

Dr. Ashok Krishnamoorthy

Dr. Ashok Krishnamoorthy is a Clinical Professor in the UBC Department of Psychiatry and was appointed Program Director for the Postgraduate Geriatric Psychiatry Subspecialty in 2016. A Department member since 2015, he is also the Psychiatry Department Head and Medical Director at Richmond Hospital and served as a Psychiatrist at the Centre for Huntington's Disease from 2013 to 2024. He has been the physician lead for the Vancouver Coastal Health suicide framework and standards. He currently leads mental health services for Correctional Health Services across all BC correctional facilities, and manages the mental health unit for involuntary care for people in correctional health.

Dr. Krishnamoorthy has a postgraduate degree in psychiatry from India and is a holder of a postgraduate qualification in psychiatry from the Royal College of Psychiatrists, London. He is a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and a diplomate of the American Board of Addiction Medicine.

He specializes in community psychiatry, cognitive disorders in both older adults and working-age individuals, rural and remote psychiatry, Indigenous mental health, substance use-related brain damage, Huntington's Disease, acquired brain injuries, and the innovative models of care for managing severe mental illnesses. Additionally, Dr. Krishnamoorthy is focused on health promotion within the medical workforce.

In 2020, he received the UBC Faculty of Medicine Clinical Faculty Award for Excellence in Community Practice Teaching in recognition of his significant educational contributions and impact on his local community.

