

About the Authors

The four authors who have collaborated to produce *Postpartum Depression: A Guide for Front-Line Health and Social Service Providers* bring to it a wealth and unique blend of experience and expertise from wide-ranging fields of interest.

Lori Ross is a researcher whose main interests are in mental health issues during pregnancy and the postpartum period, particularly among marginalized populations. She is also a scientist at Toronto's Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) and lead investigator on research projects examining mental health problems in immigrant mothers and in co-parenting lesbian and bisexual women.

Cindy-Lee Dennis is an assistant professor at the faculty of nursing, University of Toronto and the recipient of a Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) New Investigator Award. She has published numerous papers and conducted several evidence-based reviews and research studies on the detection, prevention and treatment of postpartum depression (PPD), including a recently published Cochrane systematic review and meta-analysis. She is currently the principal investigator of a large randomized controlled trial that is evaluating the effect of peer (mother-to-mother) support on the prevention of PPD and the effectiveness of screening procedures. The trial will also provide a complete economic evaluation.

Emma Robertson Blackmore is a psychologist who has spent the past 10 years in the United Kingdom working in clinical and academic settings with women with severe mental illness. Her special expertise is researching clinical and genetic aspects of puerperal psychosis and examining evidence-based risk factors for PPD. Dr. Robertson Blackmore completed post-doctoral fellowships at the University of Birmingham, England, and in the women's health program of the University Health Network, researching women and postpartum mood disorders. She has recently been appointed to the faculty in the department of psychiatry, University of Rochester Medical Center, New York, where she will be specializing in perinatal psychiatry.

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