovator of the Year Award in 2018, Champion of Mental Health from the Edmonton Mental Health Foundation in 2018, the Momentum Mental Health Clinician/Researcher Award in 2019 and the Alberta Medical Association's Award for Compassionate Service in 2019. In February 2019, he was honoured by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada as one of six Extraordinary Fellows of the College and in July 2019, he was named a finalist the Alberta Science and Technology Leadership (ASTech) Foundation for the ASTech 2019 Outstanding Health Innovation Award. In addition Dr Agyapong has had the Text4Mood program, his brain child recognized by the Mental Health Innovations Network which is headquartered at the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse of the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland.