

# Awards and Appointments

## Appointments

### Quinte Healthcare Corporation Announces New CEO

Mary Clare Egberts has been appointed as the new chief executive officer (CEO) of the Quinte Healthcare Corporation. Most recently, Egberts was chief operating officer (COO) at North York General Hospital. Previously, she held the position of vice-president and chief financial officer at Toronto East General Hospital and Markham Stouffville Hospital. Egberts takes over from outgoing president and CEO Bruce Laughton, who retired April 1. Egberts holds a degree in commerce and economics, and she is a chartered accountant and a member of the Canadian College of Health Services Executives.



### New COO for Ontario Health Quality Council

The Ontario Health Quality Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Nizar Ladak as COO and secretary to the council. Ladak has close to 20 years of experience in Ontario's healthcare sector. He is the former vice-president and inaugural chief information officer of North York General Hospital. Prior to that time,

he was one of the founding senior directors of the Central East Local Health Integration Network. As director at the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI), Ladak established the first in a series of web-based reports for over 500 hospitals across Canada for CIHI's in-patient database. In his senior role at the former Ontario Joint Policy and Planning Committee, he was involved in the design of hospital funding formulas that laid the groundwork for population-based funding approaches.



### New Vice-President Announced for Ontario Renal Network

Helen Angus was recently promoted to vice-president of the Ontario Renal Network (ORN). As vice-president, Angus is responsible for leading the implementation of ORN and its program of work. Angus recently returned to Cancer Care Ontario (CCO) to lead ORN from CIHI, where she

was vice-president of research and analysis. From 2006 to 2008, Angus was vice-president of planning and strategic implementation at CCO. Prior to joining CCO in 2001, Angus worked at the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care in senior positions for over a decade. Angus helped design and was the first manager of the Trillium Drug Program. During her career in the Ontario Public Service, Angus also spent over two years at Cabinet Office providing advice on health policy to the government of the day. Angus has a master's degree in planning from the University of Toronto.

### Fraser Health Welcomes Newest Board Members



Fraser Health is pleased to announce that Christopher Gardner and Inde Sumal have been appointed to its board of directors by the province of British Columbia effective March 21, 2010,

replacing Brian Gillespie and Paul Healey, who had completed their terms of office.

Gardner is the executive vice-president of Britco Group. He has a background in finance and law. Gardner obtained his bachelor of arts degree from Simon Fraser University and his bachelor of laws degree from the University of British Columbia.

Sumal is the vice-president of residential mortgages with RBC. He is a member of the National Diversity Leadership Council, the Mayor's Advisory Board on Investment and Job Creation and the Community Advisory Board with Simon Fraser University.

### Government of Canada Welcomes New Chief Technology Officer

Mr. Benoît Long will be joining the Chief Information Officer Branch and will assume the role of chief technology officer of the government of Canada. Long's skill set includes broad experience in developing technology and business transformations enabling shared services, increased interoperability across complex systems and the integration of information technology programs and service delivery. Long has more than 24 years of experience as a professional executive and leader with a broad experience base in the federal public service, banking and insurance and, most recently, in the provincial healthcare sector. He holds a master's degree in economics from Carleton University and has completed an executive certificate in strategy and innovation from MIT Sloan School of Management.

### Co-chair Appointed to GS1 Canada's Carenet Healthcare Sector Board



GS1 Canada is pleased to announce the appointment of David Loukras, provincial director of performance, integration and transformation for the British Columbia Health Authority Shared Services Organization (SSO), to the position of co-chair of its Carenet Healthcare Sector Board. In his current capacity with the BC Health Authority SSO, Loukras is responsible for data and applications (including

e-commerce), measurement, quality and process integration across the provincial healthcare supply chain. Loukras has been involved with the Carenet board since 2004 and is also an active board member of the Healthcare Supply Chain Network.



### New US Medicare Chief Nominee Known

Donald M. Berwick, a Harvard University scholar and long-time critic of US healthcare, will be thrust into the political fight over the overhaul law as President Barack Obama's choice to run Medicare and Medicaid. Obama will nominate Berwick, 63, to oversee medical programs for more

than 100 million poor, elderly and disabled Americans.

Berwick teaches pediatrics and healthcare policy at Harvard Medical School and healthcare policy at the Harvard School of Public Health, both in Boston. He practises pediatrics at Boston Children's Hospital and is a consultant in pediatrics at Massachusetts General Hospital. Berwick is also president and CEO of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, a not-for-profit organization leading the improvement of healthcare throughout the world. Berwick has published more than 130 scientific articles as well as books on healthcare policy. He is also a member of several editorial boards of medical journals.



### eHealth Ontario's CEO Confirmed

Mr. Greg A. Reed has been confirmed as the president and CEO of eHealth Ontario. He will also serve on its board of directors. After obtaining a BSc in computer science at the University of Toronto, Reed began his career as a systems engineer with IBM. He then attended Harvard Business School where he earned an MBA, after

which he spent 20 years with international strategy consulting firm McKinsey & Company in New York, London (UK) and Toronto. There, he worked to turn around distressed companies, assisted telecom and technology firms and co-founded McKinsey's global electronic commerce practice. During the past several years, Reed has been the CEO of both a wealth management company and a Canadian bank.

### CSSS La Pommeraiie Announces New Executive Director

The Canadian College of Health Service Executives (CCHSE) would like to congratulate Quebec board director Paula M. Rozanski, CHE, on her new position as executive director of the Centre de santé et de services sociaux (CSSS) La Pommeraiie. With more than 20 years' experience and acquired expertise, Rozanski is familiar with various healthcare settings and organizations in the public and private sectors in Canada and the United States. Rozanski obtained her master's degree in health sciences in health administration from the University of Toronto in 1986. She has been a member of CCHSE throughout her career and became a certified health executive in 1994. An active participant in chapter activities, Rozanski was one of the key members in the recent re-activation of the Quebec Chapter

and continues to play a major role in the chapter executive. Rozanski is currently a fellow in the Executive Training for Research Application (EXTRA) program, led by the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation. She is also a certified member of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

### COACH and Telehealth Merger

Canada's Health Informatics Association welcomes telehealth professionals to the organization through its April 1 merger with the Canadian Society of Telehealth (CST). The merger builds on the alignment between the two organizations and their shared vision about the critical roles that telehealth and health informatics play in transforming Canada's healthcare system to meet the increasing demands on it.

Telehealth professionals are represented through the Canadian Telehealth Forum (CTF). COACH will continue to advocate for telehealth and the Canadian telehealth community, while promoting and supporting the integration of telehealth and electronic health record capabilities through CTF.

Dr. Craddock and Liz Loewen, former CST vice-president and president-elect, have been appointed to the COACH Board of Directors to represent the telehealth community. John Schinbein, formerly executive director of CST, has joined the COACH Executive Management Team as executive director of CTF.

### St. Mary's Hospital Centre Welcomes New Vice-President

Susan Law has been appointed vice-president of academic affairs at St. Mary's Hospital Centre. She will oversee all teaching and research activities. Law was previously the vice-president of research and scientific director at the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation.

### Awards

#### 2010 Canada Gairdner Award Recipients Unveiled

The Gairdner Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2010 Canada Gairdner Awards. Canada's only international science prizes, Gairdner Awards are considered one of the world's most prestigious medical research awards. They come with a \$100,000 cash prize. This year's awards will be presented in October to the seven recipients:

- William A. Catterall, PhD, University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle
- Pierre Chambon, MD, Institut de Génétique et de Biologie Moléculaire et Cellulaire, Strasbourg, France
- William G. Kaelin, MD, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Boston
- Peter J. Ratcliffe, MD, University of Oxford, Oxford
- Gregg L. Semenza, MD, PhD, the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore
- Nicholas White, MD, DSc, Mahidol Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Unit, Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Bangkok

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- Calvin Stiller, CM, MD, chair of the Ontario Institute for Cancer Research, and past chair of Genome Canada



### **Killam Prize for York University Professor**

York University Professor Ellen Bialystok has been awarded the prestigious Killam Prize for outstanding career achievement. Bialystok, a distinguished research professor in York's Department of Psychology, Faculty of Health, is known internationally for her research on language, bilingualism and cognitive development.

One of the most important research prizes in the world, the \$100,000 Killam Prize is annually awarded to five eminent Canadian scholars for their distinction in health sciences, engineering, humanities, natural sciences and social sciences. Bialystok was recognized for her work in the social sciences category.

The first in her field to research claims of cognitive deficits in bilingual children, Bialystok discovered that bilingual children and adults have distinct advantages over unilingual people when completing both linguistic and non-linguistic tasks. Her research is now revealing that this advantage continues for bilingual people as they age. She has also been recognized by the international linguistics community for her body of work on theories of language processing and on practical issues related to foreign and second-language education. Bialystok was awarded a Killam research fellowship in 2001. She is a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. In November, she received the York University President's Award of Merit in recognition of her research contributions.



### **Dr. Judith Ritchie Recognized with Award for Healthcare Leadership**

The Canadian Health Services Research Foundation is pleased to announce that Dr. Judith Ritchie, associate director of nursing research, McGill University Health Centre, is the recipient of the 2010 Excellence through Evidence award. This award recognizes the critical role of leadership in successfully implementing evidence-informed innovations in healthcare and provides an honorarium of \$15,000 to be used to inspire similar innovation across Canada.

Throughout her career, Dr. Ritchie has created and promoted the use of evidence to strengthen the quality of care provided to patients. Among her accomplishments are the following: she spearheaded the implementation of best practice guidelines to reduce falls, manage pain and protect skin integrity among patients; she was the driver behind the creation of the Eureka! fellowships, aimed at giving nurses the tools and skills to apply evidence to improve practice; and she has mentored senior leaders and clinicians in the use of evidence to inform decision-making. Dr. Ritchie has successfully bridged the worlds of clinical practice, policy, education and research.

## **Medical Hall of Fame to Welcome Six New Members**

Six new members were added to the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame during the induction ceremony at Calgary's BMO Centre in April. The six newcomers join a list of 76 previous laureates that includes physicians such as Sir William Osler and Sir Frederick Banting, and humanitarians such as Saint Marguerite d'Youville, the founder of Montreal's Grey Nuns. Joining the hall, which is located in London, Ontario, are six doctors:

- Dr. Alan Burton (1904–1979). Dr. Burton was "one of the first physicists to become a biophysicist and is considered a founding father of modern biophysics." Born in England, he spent most of his career in Canada. From 1948 to 1970, he headed the first Department of Biophysics at a Canadian medical school, located at the University of Western Ontario.
- Dr. William Cochrane. Dr. Cochrane has been a leader in pediatrics, research and medical education and a driving force behind the founding of the IWK Hospital for Children in Halifax. Dr. Cochrane also served as president of the University of Calgary and as CEO of Connaught Laboratories.
- Dr. Phil Gold. The work of Dr. Gold in Montreal culminated in the co-discovery (with Dr. Samuel Freedman) of the carcinoembryonic antigen, the first clinically useful human tumour marker and a "concept-shifting discovery." His work led directly to the launch of the McGill Cancer Centre in 1974. Dr. Gold is also a recipient of the F.N.G. Starr Award, the Canadian Medical Association's highest honour.
- Dr. James Hogg. Dr. Hogg's research "has arguably had a greater influence on knowledge of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and asthma than that of any other individual worldwide." The James Hogg Centre for Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Research at the University of British Columbia is named in his honour.
- Dr. M. Vera Peters (1911–1993). Dr. Peters was recognized as an "outstanding clinical investigator" whose work changed the management of Hodgkin's disease and breast cancer (her landmark publication on Hodgkin's disease was published in 1950). She spent much of her career (1958–1976) at the Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto.
- Dr. Calvin Stiller. Dr. Stiller developed "one of the most dynamic organ transplant programs in Canada" and also organized the first multicentre clinical trial of cyclosporine in kidney transplantation. He was recognized as a "visionary with organizational genius" and as an entrepreneur who founded four venture funds to help support research.

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