

## **Dr. Stan Kutcher, Sun Life Financial Chair in Adolescent Mental Health**

***Dr. Stan Kutcher, ONS, MD, FRCPC, FCAHS, Sun Life Financial Chair in Adolescent Mental Health and Director World Health Organization Collaborating Center in Mental Health Policy and Training***

Dr. Stan Kutcher is an internationally-renowned expert in adolescent mental health and an international leader in mental health research, advocacy, training, policy and services innovation working at the IWK Health Centre and Dalhousie University.

Dr. Kutcher first stepped into the role of Sun Life Financial Chair in Adolescent Mental Health in the fall of 2006. Prior to accepting the chair, Dr. Kutcher was Dalhousie's Medical School's first Associate Dean of International Medical Development and Research. He first joined Dalhousie in the 1990s as professor and Department Head of Psychiatry.

Authoring more than 300 scientific papers and numerous medical textbooks, Dr. Kutcher continues to break new ground in the vital area of mental health. He has received numerous awards and honors locally, nationally and internationally for his work, including the Order of Nova Scotia, Excellence in Education Award (CACAP), Best Doctor in Canada Award, Doctors Nova Scotia Health Promotion Award, Dr. John Savage Memorial Award for outstanding humanitarian contributions to global health, Canadian College of Neuropsychopharmacology Gold Medal, Lifetime Achievement Award of the Canadian Psychiatric Research Foundation and the Ruedy Award for Innovation in Medical Association from the Association of Faculties of Medicine Canada. A distinguished fellow of the Canadian Psychiatric Association and a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences, Dr. Kutcher has been honoured by the Canadian Psychiatric Association with the JM Cleghorn Award for his contribution to mental health research and the Paul Patterson Award for his innovations in psychiatric education.

Internationally, Dr. Kutcher has been involved in mental health work in over 20 countries. One of his recent projects was leading the development of a national child and youth mental health framework for Canada: Evergreen. Dr. Kutcher's current focus is on knowledge translation pertaining to improving mental health literacy, mental health care in schools and primary care, and the development, application and evaluation of an electronic personal health record that focuses on youth mental health engagement and self-care. He continues his innovative youth mental health development and research across Canada, and globally in China, South America, Latin America and Africa.

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