

Hygiea Casiano, MD, FRCPC President (2023-2024)

Dr. Hygiea Casiano brings a blend of clinical, educational and research experience to her role as president of the Canadian Psychiatric Association (CPA). She is both a forensic and a child and youth psychiatrist at the University of Manitoba where she is an assistant professor of psychiatry, the medical director of adult forensic services and on staff with the Manitoba Adolescent Treatment Centre.

In her clinical work, Dr. Casiano provides services to both adults and youth, supporting a variety of programs including The Knowles Centre, Youth Centralized Intake, Southern Health, StreetReach and Youth Forensic Services.

Her research interests include topics around youth mental health, enhancing resiliency and marginalized populations such as those at the crossroads of criminal justice and child welfare. She has published several peer-reviewed articles including on media use and adolescent health.

Teaching is an abiding passion for Dr. Casiano. At her alma mater, the University of Manitoba, her contributions and positive impact on learners has been recognized by colleagues and students alike, most recently with the 2021 Keep It Up Nomination award from the University of Manitoba and awards from the Manitoba Medical Students Association for her innovation and mentorship in both 2021 and 2022.

Dr. Casiano is active in organized medicine. In addition to her leadership role with the CPA, she is also a member of the Canadian Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, the Canadian Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and the Canadian Society of Physician Leaders.