

Dr. Kris Luscombe, MD, FRCPC

Dr. Kris Luscombe has been practising psychiatry in Grand Falls-Windsor for almost 20 years. He was recently the Regional Chief of Psychiatry for Central Health, is the Central Health Regional Physician Lead for Opiate Dependence Services, and he has been an assistant professor of psychiatry for Memorial University's Rural Medical Education Network since 2009.

Dr. Luscombe attended Memorial University, receiving a bachelor of science degree (honours, first class) in 1995, doctor of medicine degree in 1999, and he completed his residency in psychiatry in 2004. Since 2008, Dr. Luscombe has been the Director of Killick Health Services, a rural, multi-disciplinary, medical services and medical education organization of 12 family physicians, four psychiatrists, and three obstetricians/gynecologists. For close to 20 years, Dr. Luscombe has been a staff psychiatrist for the Central Regional Integrated Health Authority. His clinical work includes acute psychiatric inpatient care, consultation liaison psychiatry, emergency psychiatry, child and adolescent psychiatry, and general outpatient psychiatry.

Dr. Luscombe has received many accolades for his role as an educator, including the Clinical Supervisor Award in 2017 – selected by senior psychiatry residents for excellence in clinical teaching – and the Dr. Craig Loveys Teaching Award in 2015, given annually by the Memorial University Discipline of Family Medicine to a specialist in recognition of excellence in teaching family medicine residents. In addition to these honours, Dr. Luscombe was awarded the Mental Health Leadership Award in 2010 from the Canadian Mental Health Association. This award recognizes a mental health service provider, researcher, or community leader for excellence in mental health leadership in Newfoundland and Labrador.

During his career Dr. Luscombe has been heavily involved with the NLMA, serving on the Board of Directors from 2007 to 2009, and the Rural Advisory Committee from 2013 to 2017. Dr. Luscombe is also the Medical Director of the NLMA's Physician Monitoring Program and he is a member of the NLMA's Physician Wellness Advisory Committee. Over the course of his involvement with the Association he has worked in the development and deployment of the provincial electronic medical record (EMR) program and the NLMA's virtual care strategy.

In 2021, Dr. Luscombe was acclaimed as NLMA President-Elect and he was installed as NLMA President on June 18, 2022.

Dr. Luscombe lives in Grand Falls-Windsor with his wife, family physician Dr. Lynette Powell, and their three children. Together, they all enjoy a variety of outdoor activities including hiking, biking, kayaking, and swimming.