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Linda Gourash, MD has worked with Developmental and Behavioral Disorders throughout her career as a Pediatrician. Her extensive experience with Prader-Willi syndrome began in 1998 and with autistic spectrum disorder since 1980. She has worked on multidisciplinary teams serving families with children and adults with PWS and autism in both inpatient and out patient settings.

Her primary interests have also been at the interface of medical problems and behavior disorders. These have included soiling, constipation, nutritional deficits or food intolerances, autoimmune and other inflammatory conditions and genetic predispositions.

In her private practice with local patients, Dr. Gourash uses parent/family education in behavioral management as a cornerstone intervention.

Dr. Gourash is board certified as a Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrician. She received her medical degree from Georgetown University Medical School in Washington D.C., and completed her pediatric and subspecialty training at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh in 1980 before serving on the full time faculty of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine until 1991 in the Departments of Pediatrics and Psychiatry. As the Medical Director of the Prader-Willi and Behavioral Disorders Program of the Children's Institute of Pittsburgh she worked for more than 5 years almost exclusively with children and adults with Prader-Willi Syndrome and related disorders who were referred for inpatient crisis intervention for medical and behavioral problems from throughout the USA and Canada.

Dr. Gourash has served on the Board of Directors of the Prader-Willi Syndrome Association of the USA. She is currently providing clinical consultation for the International Prader-Willi Syndrome Organization and the PWSA-USA. She provides consultation and educational programs throughout the US and internationally through Pittsburgh Partnership, Specialists in PWS. (www.pittsburghpartnership.com)

Dr. Gourash is featured in a DVD produced by the PWSA and IPWSO who recorded her presentations for more widespread distribution. Dr. Gourash has a private practice in Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics in Pittsburgh, PA.