Joint City-Wide Grand Rounds

Friday, November 6, 2020
12:00-1:00 pm via Zoom

Your Host: Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

Topic:
“Novel Circuit-Based Treatments for Refractory OCD and PTSD: An Interdisciplinary Approach”

Speakers:
Dr. Peter Giacobbe
Associate Professor, Dept. of Psychiatry, University of Toronto

Dr. Nir Lipsman
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Surgery, University of Toronto

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Dr. Peter Giacobbe

Dr. Giacobbe is a psychiatrist and scientist at the Sunnybrook Research Institute, and clinical head of the Harquail Centre for Neuromodulation. He is an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto, with appointments in the Division of Brain and Therapeutics. Dr. Giacobbe’s clinical and research interests focus is on the development and evaluation of novel pharmacological and neuromodulatory treatment strategies for individuals with treatment-resistant mood disorders. He has published over 100 papers and book chapters on the topics of mood disorders and brain stimulation. The journals include the American Journal of Psychiatry, Biological Psychiatry, CMAJ, Experimental Neurology, Lancet, and Neuropsychopharmacology.

Dr. Nir Lipsman

Nir Lipsman is a neurosurgeon and scientist at Sunnybrook Research Institute and Sunnybrook Health Sciences Center, and an Assistant Professor in the Department of Surgery at the University of Toronto. Dr. Lipsman has helped develop several clinical applications of MR-guided focused ultrasound (FUS) in novel indications, including among the world’s first experience of FUS in essential tremor, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and major depression, as well as the world’s first application of FUS-mediated blood brain barrier (BBB) opening in Alzheimer’s Disease, primary and secondary brain tumours. He has published over 120 peer-reviewed papers and book chapters, including in The Lancet, Lancet Neurology, and New England Journal of Medicine. He is currently the Director of Sunnybrook’s Harquail Center for Neuromodulation, and the Clinical Director of Sunnybrook’s Focused Ultrasound Centre of Excellence.