# Primary Care is the Place for You

Community Health Centre or CLSC Park Extension

#### Disclosures

> No conflict of interest

# Leaving for work



#### Culture of the Have's



## Cross to the « Other » side



#### A different environment



#### Park Ex



#### **Urban Practice**



#### **CLSC Park Extension**



## CSSS



# « The hospital »



# Monday: Pediatric Clinic



#### Toddler who does not eat

- 18 mo old, drinks >35 oz/day Homo milk with a « feeder »
- Vegetarian family
- Extended family living in the household: who sets the rules?
- Stands up but does not walk
- Consanguinity

# Primary Schools



#### School outreach



#### Wassim

- Grade 4, does not concentrate, has low marks, referred by school
- Takes Concerta 18 mg during school
- Operates an iPad but doesn't read enough
- Algerian family, older brother and three younger siblings
- During visit, mom asks me to check youngest boy for fever

## Knowing the whole family

- Aishah, almost 13 yr, accompanied by mother Salik
- « Je me fache trops facilement. »
- Dizziness, orthostatic episodes
- Child caretakers of an ill parent
- « I want to move to England. »

# Nurse practitioners



## Tuesday

- Chronic illness appointments in the morning
- Surveillance of symptoms, compliance with medications, understanding of illness
- Collaboration with the nurses of the Cardio-Metabolic Clinic
- Drop-in clinic in the afternoon (acute care for my patients)

## Interdisciplinary Care

- Harry, 58 yr, lost to follow-up post-op
- Deaf, legally blind: arranged specialty care with social worker Andrew and doctor
- Mackay Center
- Worsening diabetes, swallowed chemstrips, admitted to ER
- Homecare nurse John
- Competency: ethicist

#### Wednesday

- Drop-in clinic open to the public (20-25 spots)
- > NP's and NP candidates
- Detection of serious chronic illness (diabetes, HIV, mood disorders, elderly « orphan » patients)
- Assigning continuity of care for some

#### Health and Culture



# On-site interpreter



## Thursday

- Interpreter and refugee clinic
- Or Pre-travel clinic in collaboration with a local pharmacy
- > Administration

#### Surinder and Harb

- Asylum seekers sought Shahida
- Surinder: a.fib with hyperthyroidism, lost to follow-up from anticoagulation clinic
- Chronic mood disorder vs. PTSD
- Paying lawyers, drivers, others?
- Now « illegals » and without meds

# Community Organizations



# Friday: La Maison Bleue





#### Samia

- > Two marriages, five children
- Youth protection involved for issues of neglect
- 3 kids and dad in the examining room
- Oldest daughter with a damaged cast on her ankle, 4 year old with language delay
- Team and Youth Protection must define their roles, as must the parents

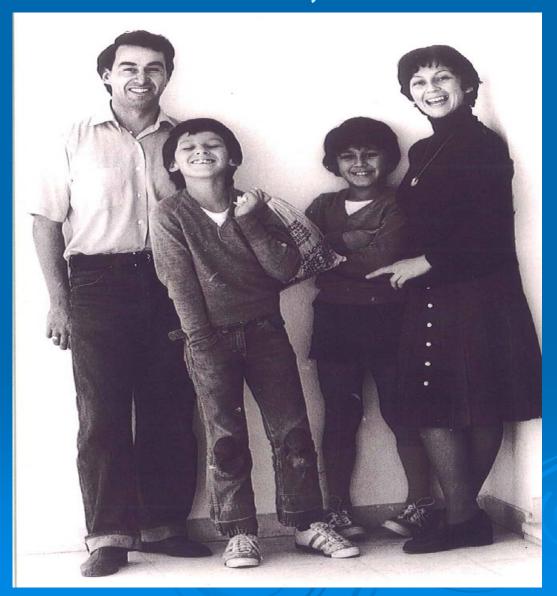
#### **Primary Care Definitions**

- Entry into the health system for all new needs and problems
- Person-focused; not disease-oriented
- Continuity of care
- Care for all but very uncommon or unusual conditions
- Coordinates or integrates care provided elsewhere or by others

## CANMed roles (in practice)

- Medical expert (broad skills)
- Communicator (cultural competence)
- Collaborator (interdisciplinary teamwork)
- Health advocate (local and global issues)
- Manager (prioritize services, assess need)
- Scholar (teaching, adapted CME, research)
- Professional (ethics, role-model, dialogue)

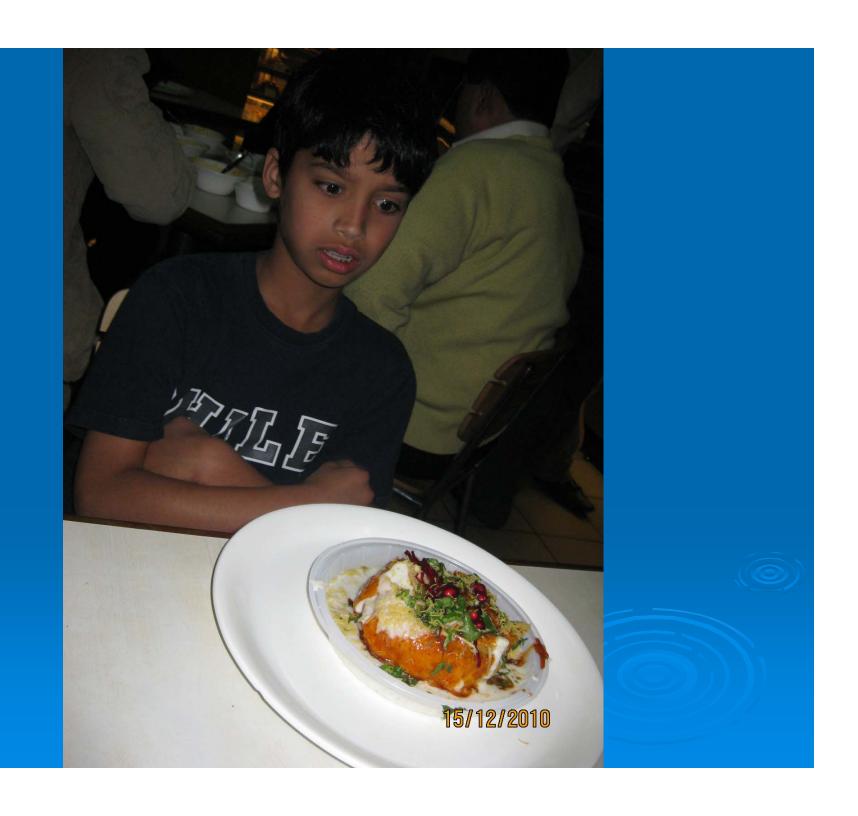
# Tunisia, 1977



#### Dr. Salvador Allende









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