

## Biography / CV

Name:	Colin A. Ross
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Degrees:	Bachelor of Medical Science University of Alberta - 1979  M.D. University of Alberta - 1981
Education:	1975 - 1977 University of Alberta, Edmonton - Premedical Studies  1977 - 1981 University of Alberta, Edmonton – B.Sc. Med., M.D.  1981 - 1985 University of Manitoba, Winnipeg – FRCPC Psychiatry
Registrations:	American College of Psychiatrists American Psychiatric Association Canadian Psychiatric Association International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation International Society for the Psychological Treatment of Schizophrenia and Other Psychoses International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada

## Appointments:

1. Chief Resident, Department of Psychiatry, St. Boniface General Hospital (January 1 - June 30, 1984).
2. Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Manitoba (July 1, 1985 - June 30, 1988).
3. Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Manitoba (July 1, 1988 - October 31, 1991).
4. Medical Director, Anxiety Disorders Clinic, Department of Psychiatry, St. Boniface General Hospital (July 1, 1985 - June 30, 1988).
5. Director, Dissociative Disorders Clinic, Department of Psychiatry, St. Boniface General Hospital (July 1, 1988 - October 31, 1991).
6. Full-Time Staff Member, St. Boniface General Hospital (July 1, 1985 - October 31, 1991).
7. Medical Director, M3, General Adult Inpatient Unit, Department of Psychiatry, St. Boniface General Hospital (January 1, 1990 - December 1, 1990).
8. Research Consultant, Abuse and Dissociative Disorders Recovery Unit, HCA Dominion Hospital, Falls Church, Virginia (April, 1991 - 1996). (Program transferred to Psychiatric Institutes of Washington in January, 1992).
9. Director, Dissociative Disorders Unit, Charter Health System of Dallas (November 1, 1991 - August 18, 1997).
10. Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas (January 1993 - 2000).
11. Director, Trauma Program, Timberlawn Mental Health System, Dallas, Texas (August 1997 - 2015). Program moved to UBH Hospital, Denton, Texas in 2015.
12. Executive Medical Director, Trauma Program, Forest View Hospital, Grand Rapids, Michigan (February 1998 - present).
13. Consultant, Trauma Program, Del Amo Hospital, Torrance, California (December 1999 - present).

## **Abstract title**

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DIAGNOSTIC PROCESS OF DISSOCIATIVE DISORDERS

## **Abstract text**

Background and Aims:

In this talk, Dr. Ross will describe the clinical interview for diagnosing dissociative disorders, with a focus on dissociative identity disorder (DID). Methods: He will describe how to ask about blank spells, auditory hallucinations, and other symptoms common in DID, as well non-specific symptoms to that are common in people with the disorder. Dr. Ross will describe how to use the Dissociative Disorders Interview Schedule (DDIS) and Dissociative Experiences Scale (DES) for screening and to help with diagnosis. He will explain the use of a clinical interview and the DES and DDIS for evaluating the full spectrum of dissociative disorders. Also, Dr. Ross will describe how to explain dissociative disorders to clients.

Results:

Attendees will be provided with copies of links to the DES and DDIS for use in their practices: both can be used without further permission.

Conclusions:

DID and the other dissociative disorders can be diagnosed with a clinical interview, supplemented by use of the DES and DDIS.

Objectives:

1. To describe how to conduct a clinical diagnostic interview for complex dissociative disorders.
2. To describe the use of the DES and DDIS for screening and diagnostic purposes.
3. To describe the core symptom features of dissociative identity disorder.