

Editors Please Note:  
**Mental Health Awareness  
Week  
May 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>**



**Media Advisory**

**Interview Opportunity: Expert Available to Address Anxiety Concerns  
Regarding SARS and West Nile Virus**

**For immediate release: May 5, 2003 (Toronto):** Due to recent public health concerns such as SARS and West Nile Virus, the **Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)** has arranged for Dr. Neil Rector, Head of CAMH's Anxiety Disorders Clinic, to be available to answer questions on mental health, anxiety and coping with fear.

CAMH has also arranged for the following experts to answer questions on other mental health topics during Mental Health Awareness Week, May 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2003:

**Neil A. Rector, Ph.D., C.Psych.**

Psychologist & Head, Anxiety Disorders Clinic

- *coping with anxiety due to SARS and West Nile Virus*

**Dr. Irvin Epstein**

Clinical Director PRIME Clinic, Psychiatrist

- *identifying the early signs (youth 12 – 25 years of age) of schizophrenia and psychosis and the importance of early intervention*

**Susan Morris**

Clinical Director, Dual Diagnosis Program

- *special challenges of living with a mental illness and a developmental disability*

**Jessica Spence**

Occupational Therapist, Home Intervention Program, First Episode Clinic

- *helping individuals and families in the community who are dealing with psychosis*

**Dr. Bruce Ballon**

Head, Youth Addiction Services, Psychiatrist

- *young people with problem addiction*

**The following experts are available to speak in French and English:**

**Christine Courbasson, Ph.D., C.Psych.**

Clinical Head, Eating Disorders and Addiction Clinic

- *eating disorders and co-occurring mental health problems*

**Lorne Korman, Ph.D., C.Psych.**

Clinical Head, Anger and Addiction Clinic

- *anger and addiction*

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