

Dr. Doug Cohen, R.Psych.

Psychological Assessments + Psychotherapy

Education

1997

Ph.D. Clinical Psychology, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby ,BC.

1992

M.A. Psychology, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby ,BC.

1983

M.Psych. (Clinical Psychology) University of Ottawa, ON.

1981

B.A. (Honours) Psychology, Concordia University, PQ

College of Psychologists of British Columbia # 01281

British Columbia Psychological Association

Professional Memberships

November 1998 – present

Current Employment

Consulting Psychologist in Private Practice, Vancouver, BC. The delivery of neuropsychological and psychodiagnostic assessment services of cognitive, personality and emotional functioning, learning disabilities, and developmental assessments for adults, youth and children. In addition, I provide psychotherapy and rehabilitation services for persons with acquired impairments, disabilities and injuries, neuro-developmental disorders, depression and anxiety disorders. Independent assessments are conducted for Legal Counsel, ICBC Recovery Services, insurance companies, school boards, Youth Forensic Services, physicians, and self-referrals. I regularly conduct seminars and talks on various important topics (see below) to the medical-legal community, local school boards and graduate students in clinical psychology. Specialized Rehabilitation Services include support for clients, their families, and for insurance companies and services providers. Services surrounding employment, home, educational and community adjustment to brain injury, disability, return to work, learning and developmental disabilities, and consultation services on disability, rehabilitation, and treatment, including the treatment of PTSD and injury-related sequelae are provided. I am a published author in research in children's emotional development, and I recently co-authored a book chapter titled The Assessment of Competence Older Adults, for inclusion in a text on rehabilitation in older adults, and two further research papers in the area of competency assessments with the elderly. Additionally I have expert witness status in the Provincial (Family) Court and the Supreme Court of British Columbia, with over 500 Neuropsychological and Psychological Assessments completed since 1998.

February 2020 to Present

Psychology Advisor, Mental Health Services, WorkSafe BC. Consulting province-wide with respect to mental health and neuropsychology claims with WSBC, including specialized interdisciplinary consultations with respect to brain injury, mental health and covid—19 infection impacts on worker functioning and return to work. Provide claim and treatment consultations on needed psychological services, diagnostics, and treatment recommendations to claim owners and medical advisors at WSBC. As well, I have supervise Psychology Advisors at WSBC with pending Registration applications with the College of Psychologists of British Columbia. I conduct in-service presentations system-wide on topics of concern for Mental Health Services and Claims Managers. I have also previously conducted psychological and neuropsychological assessments as an external provider for WSBC.

September 2016 to Present

Cortex Centre for Advanced Assessment. I am presently a Consulting Expert at the Cortex Centre for Advanced Assessment, an Affiliated Company of University of British Columbia. The Cortex Centre provides specialized, advanced expert assessments and consulting for medicolegal, fitness for duty, executive leadership, return to work, employment, educational, personal, and career growth purposes.

October 2014 to Present

Practicum Supervisor. Providing supervision services in cognitive assessment skills and child development to graduate students at UBC Department of Educational and Counselling Psychology, Adler University Clinical Psychology, McGill University Neuropsychology Program, Simon Fraser University Clinical Psychology, and at Antioch University Clinical Psychology Seattle, WA.

Previous Employment and Clinical Training Experience

July 2013

Clinical Training LENS Neurofeedback system, San Sebastopol, California. Level 1 training in the Low Energy Neurofeedback System, a form of neurotherapy based on the provision of low energy feedback via evoked potential technology. The system is designed to support neurocognitive healing from brain injury and other conditions affecting the central nervous system.

September 1993 – August 1994

Internship in Clinical Psychology, Child Psychology Child and Family Centre, Chedoke Hospital-McMaster University Health Sciences Centre, Hamilton, Ontario. Supervisor: Dr. Mani van der Spuy. CPA accredited internship in clinical psychology. Responsible for the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of children, adolescents and their families in response to physician referrals from the hospital and community. Training rotations were provided in paediatric neuropsychology, family therapy, and individual child play therapy, utilizing systemic and structural intervention techniques. In addition, I received further training in diagnostic and assessment techniques in child adolescent neuropsychology, pervasive, specific, developmental,

organic, communication, phobias and anxiety disorders, conduct and other emotional disorders. Treatment modalities included behavioral and cognitive behavioral techniques, analytic and systemic approaches. Additional responsibilities included preparing clinical rounds and teaching seminars in relevant neuropsychological and diagnostic issues.

March 1992 - July 1993

Neuropsychological Assessment, Department of Psychology, Riverview Hospital, Port Coquitlam, B.C. Supervisor: Dr. Steven Welch. Provided neuropsychological assessment and report services to adult residents of a psychiatric hospital. Population included those with schizophrenia, mood disorders, dementia's and other organic syndromes. Primary responsibilities included neuropsychological assessments, brief educational assessments and the preparation of diagnostic reports under the supervision of registered clinical psychologists. The assessment emphasis was the provision of assistance to physicians in treatment, medication management and discharge planning.

Additional Relevant Employment Experience

September 1988 - April 1991

Psychological Consultant, Maples Adolescent Treatment Centre, Burnaby, B.C. Provincial Ministry of Health. Providing psychological assessment and intervention services to residents within both open and closed units of a treatment facility for emotionally disturbed adolescents. Responsibilities included assessment of personality functioning, behavior patterns and learning style. Treatment goals and behavior management plans were developed in consultation with psychiatric, social work and child care staff.

September 1983 - July 1987

Psychoeducational Consultant, Educational Services Department, The Carleton Board of Education, Nepean, Ontario. Provided services of a psychological nature to nine designated schools within the system. Responsibilities included: assessment of learning style, intellectual potential of students; consultation with school staff, families and community resources; participation in Identification, Placement and Review Committees. Responsible for the development of remedial academic plans, referrals for specialized assistance for students and their families, follow-up for students while in residential or outpatient treatment; and consultation with teachers and school staff regarding classroom management.

Research, Academic Publications and Presentations

October 2022

Submitted: Financial and Health Decision-Making in Mild Cognitive Impairment and Early Alzheimer's Disease: Assessing Capacities. Amir A. Sepeshy; Izabela Z. Schultz; Douglas A. Cohen; Karin M. Christensen, Alison Stewart. Psychological Injury and Law

Submitted: Neuropsychological Assessment in Driving Capacity Determination Among Older Adults. Amir A. Sepehry; Izabela Z Schultz; Douglas A Cohen; Karin M. Christensen; Alison M. Stewart. Psychological Injury and Law.

June 2022

From Subjective Cognitive Decline to Mild Cognitive Impairment to Dementia: Clinical and Capacity Assessment Considerations. Amir A. Sepehry; Izabela Z. Schultz; Douglas A. Cohen; Sarah Greer. Psychological Injury and Law. July 2022

March 2020

Forensic Neuropsychological Aspects of Competency Evaluations: Financial and Legal Competency in Older Adults, Cohen, D., Sepehry, A.A. & Schultz, I.Z. In Psychological Injury and Law, Springer, December 2019

July 2019

Effect of Disclosure of Medical Errors on Patient Mental Health. Presentation to the XXXVth International Congress on Law and Mental Health (ICLMH), Rome, Italy

May 2018

"The Assessment of Competence Older Adults," Douglas Cohen, Izabela Z. Schultz, Amir A. Sepehry and Alison M. Stewart. In The Handbook of Rehabilitation in Older Adults, Eds: Robert J. Gatchel, Izabela Z. Schultz, and Christopher T. Ray. 2018

July 2017

"The Many Faces of Competency: Comparing Key Assessment Goals and Techniques Across Various Domains of Capacity." Presentation to the XXXVth International Congress on Law and Mental Health (ICLMH), Prague, Czech Republic

April 2014

"Growing Up with Brain Injury: A Developmental Perspective on Traumatic Brain Injury in Children and Youth." Presentation to The Trial Lawyers Association of British Columbia, Brain Injury Conference The Future of Rehabilitation and Litigation, April 5, 2014

March 2014

"Neuropsychological Assessment of Children with Mild Traumatic Brain Injury." Presentation to Medicine for Lawyers, Continuing Professional Development Series of The Continuing Legal Education Society for British Columbia. March 7, 2014.

Court Experience**October 2007**

First qualified as an Expert Witness in the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

September 1999

First qualified as an Expert Witness in the Provincial (Family) Court of British Columbia.

Teaching Experience**Summer 2002-2007**

Graduate Course Instructor for Developmental Psychology – Adler School of Professional Psychology

Additional Training and Experience (Samples)**July 2011**

Belbin Team Roles. Completed Training and Certification as Belbin Model Team Role Assessor, for use with middle and large business and other organizations, management and team consulting. Belbin Associates, Comberton, Cambridge, U.K.

July 2019

International Congress of the International Academy of Law and Mental Health, Rome, Italy. The IALMH Congress focus on issues arising from the interaction of law and mental health via multidisciplinary and cross-national approaches, drawing on law, the health professions, the social sciences, and the humanities. The IALMH International Congress on Law and Mental Health brings together the international community of researchers, academics, practitioners and professionals in the field, whose wide-ranging perspective provide for a comprehensive look at important law and mental health issues.

April 2021

WSBC Workshop, Post-Covid and Long Covid Syndrome

November 2021

MIT, Introduction to Neural Computation. Online course.

April 2022

WSBC Annual Psychiatry CME Evening, Presentation on Chronic Pain

July 2022

International Congress of the International Academy of Law and Mental Health, Lyon, France. Ethical Considerations in Healthcare Decisions, Decision Making and Informed Consent in Challenging Patient Populations, etc.

November 2022

Indigenous Cultural Safety Cultural Humility and Anti-Racism Practice Standard BCCN&M