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<p><b>Miin Alikhan</b>  <b>Assistant Deputy Minister of Professional Services and Health Benefits, Alberta Health</b></p> <p>Miin Alikhan is the Assistant Deputy Minister of the Professional Services and Health Benefits division at Alberta Health. This division is responsible for health human resource planning, health provider compensation, pharmaceuticals and the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan.</p> <p>Before accepting her role as ADM, Ms. Alikhan served as director of the Health Quality Branch in the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, where she oversaw the Excellent Care for All Act to advance the provincial quality agenda.</p> <p>Her work at government and as an administrator in an academic hospital has been widely recognized through publications, invited speaking engagements and awards, which have included the national 3M Health Care Quality Team Award, and awards for excellence in mentorship and health system leadership.</p> <p>Ms. Alikhan has held clinical and progressively senior roles in healthcare over the past 15 years with specific strengths in policy and strategy, governance and partnership development, quality improvement, and change and performance measurement.</p> <p>Ms. Alikhan is a Certified Health Executive with the Canadian College of Health Leaders, a Certified Patient Safety Officer, and a graduate of the Ivey Executive Program at Western University, the Harvard Executive High Potentials Leadership Program and Utah’s Intermountain Healthcare Advanced Training Program in quality and health services leadership.</p>	
<p><b>Joe Arvai</b>  <b>Svare Chair in Applied Decision Research, Department of Geography, and Institute for Sustainable Energy, Environment and Economy (ISEEE)</b></p> <p>Joe Arvai is a professor and the Svare Chair in Applied Decision Research in the Department of Geography, and the Institute for Sustainable Energy, Environment, and Economy at the University of Calgary. He is also a Senior Researcher at Decision Research in Eugene, OR, and an Adjunct Professor in Engineering and Public Policy at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA. Arvai has a Ph.D. in the risk and decision sciences from the University of British Columbia and also holds degrees in ecology (BSc) and oceanography (MSc).</p> <p>Arvai’s research focuses on advancing our understanding of how people process information and make decisions, both as individuals and in groups. A second objective of his research is to develop and test decision support tools that can be used to improve decision quality across a wide range of environmental, social, and economic contexts.</p> <p>In addition to his research, Arvai teaches courses on judgment and decision making, systems analysis, sustainability, and research methods for both</p>	

undergraduates and graduate students. He also leads training sessions, in Canada and abroad, for professionals and practitioners who work at the nexus between human and environmental systems.

Beyond his research, Dr. Arvai frequently leads workshops to improve the decision-making skills of both risk managers and stakeholders. Dr. Arvai's home is in Calgary but he works across Canada, the United States, and internationally as a consultant to various government agencies and non-profit groups; recently, he has worked as a member of the [EPA's Science Advisory Board](#) and the [National Academy of Sciences' Board on Environmental Change and Society](#).

**John Z. Ayanian, MD, MPP**  
**Director, Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation**

Dr. John Z. Ayanian was appointed director of the Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation at the University of Michigan in November 2012.

Dr. Ayanian also serves as a professor of Internal Medicine in the Medical School, Professor of Health Management and Policy in the School of Public Health, and Professor of Public Policy in the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy.

Prior to joining the University of Michigan, he was Professor of Medicine and Health Care Policy at Harvard Medical School, Professor of Health Policy and Management in the Harvard School of Public Health, and a practicing General Internist at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

Dr. Ayanian earned his Bachelor's degree from Duke University, his Medical degree from Harvard Medical School, and Master of Public Policy degree from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. He completed his residency and fellowship training in General Internal Medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital.



**Cheryl Barnabe, MD, MSc, FRCPC**

Dr. Cheryl Barnabe is an Assistant Professor in the Departments of Medicine and Community Health Sciences, University of Calgary. Dr. Barnabe completed medical school and internal medicine training at the University of Manitoba, and rheumatology training and her graduate degree in Clinical Epidemiology at the University of Calgary.

Dr. Barnabe's research program, 'Arthritis Care for Indigenous Populations', is defining the burden of rheumatic disease afflicting the Indigenous populations of Canada, while co-developing promising health services interventions to bridge care gaps that exist. She has created a successful research network with local Indigenous groups (Siksika Nation, Aboriginal Health Program of Alberta Health Services) as well as nationally, to achieve the research program objectives. Dr. Barnabe has been the faculty co-chair of the Group for Research with Aboriginal Peoples for Health (GRAPH) since 2012, which is an O'Brien Institute for Public Health research collaboration that includes over 70 members from academia throughout Alberta, as well as Alberta Health Services, the Alberta First Nations Information



Governance Centre, and the Métis Nation of Alberta. Dr. Barnabe is also a scientist with the Arthritis Research Centre.

Dr. Barnabe has received several national awards, including a CIHR New Investigator Award (2015-2020), the Canadian Rheumatology Association Young Investigator Award (2014), and the Canadian Rheumatology Association – The Arthritis Society Clinician Investigator Award (2013-2015).

**Ronald J. Bridges MD, FRCPC**

Dr. Ron Bridges is a graduate of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Calgary (1981). He completed postgraduate family medicine training at McMaster University (1983) and specialty training in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology at the University of Calgary (1989). He maintains membership in the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology (CAG), American Gastroenterological Association, Alberta Society of Gastroenterology, Canadian Association for the Study of the Liver, American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, Canadian Society of Physician Executives, Alberta Medical Association, Canadian Medical Association and Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons (RCPSC).

Dr. Bridges has held several significant professional positions including President of the Alberta Society of Gastroenterology, Chair of the CAG Education Committee, Chair of the RCPSC Gastroenterology Examination Committee, President of the CAG, Head Division of Gastroenterology at the University of Calgary, and Associate Chief Medical Officer for the Calgary Health Region. He was also instrumental in developing the Forzani and MacPhail Colon Cancer Screening Centre that opened in Calgary in 2008.

Dr. Bridges is presently Professor of Medicine and Senior Associate Dean (Faculty Affairs), Faculty of Medicine, University of Calgary. He is currently a member of the: President’s Council, Canadian Digestive Health Foundation; Past President’s Council, CAG; Strategic Advisory Boards for the Libin Cardiovascular Institute of Alberta and the O’Brien Institute for Public Health.



**Ann Casebeer, MPA, PhD**

Ann Casebeer is an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences, based at the O’Brien Institute for Public Health, located at the University of Calgary. For the past 20 years, her academic work has targeted: advancing experiential learning platforms in both practice and educational settings; broadening the stakeholder base for health system decision making to better include patient and citizen perspectives; and, evaluating team and networked based innovation.

She combines an applied practice background with an academic grounding in organizational learning and systems change. Her understanding of innovation and broad social policy mechanisms for change within complex environments is anchored by 10 years in the UK National Health Service, and 15 years with SEARCH (a public service organization targeting knowledge development for health gain). Research expertise includes the



use of qualitative and mixed methods in action-oriented contexts and for knowledge generation, exchange and use.

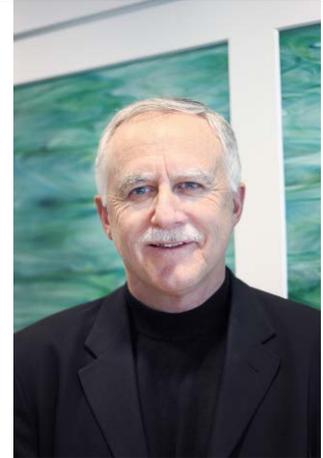
Since leaving her full-time academic position, Ann is a Principal Consultant with The Kensington Group - undertaking strategic assessment, learning facilitation and evaluative research focusing on public and not-for-profit quality assurance and innovation. She remains active within the academic community and currently serves as a member on the Executive Advisory Committee of the O'Brien Institute for Public Health. She also retains an Adjunct Professor position at The School of Public Policy and Administration at Carleton University.

**John Conly, MD, FRCPC**

Dr. John Conly is a Professor and former Head of the Department of Medicine at the University of Calgary and the Alberta Health Services - Calgary and Area, Canada, where he developed the largest Alternate Funding Plan for internal medicine in Canada and spearheaded the development of 17 new innovative clinics and initiatives including the use of alternate care providers, central access and triage to improve wait times and founding the Ward of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Dr. Conly is medically trained as a specialist in Infectious Diseases, and was a founding Co-Chair of the Canadian Hospital Epidemiology Committee, past President of the Canadian Infectious Disease Society, past Chairman of the Board for the Canadian Committee on Antibiotic Resistance and a previous Vice Chair for the Canadian Expert Drug Advisory Committee. He is currently the Medical Director of the W21C, a member of both the O'Brien Institute for Public Health and the Synder Institute for Chronic Diseases at the University of Calgary, a Board member for the Canadian Foundation for Infectious Diseases, the Editor-in-Chief for the Canadian Journal of Infectious Diseases and Medical Microbiology and a consultant to the WHO for the GIPC Network and the WHO Advisory Group on Integrated Antimicrobial Surveillance.

Dr. Conly has published over 300 papers, and has received numerous career honours in teaching, research, mentorship, innovation and service. His current interests focus on innovations in health care, patient safety and antimicrobial resistance.



**Lauchlan Currie**

Lauchlan is President of ARC Financial Corp., responsible for ARC's investment activities where he leads our team responsible for managing existing fund investments and identifying and developing new investment opportunities. He is a member of ARC's Executive, Investment and Strategy committees. Lauchlan currently represents ARC on the board of Capio Exploration Ltd. and Tangle Creek Energy Ltd.

Lauchlan's education includes an M.B.A. from Queen's University and a B.Sc. in Geology from the University of Calgary, and a designated P.Geol. in Alberta. He was a Chairman of the Board of the Glenbow Museum, former Oil & Gas Section Chairman of the United Way, and past Fundraiser of the



Year for the Calgary Homeless Foundation. Lauchlan is a member of the 2012 Advisory Council of The Calgary Stampede and Director of the Southern Alberta Land Trust Society.

**Jack Davis**

Jack Davis is the Chairman of CEO.Mobile Inc., a company that advises CEOs and corporations on leadership and strategy.

From 1999 to 2008, Jack served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Calgary Health Region. Prior to this role, Jack was responsible for the Alberta Public Service as Deputy Minister of Executive Council with several years of previous experience as a deputy minister in various government departments including Solicitor General, Municipal Affairs and Housing, Aboriginal Affairs, Transportation and Utilities and Health.

Jack graduated from the University of Regina with a Bachelors of Arts in Philosophy (Hons.) and a Masters of Arts in Psychology, and is accredited as a Chartered Psychologist in Alberta. Jack currently serves as the Chair of the Board of the Sinneave Family Foundation, Vice Chair of the Board of the Pure North Foundation and is on the Boards of Directors of Teranet Inc., CBI Health Group, Lifelabs Inc. and the Canadian Council for Public Private Partnerships. In addition, Jack is Chair of the Advisory Council for the O'Brien Bachelor of Health Science Program and is a member of the Advisory Councils of the Hotchkiss Brain Institute and the O'Brien Institute for Public Health, all of which are associated with the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Calgary.

Jack has previously served on the boards of the Alberta Social Housing Corporation, Alberta Energy and Utilities Advisory Board, Scripps Foundation for Medicine and Science, Mount Royal University and Banff Centre.



**Jamie Day, PhD**

**Administrative Director, O'Brien Institute for Public Health**

Jamie Day is the Administrative Director of the O'Brien Institute for Public Health. Trained as a biomedical researcher (PhD Neuroscience), her postdoctoral experiences developed strengths in scientific writing and research management. Jamie has over ten years' experience as a university research administrator and brings to the Institute valuable experience with strategic funding applications, budgeting and reporting of research infrastructure projects, navigating university systems and policies, and the management of research projects and teams.



**Jill de Grood**

Jill de Grood completed her Masters degree in April 2009 through the Department of Sociology at the University of Calgary. Her thesis project examined factors impacting lawyer's physical and mental health. She has been in an evolving leadership role with W21C for four years, with involvement in numerous industry partner projects in areas such as technology assessment, infection prevention and control, as well as examining the effectiveness of health care innovations and their impact on patient care. Jill is a published author with five journal publications along with two knowledge translation pieces. Jill is currently the Director of W21C, responsible for directing and facilitating the progression of W21C with respect to its vision, concept, implementation and evaluation. Jill hopes to continue to evolve the W21C program, building on the W21C's previous successes over the past nine years.

**Peter de Jong****Vice President & Investment Advisor, RBC Dominion Securities Inc.**

Peter de Jong is a Vice President and Investment Advisor with RBC Dominion Securities in Calgary.

Born and raised in Calgary, Peter grew up in a household where hard work was encouraged. This continues today as hard work is what best defines him, whether it be as an accomplished amateur wrestler, representing Canada in two Junior World Championships, or working up north in the Oil and Gas industry to help fund his education. This attitude continued when Peter began his career with RBC Dominion Securities in 2005. Under the tutelage of an experienced Vice President, Peter earned the right to succeed him in the management of his client base. With a focus on wealth management, he and his team are responsible for managing over \$300M in investable client assets. Peter is proud to work for Canada's leading full-service investment and wealth management firm.

Peter's strongest support comes from his family at home. Married in 2006, Peter and his wife, Tina, met in college. Peter credits much of his success, to the foundation of support he receives from her. Peter and Tina are the proud parents of their young son Ryker.

Proud of his accomplishments in Calgary, Peter feels that it is important to give back to a community that has provided him with so many opportunities. Peter and Tina's charities of choice include the United Way of Calgary and Cochrane Humane Society and more recently, the O'Brien Institute for Public Health.



**Christopher Eagle, MD, MBA, BScHons**

Dr. Chris Eagle is a retired Professor at the University of Calgary (maintaining an adjunct appointment in the Department of Community Health Sciences), and holds adjunct appointments at the Universities of Alberta and Victoria. He is an acknowledged leader in the field of health care administration.

Dr. Eagle twice graduated from the University of Calgary (BScHons 1973, MD 1977) and holds an MBA from the University of Western Ontario. He specialized in cardiac anesthesiology. In 1991, he was appointed Professor and Head of the Department of Anesthesia at the University of Calgary. He has published more than 70 articles and has made many addresses to various professional societies, many in the area of health care quality and safety. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (1981), Diplomate of the American Board of Anesthesiologists (1982), and Fellow of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthesia (1995).

Dr. Eagle has had a long career in health care administration. Most recently, he was President and Chief Executive Officer of Alberta Health Services, an organization with a C\$13Bn operating budget and 100,000 employees. He has served as President and Chief Operating Officer of the Calgary Health Region, Executive VP and Chief Clinical Officer, VP and CIO of the Calgary Health Region, Associate Chief Medical Officer, Executive Director of the Foothills Hospital (Calgary), and Head of the Department of Anesthesia. He has also worked as Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Medical Education at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Calgary. He is past-Chair of the Specialty Committee of Anesthesia, former Chief Examiner in Anesthesia, and past-Examiner in Anesthesia for the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Dr. Eagle has served as a Board member on a number of health organizations. He was on the inaugural Board for the Health Quality Council of Alberta and recently served on the Board of the Canadian Institute of Health Information.



**Rosmin Esmail, MSc, CHE**

**Director, SCN Health Technology Assessment and Adoption, Innovation & Research Operations, Research Innovation and Analytics Portfolio, AHS**

Rosmin Esmail is the Director of the SCN Health Technology Assessment and Adoption team within the Innovation and Research Operations are of the Research, Innovation and Analytics Portfolio with Alberta Health Services. The team provides support to the Strategic Clinical Networks with respect to the health technology assessment, reassessment, innovation and knowledge translation leads. She has a Bachelors Degree from McMaster University, a Masters of Science Degree from Queen's University, a Certificate in Professional Management from the University of Calgary and a Certified Health Executive Designation from the Canadian College of Health Leaders. She is also an adjunct lecturer with the Department of Oncology, Faculty of Medicine with the University of Calgary. She brings a broad-base of experience and interest in health care to her role with an emphasis on the application of evidence-based research and knowledge translation to clinical practice. She employs a systems-level approach to support change, strategic planning and knowledge translation. She has published over 35 papers and given numerous presentations in the areas of epidemiology, quality improvement, patient safety, health technology assessment, knowledge translation and implementation science.



**Derek Evans**

**O'Brien Institute Strategic Advisory Board Chair**

Mr. Derek Evans, P.Eng., is currently the President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of Pengrowth Energy Corporation. Most recently he served as President, CEO and Director of Focus Energy Trust from May 2002 until March 2008. Mr. Evans has over 30 years of experience in the energy sector in Western Canada, having spent the majority of his career with Renaissance Energy Limited in operational and senior management positions.

Mr. Evans holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mining Engineering from Queen's University and is a registered Professional Engineer in the Province of Alberta.

At present Mr. Evans serves as a director of Franco-Nevada Corporation and Chairman of Endurance Energy, a private oil and gas company, as well as a director of a number of not-for-profit organizations. Mr. Evans is also a member of the Institute of Corporate Directors.



**Dr. Tim Evans**

**Director, Health Nutrition & Population, Human Development Network,  
The World Bank**

Dr. Tim Evans is the Director for Health, Nutrition and Population at the World Bank. Dr. Evans has been active in the international health arena for more than 20 years.

Before joining the World Bank he was the Dean of the James P. Grant School of Public Health of BRAC University in Bangladesh. Previously he served as Assistant Director General at the World Health Organization, heading the Evidence, Information, Research and Policy Clusters, where he oversaw the production of the annual World Health Report. Dr. Evans has been a leader in advancing global health equity and health systems performance throughout his career, notably through his work with the Rockefeller Foundation and the Harvard School of Public Health and with his contributions to the development of innovative partnerships, including the Global Alliance on Vaccines and Immunization, INDEPTH and Health Metrics networks, the Global Health Workforce Alliance and the World Alliance for Patient Safety.

Dr. Evans earned his DPhil in agricultural economics at Oxford, and pursued medical and postgraduate studies at McMaster and Harvard Universities.



**Tom Feasby, BSc(Med), MD, FRCPC  
ISAG Meeting Chair**

Dr. Feasby received his MD degree from the University of Manitoba, trained in Neurology at the University of Western Ontario, completed a research fellowship at the Institute of Neurology in London, UK, and trained in health services research at the RAND Corporation in Santa Monica, California and UCLA. He founded Canada's leading stroke program in Calgary, and the Calgary Neuromuscular and ALS Clinics. He built the Department of Clinical Neurosciences in Calgary into the leading department in Canada and founded iCARE, a health services research organization in Edmonton.

Dr. Feasby's early research focused on the pathophysiology and treatment of nerve diseases, especially Guillain-Barré Syndrome. His current research is in health services, specifically the quality, appropriateness and overuse of medical interventions. His research has been supported by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. He has published over 100 scientific research papers as well as op-ed articles in leading Canadian newspapers. He was Head of the Department of Clinical Neurosciences at the University of Calgary and the Calgary Health Region from 1992-2002. He was Vice-President of Academic Affairs at Capital Health in Edmonton and Associate Dean in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Alberta from 2003-07.

Dr. Feasby served as Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Calgary from 2007-2012 and oversaw the creation of the O'Brien Institute for Public Health. He currently serves on the Board of the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research and the Multiple Sclerosis Society of



Canada, and sits on the Strategic Advisory Board of the O'Brien Institute for Public Health.

**Pablo Fernandez**

**Strategic Communications Manager, O'Brien Institute for Public Health**

Pablo joined the O'Brien Institute in October 2014 and brings with him a background solidly rooted in journalism and military service. For the last 14 years he has been an award-winning staff journalist at several media outlets including The Calgary Sun and the Huffington Post. For the last six years, he has been an editor, department head and bureau chief specializing in developing and implementing online, brand growth and community engagement strategies. As an advisor, Pablo has also put his journalistic skills to work handling critical incident communications and community relations with the Canadian Army.



**Dr. Christine Friedenreich**

**Scientific Leader, Department of Cancer Epidemiology and Prevention Research, Alberta Health Services**

**Adjunct Professor, Departments of Oncology and Community Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine, University of Calgary**

**Division Head, Division of Preventive Oncology, Department of Oncology**

Dr. Friedenreich is the Scientific Leader for the Department of Cancer Epidemiology and Prevention Research of CancerControl Alberta, Alberta Health Services and the Division Head for the Division of Preventive Oncology, Department of Oncology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Calgary. She is also an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine.

Dr. Friedenreich completed her doctorate in Epidemiology at the University of Toronto in 1990 and postdoctoral work at the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) in Lyon, France and at the University of Calgary between 1990 and 1994. She holds a Health Senior Scholar career award from Alberta Innovates-Health Solutions and in 2012 was named the Alberta Cancer Foundation's Weekend to End Women's Cancers Breast Cancer Chair at the University of Calgary. In 2004-5, Dr. Friedenreich was the Visiting Scientist at the IARC.

In 2013, Dr Friedenreich was a co-recipient of the Canadian Cancer Society's O. Harold Warwick Prize. Dr Friedenreich's research is focused on understanding the role of physical activity in reducing the risk of developing cancer and in improving quality of life and survival after cancer diagnosis. She has conducted over 35 research observational and randomized controlled exercise intervention trials of physical activity in cancer control. A particular focus for her research is investigating the underlying biologic mechanisms involved in the association between physical activity and cancer risk and survival.



**William Ghali, MD MPH, FRCPC**

**Scientific Director, O'Brien Institute for Public Health**

Dr. William Ghali, MD, MPH, is the Scientific Director of the O'Brien Institute for Public Health at the University of Calgary. He is also a Professor in the Departments of Medicine and Community Health Sciences at the University of Calgary, and a practicing physician specialized in Internal Medicine. He recently completed two terms as a Canada Research Chair in Health Services Research, and has also been funded as a Senior Health Scholar by Alberta Innovates Health Solutions. Clinically, he is trained as a General Internist (MD ['90] - University of Calgary, FRCP(C) ['94] - Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario), and completed methodological training in health services research and epidemiology at the Boston University School of Public Health (MPH ['95]).

Dr. Ghali's research program is in the general area of health services research and his work focuses on interdisciplinary approaches to evaluating and improving health system performance to produce better patient outcomes and improved system efficiency. He leads or co-leads three inter-related research and innovation initiatives: 1) the Alberta Provincial Project for Outcome Assessment in Coronary Heart Disease (APPROACH – see [www.approach.org](http://www.approach.org)); 2) the Ward of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century initiative (W21C – see [www.w21c.org](http://www.w21c.org)); and 3) the International Methodology Consortium for Coded Health Information (IMECCHI – [www.imecchi.org](http://www.imecchi.org)), with strong linkages to the World Health Organization. These three initiatives share the overriding goal of enhancing the use of health information to produce applicable knowledge on system performance and patient outcomes, and through knowledge translation, tangible health system improvements.

Dr. Ghali has held millions of dollars of peer-reviewed research funding from various agencies, and has published over 350 papers in peer-reviewed journals. He has received numerous awards, including a Canadian Top 40 Under 40 Award from the Caldwell Group (2006), the David Sackett Senior Investigator Award from the Canadian Society of Internal Medicine, and Distinguished Alumni Awards from both the University of Calgary's Faculty of Medicine (2009) and the Boston University School of Public Health (2001). He was featured recently by the Globe and Mail (April 2012) as the Canadian public health researcher with the highest publication H-index, and is also named in the Thomson-Reuters listing of the top 1% of most highly cited researchers by discipline.



**Jenny Godley**

**Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Calgary**

Trained as a demographer and a social network analyst, Dr. Godley studies the effects of social class and gender on weight-related health outcomes such as obesity and eating disorders. She uses population-level survey data to investigate the social patterning of attitudes and behaviors related to diet and exercise. In a second strand of research, Dr. Godley uses social network analysis to examine interprofessional practice in the fields of obesity and eating disorders, and to evaluate interdisciplinary research teams. Dr. Godley has worked closely with the Hotchkiss Brain Institute (HBI) to examine professional interactions and interdisciplinary collaboration among HBI members.



**Kevin N. Hall**

Kevin Hall is Canadian Managing Partner of AltoPartners/Bluestone Leadership Services and Global Leader of AltoPartners Natural Resources Practice Group. Kevin is responsible for the Canadian board and executive recruitment, and leadership services consulting practices.

Kevin graduated from the University of the West of England and is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. He is a Canadian Certified Management Consultant and an alumnus of Bearing Point, Ernst & Young and KPMG. Kevin has also held senior executive level financial and operating positions with Alberta and Toronto based publicly traded and privately held companies.

Kevin has been active in the Alberta business community for over thirty years having served on various Boards of Directors and Special Committees including: The Canadian Hostelling Association, The Calgary Foundation, Trout Unlimited Canada and the Sheldon Kennedy Child Advocacy Centre. Kevin currently serves on the: Strategic Advisory Board, O'Brien Institute for Public Health, University of Calgary; YouthLink Police Interpretive Centre Board and the STAT Healthcare Corporation Board.



**Brenda Hemmelgarn, MD, PhD**

Dr. Brenda Hemmelgarn is a Professor in the Departments of Medicine and Community Health Sciences, University of Calgary, Calgary Alberta. She is a clinician scientist with clinical training in medicine (McMaster University) and sub-specialty training in nephrology (University of Calgary). She also obtained a PhD in Epidemiology and Biostatistics from McGill University.

Dr. Hemmelgarn's research interests are in the study of chronic medical conditions including chronic kidney disease, diabetes, hypertension and cardiovascular disease, as well as health services research aimed at improving management of these chronic conditions. Dr. Hemmelgarn holds provincial and national operating grants, and is the recipient of the Roy and Vi Baay Chair in Kidney Research. She is also actively involved in Clinical Practice Guideline development both nationally through the Canadian



Society of Nephrology and internationally through KDIGO, and has over 250 peer-reviewed publications.

**Matthew James, MD, PhD, FRCPC**  
**Assistant Professor, Division of Nephrology, Department of Medicine**  
**Department of Community Health Sciences**

Dr. Matthew James is a specialist in Nephrology and an Assistant Professor and clinician scientist in the Departments of Medicine and Community Health Sciences at the University of Calgary. Dr. James received his medical training at the University of British Columbia, and completed his PhD in Epidemiology at the University of Calgary. He is a KRESCENT New Investigator Award recipient and is currently supported by a CIHR New Investigator Award.

Dr. James' research interests are focused on developing and testing better risk prediction and decision support strategies for acute kidney injury in hospital, and initiatives to improve care for cardiovascular disease in patients with kidney disease. He holds competitive research funding from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), Alberta Innovates Health Solutions (AIHS), the MSI Foundation, and Kidney Foundation of Canada and he has published over 70 peer reviewed papers. His work has been recognized by the J.B. Hyne Research Innovation Award at the University of Calgary, a L.W. Killam Memorial Trust Award, and a New Investigator award from the Canadian Society of Nephrology.



**Gilaad Kaplan, BSc, MD, MPH, FRCPC**

Dr. Gil Kaplan is a gastroenterologist and epidemiologist with a clinical and research interest in the inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD). He graduated with a Masters of Public Health from the Harvard School of Public Health and completed an IBD Fellowship at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Dr. Kaplan is an Associate Professor and a clinician-scientist in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Calgary. He is a member of the O'Brien Institute for Public Health and the Snyder Institute of Chronic Diseases. He is a CIHR New Investigator and an Alberta-Innovates Health-Solutions Population Health Investigator. Dr. Kaplan has over 65 peer-reviewed publications in journals such as *Gastroenterology* and *CMAJ* and has received multiple consecutive operating grants from CIHR. He is the Director of the Environmental Health Research Group at the University of Calgary.

Dr. Kaplan is also an executive member of the Alberta IBD Consortium, which is a multi-disciplinary team that is studying gene-environment-microbial interactions in a province wide cohort of IBD patients. In 2011 Dr. Kaplan was selected as Avenue Magazine's Calgary Top 40 Under 40. In 2013 Dr. Kaplan received the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology Young Investigator Award. The overarching themes of his research program are: 1) to study the environmental determinants (e.g. pollutants) that are associated with the different phenotypes of Crohn's disease and ulcerative



colitis; and 2) to improve the delivery of care to IBD patients through health service and outcomes research.

**Aliya Kassam**

Aliya Kassam, PhD, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences. She currently is the research lead in the Office of Postgraduate Medical Education where she has projects looking at fatigue management in residents, as well as multisource feedback. Dr. Kassam teaches workshops on Biostatistics, Patient Safety and Health Research Methods to residents. She is an active supervisor in the MSc Medical Education Specialization Program where she teaches the course on Systematic Reviews/Meta-Analysis in Medical Education. Her academic background includes an undergraduate honours degree in Psychology and a Masters in Epidemiology from the University of Calgary. Dr. Kassam also has a PhD in Health Services Research from King's College, London, England. Her research interests pertaining to medical education and health services research include social responsibility, health advocacy, patient-centred care, quality improvement, psychometrics, and survey development.



**Ichiro Kawachi, MD, PhD**  
**Professor of Social Epidemiology**  
**Chair, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Harvard School of Public Health**

Dr. Ichiro Kawachi is Professor of Social Epidemiology, and Chair of the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the Harvard School of Public Health. Kawachi received both his medical degree and Ph.D. (in epidemiology) from the University of Otago, New Zealand. He has taught at the Harvard School of Public Health since 1992. Kawachi has published over 400 articles on the social and economic determinants of population health.

Dr. Kawachi was the co-editor (with Lisa Berkman) of the first textbook on Social Epidemiology, published by Oxford University Press in 2000. His other books include The Health of Nations with Bruce Kennedy (The New Press, 2002); Neighborhoods and Health with Lisa Berkman (Oxford University Press, 2003); Globalization and Health with Sarah Wamala of the Swedish National Institute of Public Health (Oxford University Press, 2006); and Social Capital and Health (Springer, 2008) co-edited with S.V. Subramanian and Daniel Kim.

Dr. Kawachi is the Senior Editor (Social Epidemiology) of the international journal Social Science & Medicine since 2000. He is an elected member of the Institute of Medicine of the US National Academy of Sciences. His research focuses across a range of social determinants of population health and health disparities. Kawachi's investigations encompass the macro-level determinants of population health (e.g. income inequality, social cohesion, and political participation), to the meso-level (neighborhood contextual influences), down to the individual-level (stress, and psychosocial risk factors for cardiovascular disease).



**Bonnie Lashewicz, PhD**

**Assistant Professor, Community Rehabilitation and Disability Studies,  
Department of Community Health Sciences**

Dr. Lashewicz completed her PhD in family sciences in the Department of Human Ecology at the University of Alberta in 2006. She took up her first academic position at University of Calgary in 2009 following a twenty-five year career as a human services educator and practitioner. Her appointment within Community Rehabilitation and Disability Studies, a community-engaged, undergraduate education focused program with a pronounced theory to practice emphasis, is an ideal context for Dr. Lashewicz's work which is about practice, policy and scholarship for mobilizing means through which people labeled "disabled" may exercise power, elevate their own standing, and in the process, permeate narrow ideologies of what constitutes personal capability.

Dr. Lashewicz leads a program of qualitative research focused how families navigate and negotiate responsibilities and identities in relation to providing support to members who have disabilities, mental health issues and/or age-associated chronic conditions. Dr. Lashewicz endeavors to encompass in-depth accounts from as many members as are interested and available and she has been able to include views of people who have significant disabilities/mental health issues and little spoken language ability, but who have been accommodated to participate using adapted communication, and with their siblings or parents present. As a result, Dr. Lashewicz has an expanding set of multi-perspective data where relationships are not only discussed but also enacted. She is endlessly interested in how many and whose perspectives are important to understandings, and with what facilitation and constraint these perspectives are collected and interpreted.



**Gail MacKean, MPA, PhD  
Consultant**

Gail is an experienced health researcher and consultant with particular expertise in the areas of research design, qualitative research methods, health program planning and evaluation, and knowledge exchange. She has worked on a number of collaborative research and evaluation teams with health organization decision-makers. Her areas of interest include public participation in health planning and policy development, patient and family centered care, healthcare quality and safety, and organizational and systems change.

Gail has a Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy from the University of Manitoba, a Masters in Public Administration from Carleton University, and a PhD in Community Health Sciences (Health Research). Her doctoral research focus was patient and family centered care.

Gail has taught graduate level courses in the determinants of health, health program planning and evaluation, and qualitative research methods. She was a member of SEARCH Canada's lead faculty team from 2004-2009; SEARCH's mission was to develop system capacity in knowledge exchange



and use. She is an Adjunct Assistant Professor with the Department of Community Health Sciences at the University of Calgary and a member of the O'Brien Institute for Public Health.

**Linda Mattern**

**Assistant Deputy Minister, Health System Accountability and Performance Division, Alberta Health**

Linda began her career in the health sector in the mid 1980s with the Alberta Children's Hospital in Calgary. She worked in Strategic Planning and Operations Research where she led the development of planning models and facilitated service planning with clinical teams. She also led or contributed to a number of initiatives to improve service delivery.

She joined the Ministry in 1992 in the workforce area as the Implementation Coordinator for Midwifery. Her work focused primarily on removing barriers to non-physicians practicing as clinical leads and developing policies and legislative changes to promote collaborative practice. She was also ministry lead in the development and implementation of the Health Professions Act. Linda was the Executive Director, Workforce Policy and Planning for 10 years.

After serving as the ADM Policy Coordination and Issues Management for Alberta Health, Linda returned to the Workforce area as the Executive Lead for Strategic Health Workforce Initiatives in order to develop the workforce policies and workforce design for the newly created primary health care Family Care Clinics being implemented in Alberta. In July 2013, she assumed the position of ADM Acute Care and Population Health and as of January 2014, ADM of Health System Accountability and Performance.

Linda has an honors undergraduate degree in sociology from McGill University focused on the sociology of complex systems. She continued her studies at the University of Western Ontario where she received her MBA.



**Gavin McCormack, MSc, PhD**

**Assistant Professor, Department of Community Health Sciences**

Dr. Gavin McCormack holds a faculty appointment as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences, Cumming School of Medicine (University of Calgary), is an Adjunct Associate Professor in the Faculty of Environmental Design (University of Calgary), and is an Adjunct Senior Research Fellow in the School of Population Health, at the University of Western Australia. His research program is in the area of population/public health and predominantly focuses on the relationships between the physical and social environments and health.

Dr. McCormack is particularly interested in the mechanisms by which neighbourhood context determines physical activity, sedentary behaviour, diet, and weight status. The overarching goal of his research is to provide relevant and rigorous evidence to inform future land use policy and planning as well as health promotion interventions, so as to improve the health of entire populations.



Dr. McCormack completed postdoctoral training in Population Health at the University of Calgary (Canada), a PhD in Public Health at the University of Western Australia, and an MSc in Sport Science at Edith Cowan University (Western Australia). Currently Dr. McCormack is involved in several research projects that among others, investigate the: 1) relationships between neighbourhood parks, physical activity and social interactions; 2) relationships between neighbourhood urban form, physical activity, diet, and obesity in adults; and; 3) the relationships between peer social networks and physical environments on health and wellbeing among children.

**Lynn McIntyre, MD, MHSc, FRCPC**  
**Associate Scientific Director, O'Brien Institute for Public Health**

Dr. Lynn McIntyre holds both a medical degree and master's degree in Community Health and Epidemiology from the University of Toronto. She is also a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Canada in Public Health and Preventive Medicine.

Dr. McIntyre is currently a Professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine, University of Calgary. She serves as Associate Scientific Director of the O'Brien Institute for Public Health. She joined the University of Calgary in July 2006. Prior to coming to Calgary, Dr. McIntyre served three terms as Dean of the Faculty of Health Professions at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Dr. McIntyre's research is focused on hunger and food insecurity issues, both domestically and in lower- and middle-income settings. She is particularly interested in women and uses both quantitative and qualitative means to address food insecurity and to advance policy that will reduce food insecurity at the population level.



**Lindsay McLaren, PhD**  
**Scientific Co-Director, Population Health & Inequities Research Centre**

Lindsay McLaren is an Associate Professor and Alberta Innovates – Health Solutions Population Health Investigator in the Department of Community Health Sciences and the O'Brien Institute for Public Health, Faculty of Medicine, University of Calgary. She holds a BA (Hon.) and MA in Psychology and a PhD in Public Health. She is a quantitative social scientist whose research focuses on the structural forces that impact on people's abilities and capacities related to health and inequity. She has published in a number of different theme areas including body weight, body image, oral health, physical activity, food policy, and child care (see [Google Scholar](#)). Her research program has been funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, and the Ministry of Health of the Alberta government. She is the Scientific Co-Director of the Population Health and Inequities Research Centre in the O'Brien Institute for Public Health, and the President-Elect of the Alberta Public Health Association.



**Jon Meddings, MD, FRCPC**

Dr. Jon Meddings has a long and accomplished history with the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Calgary. He began his first term as Dean of the faculty in July 2012 having served as Vice Dean since 2009, and previously as Interim Vice-President (Research) of the University of Calgary (2010), head of the Division of Gastroenterology, and as a professor in the Department of Medicine, while continuing to be an active member of the medical community. He also served as Chair of the Department of Medicine at the University of Alberta from 2004 to 2009.

After receiving his BMSc and MD from the University of Alberta, Dr. Meddings completed his internship in Dunedin, New Zealand at Wakari Hospital, his residency in Edmonton at the University of Alberta Hospital, and two fellowships in Dallas at the University of Texas Health Science Centre. He became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1983 and was inducted into the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences in 2010.

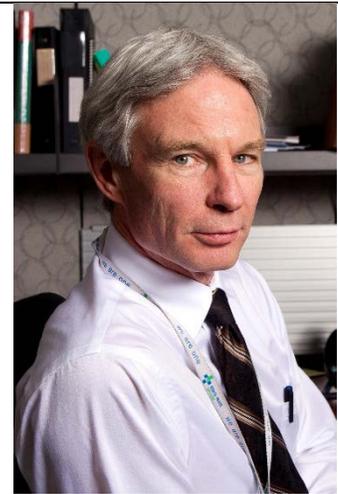
He has been honoured with several awards and distinctions for his research innovations in celiac disease, inflammatory bowel disease and bowel permeability. He is dedicated to excellence in research and education, and improving patient care in Calgary and beyond.



**Richard Musto, MD, FRCPC**

Dr. Richard Musto is Lead Medical Officer of Health for the Calgary Zone of Alberta Health Services, and the MOH lead for the Aboriginal Health Program. He has a particular interest in health equity, health promotion and disease and injury prevention. He is a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine, University of Calgary, and a member of the O'Brien Institute for Public Health.

Prior to joining the Alberta Health Services, Dr. Musto was first a family physician in Calgary, then completed his Community Medicine training and worked for 10 years as a Community Medicine Specialist with the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch of Health Canada.



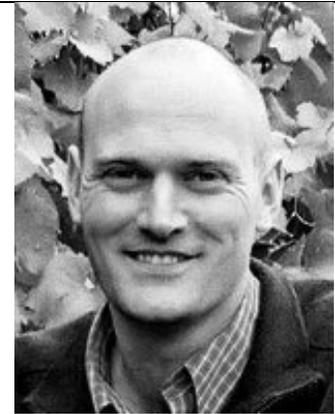
**Chris Naugler****Associate Professor, Departments of Pathology and Family Medicine**

Dr. Naugler is an Associate Professor in the Departments of Pathology and Family Medicine at the Cumming School of Medicine and a member of the O'Brien Institute for Public Health.

His training includes a BScH in Biology (Acadia) an MSC in Biology (Queen's). He completed medical training at Dalhousie University followed by Family medicine training at Western University (CCFP 1999, FCFP 2010), and specialty training in general Pathology at Dalhousie University (FRCPC 2009). Since 2010 he has been the Clinical Section Chief of General Pathology for Alberta Health Services, Calgary Zone as well as Section Chief of Pathology Informatics, Medical Director of the Alberta Health Services Laboratory Utilization Office, and Program Director of the General Pathology residency training program, which he founded.

Dr. Naugler works extensively with The Canadian Association of Pathologists, Choosing Wisely Canada, the Alberta Medical Association, and the Alberta College of Physicians and Surgeons on numerous committees.

Dr. Naugler has published over 90 papers, several books and was the winner of the 2013 University of Calgary Faculty of Medicine Watanabe Distinguished Achievement Award for Overall Excellence.

**Gail O'Brien**

Originally from Montreal, Quebec, Gail O'Brien achieved her Bachelor of Arts in English and Fine Arts from McGill University. She moved to Calgary with her husband, David, and family in 1978. Gail currently holds a board position on the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children Foundation Board of Directors, is a Director on the Board of Business for the Arts and a Trustee of the National Arts Centre Board. She is co-chair of the Council for Canadian and American Relations in New York. She chairs the Southern Alberta Cancer Institute Advisory Board as well as the Cumming School of Medicine Dean's Advisory Board at the University of Calgary and is Vice-Chair of the Strategic Advisory Board for the O'Brien Institute for Public Health, also part of the School. As well, she serves on several campaign cabinets including the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) and Trans Canada Trail.

Past Board commitments include Trustee of the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children, Chair of the National Arts Centre Foundation, Trustee of the Ontario Science Centre and Director of the Prairie Action Foundation.

Gail received the Women of Distinction Award for Business and Entrepreneurs in the year 2000. In 2010, Gail received an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from the University of Calgary as well as the Eric Harvey



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Award recognizing her contribution to the Arts from the Glenbow Museum. In September 2011, Gail received the Alberta Medical Association Award of Honor (for a non-medical person) for her contribution to Health Quality in Alberta.

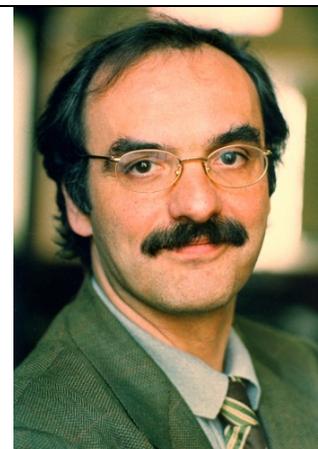
**Fred Paccaud, PhD**

**Professor and Director, Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine (IUMSP) Hospices cantonaux, Lausanne, Switzerland**  
**Professor, Department of Social and Preventive Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Université de Montréal**

Fred Paccaud is a Professor of Public Health at the Faculté de médecine de Lausanne and the Director of the Institut universitaire de médecine sociale et préventive. He sits on the Research Council (medical sciences division) of the National Fund for Scientific Research. He is also an Associate Professor at both the Université de Montréal and McGill University Faculties of Medicine.

After completing his medical training in Switzerland, he pursued his speciality in Belgium and London (where he earned an M.Sc.). His research interests were first oriented towards public health information systems, especially those concerning health services. He participated actively in the implementation of Casemix systems in Swiss hospitals, and then became interested in health care evaluation.

For the past ten years, he has pursued research in health transition, which focuses on the prevalence of chronic illnesses and the development of an appropriate social and preventive response. This transition involves both developing countries, where degenerative diseases are rapidly becoming endemic, and developed countries, which are probably experiencing the final phase of the transition, as their elderly populations age even further. Research in health transition involves highlighting the development and change of epidemiological patterns; determining factors specific to each community; and perfecting health care service response.



**Sachin R. Pendharkar, MD MSc FRCPC**

Dr. Sachin Pendharkar is an Assistant Professor in the Departments of Medicine and Community Health Sciences. He is a clinician scientist with clinical training in medicine (Western University), respirology and sleep medicine (University of Calgary). He also obtained a Masters of Science in Health Services Research (University of Calgary) and was recognized with a Governor General's Gold Medal.

Dr. Pendharkar's research interests include patient flow, healthcare operations research, and innovative models of care to improve access. He has applied these research interests to a number of clinical areas, including sleep disorders, lung cancer, and other respiratory diseases. Dr. Pendharkar's research has been supported by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research and Canadian Lung Association. He is actively involved in the mentorship and supervision of research trainees at various levels, and is involved in the



development of a number of Canadian research training initiatives in sleep medicine.

**Marie-Claude Proulx**  
**Project Coordinator, O'Brien Institute for Public Health**

Marie-Claude joined the team in September 2014. She has been working at the University of Calgary since 2009 and was formerly a Research Project Manager for the Inflammatory Bowel Disease Unit and for O'Brien Institute member, Dr. Gilaad Kaplan. Marie-Claude has a Masters degree in Molecular Biology and experience in clinical research and epidemiology. She brings to the Institute her diversified scientific and administrative background.



**Léora Rabatach**  
**IPH Communications Manager**

Léora Rabatach is Manager of Communications for the O'Brien Institute for Public Health and the Ward of the 21st Century (W21C), University of Calgary. She has worked in communications and fund development for over twelve years in both public and private sectors, and specializes in: strategic communications planning, media relations, knowledge management/knowledge translation, web development, copywriting, and editing. In addition to her new role with us, Léora is also pursuing her Master in Medical Science through the Faculty of Medicine, University of Calgary, with a specific focus in knowledge translation.



**John Reynolds, PhD**

Dr. John Reynolds received his PhD in Immunology at the Australian National University, Canberra, in 1976. He did postdoctoral work at the Institute of Cancer Research in London, UK and in 1979 he became a member of the Basel Institute for Immunology, Switzerland. In 1983 Dr. Reynolds joined the University of Calgary as an Assistant Professor in Physiology & Biophysics after receiving a Scholarship from the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research. In the subsequent 25 years Dr. Reynolds' laboratory has studied the development of B lymphocytes.

Dr. Reynolds has been active in the Canadian Society for Immunology (CSI) since 1983, serving as President and organizer of several annual conferences. His contributions to the CSI were recognized in 2008 by the creation of the John D Reynolds Award which is an annual award for outstanding contributions to the CSI.

In the Faculty of Medicine, Dr. Reynolds has served as Chair of the Gastrointestinal Research Group (1989-91) and the Immunology Research Group (1992-96), Director of the Microscopy and Imaging Facility (2001-02),



Center for Toxicology (2005-6) and the Flow Cytometry Lab 2002 – 2014. He was Head of the Department of Cell Biology and Anatomy from 1999 to 2004, Associate Dean Basic Research (2005 - 2013). He is currently Associate Vice President Research, University of Calgary. Dr Reynolds has been a member of the board of Research Canada since 2012, Innovate Calgary since 2013 and ASTech Foundation since 2013.

**Mariko Roe, BEd, BA**

**Events & Communications Coordinator. O'Brien Institute for Public Health**

Mariko joined the O'Brien Institute for Public Health in June of 2012 as their Communications Assistant. She graduated in 2007 from the University of Calgary with a BA in Communications and Culture, Majoring in Canadian Studies. She then went on to complete her teacher training and graduated in 2010 from the University of Calgary with a Bachelor of Education specializing as an elementary generalist. Mariko brings over seven years' experience with a capacity for administrative support at various corporations, and most recently as an Administrative Assistant for the Hotchkiss Brain Institute's Clinical Research Unit.



**Peter Sargious, MD**

**Assistant Dean, Continuing Medical Education, Cumming School of Medicine**

Dr. Peter Sargious is Assistant Dean, Continuing Medical Education, Cumming School of Medicine at UCalgary. Dr. Sargious received his MD from the University of Calgary in 1991, his Royal College Fellowship in Internal Medicine in 1995 and his MPH focused on epidemiology and biostatistics from Boston University in 1997. Dr. Sargious joined the University of Calgary in 1997 and also became the Manager for Alberta Research Council's newly created Health Informatics Unit. During his five years with this not-for-profit research and development organization, Dr. Sargious led the development of internationally recognized interoperability standards for telehealth applications and the commercialization of two web-based electronic medical record products.

In 2001, Dr. Sargious became the Founding Medical Director of Calgary's Chronic Disease Management (CDM) Portfolio and worked with other regional leaders to establish the Living Well Program, which offers thousands of Calgarians with treatment for a variety of chronic illnesses. Dr. Sargious is recognized as one of Canada's physician leaders in CDM and during his tenure as Medical Director CDM has won awards for his work, including the Department of Medicine's inaugural Innovation Award (2006). He continues to serve as Chair of the Conference Board of Canada's Centre for Chronic Disease Prevention and Management. Dr. Sargious leads a number of key UCalgary strategic partnerships and, as a member of O'Brien Institute executive team, is charged with identifying activities within W21C and PHIRC that might benefit from those partnerships.



**Robert (Bob) Sartor**

With an Executive MBA in International Business from Columbia University and a C.P.A. designation, Bob’s business achievements have notably utilized his qualifications as an Insolvency specialist. To his credit, during his tenure in the most senior executive roles, he is credited with improving the fortunes of several multi-million dollar organizations.

Bob has more than 35 years of business acumen in the areas of the food wholesale, pulp paper processing, sports retail and franchisee operations. An accomplished leader, for 16 years he led the Forzani Group to success before brokering the \$770 million sale of FGL to Canadian Tire.

As of 2012, Bob assumed the role of President and CEO of Big Rock Brewery. His current objective is to inspire innovation and grow market share bringing premium Big Rock craft brews to all who enjoy the best beers.

Bob is a ‘business dynamo’, but as leisure time permits, he is an avid sportsman enjoying mountaineering, windsurfing, paddle-boarding, skiing (alpine and cross-country), sailing, trekking and cycling. Bob and Andrea have been happily married for 33 years. Together they have three adult children, all of whom are successful professionals in their own right.



**John Sproule**

John Sproule is the Executive Director of Policy in the Office of the Minister of Health in Alberta. He is on secondment from his permanent position as Senior Policy Director at the Institute of Health Economics (IHE). Prior to joining the IHE he served as Vice-President of Strategic Planning and Community Engagement at Vancouver Coastal Health Authority and worked with Merck Frosst Canada Ltd in health and industry policy planning (including secondment to Merck Sharpe & Dohme Australia).

Mr. Sproule worked with Alberta Health and Wellness as Director of the Office of the Deputy Minister of Health, working with the Ministry from 1987 to 1998 in managing significant policy and legislative changes in the Alberta health system. He has served on many federal/provincial committees in health and as a Board member with a number of health policy academic associations including Canadian Health Economics Research Association, Canadian Association for Population Therapeutics and the Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research. He has served as Head of the secretariat for Health Technology Assessment International, and Chair of the Health Care Working Group for PNWER (the Pacific Northwest Economic Region), a US/Canada statutory body focused on public/private leadership on a wide variety of public policy issues.



**Kathryn Todd****Senior Vice-President, Research**

Dr. Kathryn Todd is Senior Vice-President of Research, with responsibility for overseeing research priorities, planning, innovation and analytics for AHS. Dr. Todd obtained her PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences (Neurochemistry) from the University of Alberta in 1994 after receiving her MSc (Psychology) and BSc (Rehabilitation Medicine) degrees. She went on to complete two Postdoctoral Fellowships, one with the Government of France in the Department of Clinical Pharmacology University of Nantes Hospital, Nantes, France and the other a CIHR Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Neuroscience Research Unit, in Montréal, Québec.

Prior to joining Alberta Health Services, Dr. Todd held a variety of administrative capacities at the University of Alberta, including Interim Chair of Psychiatry, Director of the MD/PhD program, Associate Chair, Research, Department of Psychiatry, and Director for the Centre for Neuroscience. She is currently a full Professor of Psychiatry and Neuroscience, an Adjunct Professor in the Departments of Pediatrics and Medicine, and continues to operate her laboratory at the University of Alberta investigating the central nervous system response to disease and injury.

Dr. Todd has published over 100 manuscripts, held numerous awards from provincial and national funding organizations including the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and also sits on numerous team grants, including Alberta Innovates Health Solutions and Canada Foundation for Innovation. She currently serves on a number of oversight, advisory and Board of Directors for community, university, provincial and national organizations.

**Ilse Treurnicht****Chief Executive Officer, MaRS Discovery District**

Ilse Treurnicht is the CEO of MaRS Discovery District, a leading innovation centre located in Toronto. She oversees the development and operations of the MaRS Centre and its broad suite of entrepreneurship and innovation programs.

MaRS offers advisory services, market intelligence and entrepreneurship education to emerging companies across Ontario in life sciences and healthcare; IT, communications and entertainment (ICE); cleantech; and social innovation.

Ilse joined MaRS in early 2005 from her role as President & CEO of Primaxis Technology Ventures, a startup-stage venture capital fund focused on the advanced technologies sector. Prior to Primaxis, Ilse was an entrepreneur with senior management roles in a number of emerging technology companies.

Ilse holds a DPhil in chemistry from Oxford University, which she attended as a Rhodes scholar.



**Janelle Wakaruk****Director of Development, Fund Development, Cumming School of Medicine**

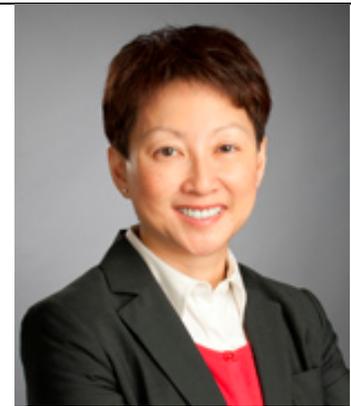
Janelle Wakaruk is Director of Development, Fund Development in the Cumming School of Medicine, where an important part of her portfolio is the O'Brien Institute for Public Health. Janelle has worked in both communications and fund development for over 14 years, and specializes in: major and principal gifts fundraising, strategic planning and relationship building with the goal of creating a sustainable funding environment for Cumming School of Medicine research priorities. She is most proud of her work in strategically building strong relationships with community, volunteers and donors. In addition to her fundraising role at the University of Calgary, Janelle volunteers her time and expertise to various boards and organizations including the Calgary Humane Society, Leave a Legacy Calgary, her community organization and the Canadian Association of Gift Planners, among others.

**Verna Yiu**

Dr. Verna Yiu is Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, Quality and Medical/Academic Affairs for Alberta Health Services (AHS), the only single provincial healthcare system in Canada and also, the largest employer in Canada providing 24/7 service with over 100,000 employees (and over 7000 physicians). Prior to this role which commenced in August, 2012, she was the Interim Dean of the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry at the University of Alberta preceded by senior positions in the dean's office since 2000.

Dr. Yiu is an alumna of the University of Alberta (U of A) and Harvard University. Since returning to the U of A in 1994 as a pediatric nephrologist, her leadership roles have spanned heading clinical programs to spearheading medical education reform. She has had 15 years of leading in areas of health administration both within the healthcare delivery system and academic setting.

Her current role in AHS is to help oversee the integration and coordination of a diverse, multifaceted, complex end-to-end health delivery model for the province through the five accountability functions: Quality & Healthcare Improvement, Strategic Clinical and Operational Networks, Clinical Informatics and Clinical Information Systems, Medical Affairs, and Partnerships with academic institutions and other physician led organizations. A key mandate of this position places strong emphasis on the importance of engagement, leadership development and relationships between the medical staff and the health care system.



**Dr. Gerald Zamponi**  
**Senior Associate Dean for Research, Cumming School of Medicine,**  
**University of Calgary**

Dr. Gerald Zamponi is an internationally recognized expert on the biophysics, molecular biology, modulation, and pharmacology of ion channels and their role in nervous system function. His research focuses on exploring how these channels contribute to neurological disorders such as chronic pain and Alzheimer's disease. His goal is to develop strategies to regulate ion channel function for therapeutic intervention.

Dr. Zamponi's scientific work has garnered dozens of national and international awards. He has also authored more than 220 papers in top tier scientific journals and has been invited to present at almost 200 scientific conferences around the world. In addition, his research on ion channel therapeutics has resulted in numerous patents.

Dr. Zamponi served as Head of the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology and is currently the Senior Associate Dean for Research at the Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary. In addition to being an AI-HS Scientist, he is the Canada Research Chair in Molecular Neurobiology and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. Dr. Zamponi previously served as Research Director at the Hotchkiss Brain Institute.

