

Dr. Roberto Britto Sassi



Dr. Sassi is a child and adolescent psychiatrist who received his training in medicine (1996) and psychiatry (2000) in São Paulo, Brazil, and Ph.D. in 2003 in neuroimaging and bipolar disorders through the University of São Paulo and at the Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic in Pittsburgh, PA. Dr. Sassi also completed residency training in the US in general psychiatry in 2006 and in child and adolescent psychiatry in 2008 at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Dr. Sassi was the director of clinical research and consultation/liaison psychiatrist at the Dept. of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences at the Miller Medical School at the University of Miami in 2008-2009. More recently, he was medical director of child & youth mental health outpatient program at McMaster Children's Hospital 2013-2021. Dr. Sassi joined BC Children's Hospital & BC Women's Hospital in 2021 as Psychiatrist in Chief and is Head, Division of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry at the University of British Columbia. He is an Associate Professor, Dept of Psychiatry, UBC, and is the inaugural chair holder of the Pediatric Mental Health Endowed Chair at BC Children's Hospital.

Dr. Sassi's research has involved neuroimaging markers in patients with bipolar disorders, as well as in vulnerable children in the Maternal Adversity Vulnerability and Neurodevelopment (MAVAN) mother/child cohort. He has participated in large research networks examining biological markers of treatment response in depressions (CANBIND) and in epidemiological studies addressing the prevalence and severity of mental health and substance use presentations in children. His most recent work focuses on measurement-based care and the development of predictive algorithms for service utilization in child and youth mental health and substance use.