

Representation of Women Presenters at Psychiatry Grand Rounds



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BACKGROUND: Hospital-based Grand Rounds are the most common form of Continuing Professional Development for practicing physicians in Canada. Buell D, et al. (2018) identified under-representation of women presenters in Grand Rounds, with implications for role-modelling and academic career development.

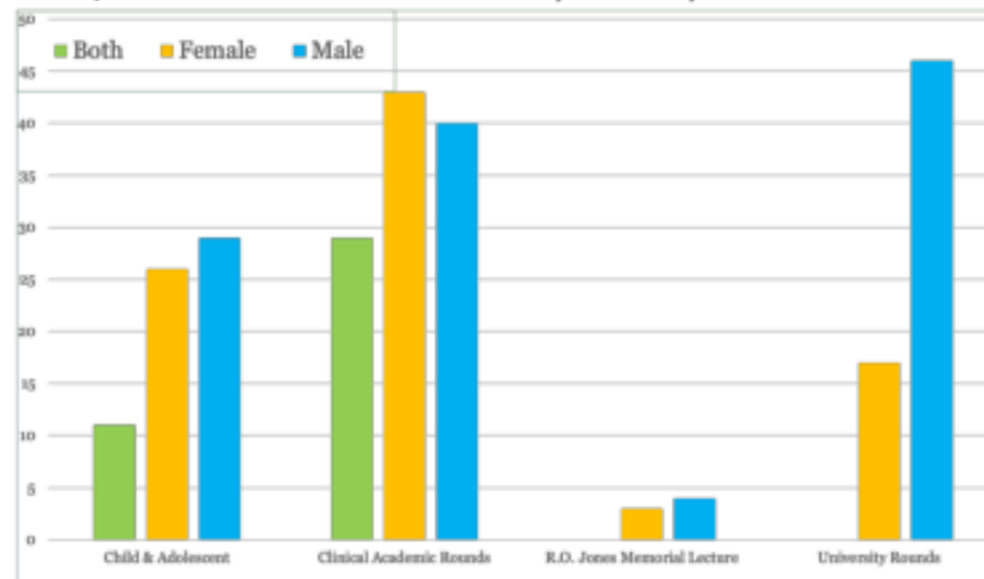
RESEARCH QUESTION: We sought to determine whether there is equal representation of men and women at Dalhousie Psychiatry Grand Rounds.

METHODS: Data from 248 presentations between Fall 2012 and Spring 2019 were analyzed according to gender of presenter. Rounds types included Clinical Academic Rounds (CAR), University Rounds (UR), Child and Adolescent (CA), and R.O. Jones Lecture (ROJL). When not known, gender was inferred from presenter names and demographic information available through internet searching.

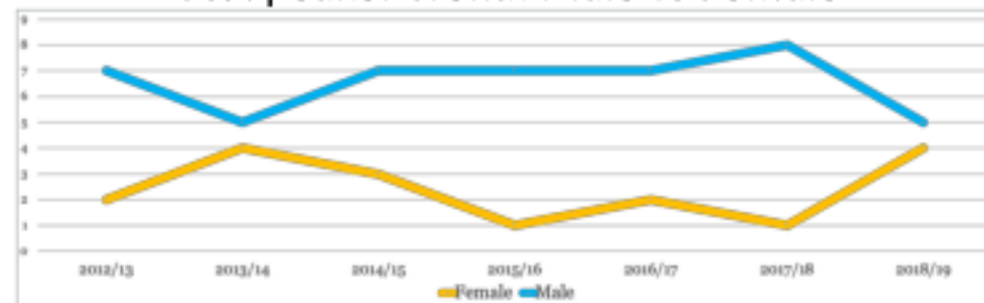
RESULTS: Overall, women were represented in 52% of presentations. Presentations by women occurred in 64% of CAR and 56% of CA. However, women were significantly under-represented in the more prestigious UR offered by invitation to senior academics from other centres (27% $p = 0.0001$). For the ROJL, there was equal representation of men and women (43%, $p = 0.27$).

CONCLUSION: Women are equally represented in Psychiatry Grand Rounds but are under-represented at the more prestigious University Rounds. Further analysis has helped to clarify reasons for this, including a higher proportion of males in recommendations made by Department members. Recent attempts to provide more balanced gender representation have met with success.

Proportion of Women at Psychiatry Grand Rounds



UR Speaker Trend: Male vs Female



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