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Dr. Hirdes is the senior Canadian Fellow and a Board Member of interRAI, an international consortium of researchers from 29 countries. He chairs the interRAI Area Network of Canada, a collaborative network of researchers and graduate students from across Canada. Dr. Hirdes led interRAI efforts to create the Mental Health and Community Mental Health assessment systems, the System for Classification of In-Patient Psychiatry, the Method for Assigning Priority Levels in home care, and Home Care Quality Indicators (as co-PI). He is a member of the interRAI committee that produced the new suite of instruments and care planning protocols. He has also recently been appointed to the Board of the Seniors Health Research Transfer Network (SHRTN).

Dr. Hirdes has over 100 publications in peer reviewed journals and academic book chapters. His primary areas of interest include geriatric assessment, mental health, health care and service delivery, case mix systems, quality, health information management, social determinants of health, and quantitative research methods. He is currently leading a \$2.5 million Canadian study to update the Resource Utilization Groups (RUG-III) case mix systems for nursing homes.