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James received his undergraduate pharmacy degree at the University of British Columbia in 1982. He received his doctorate in pharmacy (Pharm D) in 1986 from the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, South Carolina. His focus is shared-informed decision-making using evidence based information and rational therapeutic principles. He has presented over 300 seminars on drug therapy, has published over 100 articles in medical literature, mainly in the area of rational drug therapy, and worked as editor for two internationally recognized textbooks on appropriate/rational drug therapy. He is also the co-host of a very popular weekly podcast called the [Therapeutics Education Collaboration](#) (TEC) podcast.

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Adil received his undergraduate and doctorate degrees from the UBC, and is a Fellow of the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists. He works as a Director with Pharmacy Services at Fraser Health, Vancouver Coastal Health, Providence Health Care and Provincial Health Services Authority. He is also an associate professor with the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences at UBC. He has over 30 publications and has delivered over 200 presentations. He is the lead editor of a 400-page book entitled the Clinical Handbook of Psychotropic Drugs, which is now in its 20th edition and is the 2009 American Journal of Nursing Book of the Year. He also co-wrote a similar handbook for children and adolescents. In addition's to his role with the Therapeutics Education Collaboration, he sits on the Education Working Group of the Therapeutics Initiative, he is a member of the [Canadian Drug Expert Committee](#) (CDEC) for the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health and a member of the Human Drug Advisory Panel (HDAP) of the Patented Medicines Prices Review Board (PMPRB).

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After earning a PhD in plant ecology from Duke University and teaching at two American Universities for nearly a decade, Paul graduated from The Ontario College of Naturopathic Medicine (now CCNM), and then earned an additional ND degree at National College of Naturopathic Medicine, in Portland, Oregon and completed a homeopathy residency. He's been on the OCNM/CCNM faculty and in the teaching clinic since 1991. Paul introduced the practice of peer-reviewing during his tenure as editor of The Canadian Journal of Herbalism (2000-2002) and continues to publish peer-reviewed articles. Over the course of his career, he has participated in numerous conferences, delivered lectures for prominent groups and been honoured with various awards and distinctions. He conducts research and teaches botanical medicine, parenteral therapy, venipuncture and art and practice of naturopathic medicine. He has co-authored Principles & Practices of Naturopathic Botanical Medicine - Volume 1 Botanical Medicine Monographs. He maintains a private practice in Dundas, Ontario.