

DOCTORS  
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2020  
AWARDS

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# CONGRATULATIONS



In a normal year, we would be gathering together to celebrate the remarkable accomplishments of our colleagues. We will forgo that opportunity this year to protect each other and save lives. Nevertheless, our colleagues continue to strive for a better health care system, to innovate and invent, to improve care for our patients. In fact, in the face of this global pandemic, I believe that BC doctors have risen to the challenge and provided exemplary care and innovation in the face of once-in-a-lifetime obstacles. I am proud and humbled to introduce the winners of this year's awards. I am certain you will agree they are an impressive and deserving collection of individuals and groups.

DR MATTHEW CHOW  
PRESIDENT, DOCTORS OF BC

# DR DAVID M. BACHOP GOLD MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED MEDICAL SERVICE

The Dr David M. Bachop Gold Medal is given to a BC doctor who has made an extraordinary contribution in the field of organized medicine and/or community service. Achievement should be so outstanding as to serve as an inspiration and a challenge to the medical profession in BC.



**DR STEVE BEERMAN**

Dr Steve Beerman has committed his career to serving his patients and his community. A testament to his dedication to teaching medical students and residents, he was the driving force behind the creation of UBC's Family Practice Residency Program in Nanaimo. His interest and expertise in drowning prevention has been instrumental in policy development and in child drowning prevention projects internationally. Dr Beerman is a pillar in the medical community and his extraordinary contributions have benefited physicians and patients alike.

# DR DAVID M. BACHOP SILVER MEDAL

The Dr David M. Bachop Silver Medal in general medical practice is presented annually to the UBC family practice resident or the practice-eligible British Columbia registered general practitioner who achieves the best overall result in the Family Practice Certification.



**DR LAURA HARPER**

After completing UBC's Indigenous Family Medicine Residency program last year, Dr Laura Harper provided locum support in family medicine clinics and mental health facilities in and around Vancouver. While currently on parental leave, in the next year or two she plans to start her own community longitudinal family practice with special interests in mental health and addiction.

# CHANGEMAKER AWARDS

Each year the Changemaker Award honors one medical resident and one medical student who have demonstrated exemplary leadership and dedication in advancing the policies, views, and goals of Doctors of BC or a resident or student organization through grassroots advocacy efforts.



**DR DAVID KIM**  
CHANGEMAKER RESIDENT

Dr David Kim has demonstrated his leadership and unwavering commitment to improving the lives of others. He led the creation of a newly minted Joint Task Force with the Ministry of Health to ensure medical residents have a voice in governmental health policy. He also created a new grant for residents across the province to help foster positive innovation in the areas of technology, research, patient care, and wellness. He was also instrumental in helping create the national resiliency curriculum, advocating for its delivery across the country.



**MS XUAN ZHAO**  
CHANGEMAKER STUDENT

Ms Xuan Zhao is a peer leader who inspires and mobilizes those around her. Her dedication to environmental issues led her to create UBC's EnviroMed group in which she advocated for and succeeded in incorporating climate change and health into UBC's medical curriculum. Her ongoing leadership in UBC's annual Run for Rural Medicine event helped raise \$10,000 to fund medical travel for those who need it most. And through her involvement with the Canadian Federation of Medical Students she co-wrote a call-to-action and a comprehensive policy paper for the federal government to support universally available contraception.

# COUNCIL ON HEALTH PROMOTION AWARDS

These awards recognize an individual, a BC-based non-profit organization, and a BC-based company that are working to improve the health and safety of British Columbians. Nominees must have demonstrated a concern for health and safety through specific actions or initiatives. These actions must show ingenuity and creativity, and have resulted in change with the potential for positive, long-term improvement.

## INDIVIDUAL — DR STUART GERSHMAN

A Victoria-based family doctor, Dr Stuart Gershman established the Buddy Check for Jesse (BCFJ) initiative when his young son Jesse tragically took his own life in the fall of 2014. An avid youth hockey coach, Dr Gershman began this initiative in the wake of a massive loss and created a support network of coaches across the province who speak to their impressionable teams about the importance of mental health. Since its inception, more than 15,000 youth hockey players across the province have heard the BCFJ's message that it is a strength, not a weakness, to share feelings and emotions. The program is set to expand to other sports in the future.

## BC-BASED NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION — BC CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE IN HIV/AIDS

A world leader in HIV/AIDS research and prevention, The BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS has a track record of almost three decades spent dedicated to the health and safety of British Columbians. The organization's globally recognized Treatment as Prevention to End the AIDS Epidemic in BC and Beyond strategy advocates for widespread HIV testing and facilitates access to free medical treatment for thousands of eligible individuals in BC. Treatment as Prevention has exceeded its target goals and seen a dramatic decrease in HIV diagnoses and AIDs morbidity and mortality.

## BC-BASED COMPANY — THRIVE HEALTH

A software company established with the goal of improving health care delivery in Canada and worldwide, Thrive Health recently partnered with the BC government to develop the COVID-19 Support App and Self-Assessment Tool, empowering British Columbians with accurate information, health support, self-assessment functionality, and statistics on a single platform. The platform has provided more than 10 million COVID-19 risk assessments to date, and more than 1 million people are active users.



# CMA HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Honorary membership to the Canadian Medical Association goes to BC doctors who, at the age of 65, have been active members of the association for at least 10 years. Recipients are held in high regard by their colleagues; they are humanitarians who have put into practice the aims and ideals of our profession, and exemplify the words of the CMA Coat of Arms: *integritate et misericordia* – integrity and compassion.

## DR JAMES BOYLE

A clinical professor in plastic surgery at UBC, Dr James Boyle has made a number of contributions to the field, including dedicated service at Vancouver General and BC Children's Hospitals, and has shared his hand surgery expertise in a consulting role with WorkSafeBC.

## DR KAREN BUHLER

With a commitment to a specialized focus on maternity care, family physician Dr Karen Buhler has been a strong advocate for woman-centered care and has played an instrumental role in helping midwifery become regulated in BC.

## DR B. JEAN CLARKE

Dr Jean Clarke's leadership and tireless work representing and advocating for her fellow family physicians saw her apply her formidable skills in positions such as executive director for the Section of General Practice and president of BC Family Doctors 2005-06.

## DR MARK CORBETT

Dr Mark Corbett is known for his decades long commitment to his family practice and advocacy for his patients. He also played a vital role in leading Doctors of BC through its governance restructure when he was chair of the Board.

## DR LYLE DALY

Dr Lyle Daly, a clinical neurologist in Prince George, holds the dual roles of director of the Neurophysiology Department and medical director of the Prince George MS Clinic. He has dedicated his career to improving the health of British Columbians.

## DR BARRY HAGEN

Dr Barry Hagen's impressive medical career in family medicine, obstetrics, and anesthesiology spans many decades and includes positions of chief of staff and chief of anesthesia at University Hospital of Northern BC.

## DR KHATI HENDRY

A family physician, Dr Khati Hendry moved from the US to British Columbia 14 years ago largely because of our medicare system and the ability to take better care of her patients. In that time she has also collaborated with Doctors of BC and the Ministry of Health to help improve primary care across the province.

## DR NIVAIR LEVITT

Originally from Zambia, Dr Nivair Levitt has been a family physician in Vancouver for close to four decades. She has excelled in the area of HIV/AIDS and her work has benefitted thousands of patients both locally and internationally.

## DR W. JOHN MAIL

A family doctor since 1980 and a mentor to many, Dr John Mail is known to his patients as a compassionate and knowledgeable doctor with a passion for longitudinal care and preventative medicine.

## DR G. DOUGLAS MCCAULEY

Dr Douglas McCauley's contributions include laudable work in critical care and respiratory medicine, and he is noted for his stellar teaching reputation among UBC students in his role as clinical assistant professor in the Division of Respiratory Medicine.

## DR HOWARD MILLS

Dr Howard Mills's storied career as a full-service family doctor in the small northern community of Kitimat spans many decades, where he continues to work in a variety of areas, from obstetrics and emergency response, to home visits and palliative care.

## DR ORMOND PANTON

Originally from Jamaica, Dr Ormond Panton, a general surgeon, is considered a pioneer in laparoscopic surgery for his innovation and tireless commitment to improving patient care in BC.

## DR TOM PERRY

A general internist with additional training in clinical pharmacology, Dr Tom Perry dedicated much of his career to teaching rational and conservative prescribing and deprescribing and, while retired from practice, he continues to give back through his involvement in the UBC Therapeutics Initiative.

## DR SHELLEY ROSS

In her family practice, Dr Shelley Ross had a special interest and emphasis in obstetrics. She was also involved with Doctors of BC for many years, serving as the association's president and as co-chair of the GPSC. She also sits on the board of the CMA, and has committed much of her career to women's health at the national and international levels.

## DR GAVIN STUART

Dr Gavin Stuart has played a critical role in medical education in BC as the former dean of the Faculty of Medicine and UBC's vice-provost of health, as well as leadership of large clinical trials and public and private boards.

## DR BRIAN WINSBY

Dr Brian Winsby's decades-long dedication to his family practice in Victoria is much appreciated, along with his vital presence on committees such as the GPSC, the Section of General Practice's Economics Committee, and for his long service as chair of the Tariff Committee from 1996 to 2019.

# DOCTORS OF BC SILVER MEDAL OF SERVICE AWARD

The Doctors of BC Silver Medal of Service is awarded to physicians who have made outstanding contributions to medicine and/or the improvement of British Columbians' welfare.



## DR THOMAS BAILEY, medal awarded posthumously

Before his passing in 2019, Dr Thomas (Tom) Bailey ran a community family practice office providing care to British Columbians for 40 years, most recently in Victoria. A true primary care advocate, he held many positions including the presidencies of the British Columbia College of Family Physicians and College of Family Physicians of Canada, and medical director for Residential Services with Island Health. At UBC, Dr Bailey was both an associate professor in the Department of Family Practice, and student/resident preceptor. A kind and humble leader in family medicine, Dr Bailey's legacy endures.

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A former executive director of the Section of General Practice and former president of BC Family Doctors, Dr Jean Clarke's vision and leadership have been a vital element of primary care innovation in the province. Her sharp corporate memory, keen political savvy, and innate talent for problem-solving made her an invaluable contributor. Recently retired from her family medicine post at St. Paul's Hospital, her contributions are fondly remembered by patients.

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**DR SOMA GANESAN**

Born in Vietnam, Dr Soma Ganesan has been a practising psychiatrist in Canada since 1988, having arrived some years earlier as a refugee. He is the director of the Vancouver General Hospital Cross-Cultural Clinic and a clinical professor of Psychiatry at UBC. The recipient of awards such as the Creative Counseling Award from BC Association of Clinical Counselors, 1999, and UBC's John F. McCreary Lecture Award, Dr Ganesan is an expert in cross-cultural mental health care and cultural psychiatry. Dr Ganesan also co-founded the Vancouver Association for Survivors of Torture, among many other achievements.

# DR DON RIX AWARD FOR PHYSICIAN LEADERSHIP

Established in memory of the late Dr Donald Rix, this award recognizes lifetime achievements and exemplary physician leadership so outstanding that it serves as an inspiration and a challenge to the medical profession in British Columbia.



**DR SHELLEY ROSS**

Dr Shelley Ross has made significant contributions to improve the health of British Columbians and to women's health at the national and international level. She has a long and distinguished involvement with Doctors of BC, participating on and chairing numerous committees as well serving as president. Through her involvement with the Medical Women's International Association she has advocated on behalf of women in medicine and women's health globally. Dr Ross is an exemplary leader and an inspiration to the medical profession.

# DOCTORS OF BC 2019 RECOGNITION AWARDS

## DR MILTON BAKER

Served as a member on the Overhead Committee for 5 years.

## DR DAVID BRABYN

Served as a member on the Allocation Support Committee for 8 years.

## DR BILL CAVERS

Served as a member on the Physician Services Committee for 3 years.

## DR JONATHAN DOWN

Served as a member on the Alternative Physician Payment Issues Committee for 6 years.

## DR THOMAS GOETZ

Served as Co-Chair on the WorkSafe BC Projects Innovations Committee for 6 years.

## DR KHATI HENDRY

Served as a member on the General Practice Services Committee for 6 years.

## DR MARK HILL

Served as a member on the Allocation Committee for 4 years.

## DR MARY HINCHLIFFE

Served as a member on the Nutrition Committee for 6 years.

## DR NASIR JETHA

Served as a member on the Hamber Foundation for 6 years.

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## DR CHARUKA MAHESWARAN

Served as Co-Chair on the Physician Health Program Steering Committee for 3 years.

## DR DON MILLIKEN

Served as a member on the Council on Health Economics & Policy Committee for 13 years, including 6 years as Chair.

## DR RANDY MOORE

Served as a member on the Tariff Committee for 17 years.

## DR SIMON RABKIN

Served as a member on the Joint Benefits Committee for 6 years.

## DR TIM ROWE

Served as a member on the *BCMJ* Editorial Board for 26 years.

## DR DAVID SCHAEFFER

Served as a member on the Allocation Committee for 4 years.

## DR JOHN SOLES

Served as a member on the Joint Standing Committee on Rural Issues for 6 years.

## DR BRIAN WINSBY

Served as Chair on the Tariff Committee for 39 years.

## DR KENNETH WONG

Served as a member on the Overhead Committee for 5 years.



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## DR IAN BEKKER

Served as a member on the Driver Fitness Advisory Group for 6 years.

## DR IAN CONNELL

Served as a member on the WorkSafeBC Projects and Innovation Committee for 6 years.

## DR MARK CORBETT

Served as a member on the Joint Benefits Committee for 13 years.

## DR JOHANN CUNNINGHAM

Served as a member on the Negotiations Forum for 7 years.

## DR QUYNH DOAN

Served as a member on the Emergency Services Advisory Committee for 6 years.

## DR TOMMY GERSCHMAN

Served as a member on the Athletics and Recreation Committee for 6 years.

## DR ALISON HARRIS

Served as a member on the Negotiations Forum for 3 years.

## DR BRUCE HOBSON

Served as a member on the Continuing Professional Development Nucleus Committee for 6 years.

## DR DAN HORVAT

Served as a member on the Council on Health Economics and Policy Committee for 6 years.

## DR KATHY LEE

Served as a member on the Specialist Services Committee for 6 years.

## DR CHRISTOPHER LITTLE

Served as a member on the Rural Issues Committee for 6 years

## DR JAMES LU

Served as a member on the Environmental Health Committee for 4.5 years.

## DR LAURIE MCCOY

Served as a member on the Geriatric & Palliative Care Committee for 6 years.

## DR KATHARINE MCKEEN

Served as a member on the Awards Committee for 6 years.

## DR RANDY MOORE

Served as a member on the Provincial MOCAP Review Committee for 6 years.

## DR CHRISTIE NEWTON

Served as a member on the CPD Nucleus Committee for 6 years.

## DR KATHERINE PATON

Served as Chair on the Awards Committee for 6 years.

## DR LORNE VERHULST

Served on the Patterns of Practice Committee as chair 3 for years, and as a member for 8 years.

# DOCTORS OF BC PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS AWARD IN MEDICINE

This annual entrance award funds all four years of medical school, including tuition, textbooks, and student fees. Recipients must demonstrate outstanding academic performance and community involvement, with an emphasis on health care improvement. This is the second year the award has been granted.



## MS KIMBERLEY THOMAS

From Ms Thomas's thank you letter: "One of the most unforgettable and profound moments of my life will be... hearing that I was accepted into the Northern Medical Program and was this year's recipient of the Doctors of BC Presidential Scholars Award in Medicine... For my hardworking parents, your generosity demonstrated strong reason behind their lifelong efforts to provide an education for their daughters. For people who come from backgrounds like me, you illustrated that they too deserve a seat in the career worlds of medicine, academia, health care, and science... Beyond alleviating a massive financial burden, this award gifted me an incredible sense of confidence and belonging. Throughout my medical education, I will continue to follow in the steps of my mentors and put my passion and drive into BC's health care through affecting systems, communities, and minds."



