

# Institute for Public Health ISAG Attendee Biographies



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**IPH Event Recorder**

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Biographical Sketch	Image
<p><b>John Z. Ayanian, MD, MPP</b>  <b>Director, Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation</b></p> <p>Dr. John Z. Ayanian was appointed director of the Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation at the University of Michigan in November 2012.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p><b>Ronald J. Bridges MD, FRCPC</b></p> <p>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).</p> <p>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 Institute of Public Health.</p>	

<p><b>Fiona Clement, PhD</b>  <b>Director, Health Technology Assessment Unit</b></p> <p>Dr. Fiona Clement completed her PhD in Health Services Research with a specialization in Health Economics at the University of Calgary. She completed a Post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Newcastle (UK) supported by the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation and the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research.</p> <p>Dr. Clement’s research interests include Health Technology Assessment, Health Technology Reassessment and Reinvestment, costing methodology in administrative data and drug reimbursement decision-making processes and systems. She has published extensively in the peer-reviewed literature and received numerous competitive awards to support her research.</p>	
<p><b>John Conly, MD, FRCPC</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 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.</p> <p>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.</p>	

**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 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, Institute for Public Health**

Jamie Day is the Administrative Director of the 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 DeGroot**

Jill de Groot 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.



**Christopher (Chip) Doig, MD, MSc, FRCPC**  
**Department Head, Community Health Sciences**

Dr. Christopher Doig is Head of the Department of Community Health Sciences since July 1, 2010. He graduated at the University of Saskatchewan in 1988 (MD with distinction), completed further training in Vancouver and Calgary with specialization in Internal Medicine and Critical Care Medicine. He has additional training in clinical epidemiology and health care ethics. Dr. Doig is a Professor in the Departments of Critical Care Medicine, Internal Medicine and Community Health Sciences in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Calgary. He was the Medical Director of the Multisystem ICU at the Foothills Medical Centre from 2002 - 2010. He was the President of the Alberta Medical Association 2009 – September, 2010.

Dr. Doig's current research focuses on outcomes research in critical care with a special focus on severe sepsis. Dr. Doig has received funding as a principal or co-investigator from the Canadian Foundation for Innovation, Canadian Institute for Health Research, Alberta Heritage Foundation for



Medical Research, and the Canadian Intensive Care Foundation.

Dr. Doig has over 90 peer-reviewed publications including in journals such as Nature Medicine, the New England Journal of Medicine, the Journal of the American Medical Association, the Canadian Medical Association Journal, and international and national critical care subspecialty journals.

**Charlene Elliott, PhD**

Charlene Elliott, PhD, is the Canada Research Chair in Food Marketing, Policy and Health at the University of Calgary. She is an Associate Professor of Communication, and holds a joint appointment with the Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Kinesiology. Dr. Elliott’s program of research seeks to explore the complex nature of children’s food marketing, and to study what it means – in terms of dietary habits and health – to promote food using particular types of marketing appeals. Her works probe both the formal and informal regulatory approaches that seek to direct the consumption practices of Canadians. She has provided input and recommendations on federal and international initiatives pertaining to food, labelling and policy.



**Derek Evans  
IPH 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 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 Institute for Public Health.

**William Ghali, MD MPH, FRCPC**  
**Scientific Director, Institute for Public Health**

Dr. William Ghali is Scientific Director of the Institute for Public Health (as of July 1, 2010). He is also Professor in the Departments of Medicine and Community Health Sciences at the University of Calgary. Dr. Ghali holds a Government of Canada Research Chair in Health Services Research, and is also funded as a Health Scholar by Alberta Innovates Health Solutions (AIHS). Clinically, he is trained as a General Internist while his methodological training in health services research and epidemiology (MPH) was obtained in the Health Research Unit at Boston University. He is involved in a number of research initiatives assessing health care delivery and access issues relating to cardiovascular disease, cerebrovascular disease, venous vascular disease, and diabetes.

Dr. Ghali's research program is in the general area of health services research and thus falls within the third of four "pillars" of health research identified by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. His research has shed light on several aspects of quality of care relating to the medical conditions that are the focus of his program. Specifically, his work has provided important information on: trends in outcomes of care for these conditions; descriptions of processes of care for these conditions; equity, and in some instances inequity, of access to care for these conditions (by age, by sex/gender, by geographic location of residence, by income level, by race/ethnicity); appropriateness of certain procedures for these conditions; practice variation across regions and hospitals, and the implications of such variation on quality of care; economic considerations in rationing of health services; cost impact of adverse events; and, waiting times for cardiac care.



**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.

**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 Institute of 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.



**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).

**Lynn McIntyre, MD, MHSc, FRCPC**  
**Associate Scientific Director, 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 is the Associate Scientific Director of the Institute for Public Health, CIHR Chair in Gender and Health, as well as Chair of the Canadian Public Health Association. 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 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 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 a Medical Officer of Health for the Calgary Zone of Alberta Health Services. He has a particular interest in 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 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.



**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 board positions at the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children both as a Trustee for the Hospital and Director of the Foundation, and is a Director on the Board of Business for the Arts. She is co-chair of the Council for Canadian and American Relations in New York. She also chairs the Dean's Advisory Board, Faculty of Medicine at the University of Calgary and is Vice-Chair of the Strategic Advisory Board for the Institute for Public Health, also part of the Faculty. As well she serves on several campaign cabinets including SickKids Research and Learning Centre, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH), and Trans Canada Trail.

Past Board commitments include 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 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.



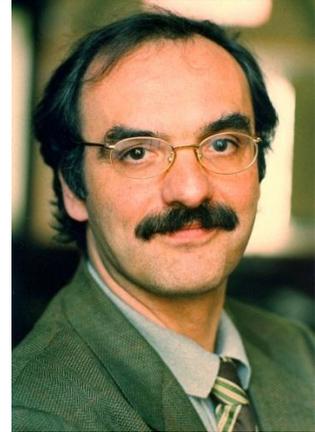
**Fred Paccaud, PhD**

**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.



**Hude Quan, MD, PhD**

Dr. Hude Quan is a Professor at the Department of Community Health Sciences, University of Calgary. Dr. Quan graduated from Harbin Medical University, China, and completed an International Health diploma at the University of London and a PhD of Epidemiology at the University of Calgary.

Dr. Quan has published over 200 papers in peer reviewed journals and has been granted 72 research projects. One of his papers has been cited over 800 times. Dr. Quan is currently supervising PhD students and post-doctoral fellows at the University of Calgary and Harbin Medical University.

Dr. Quan has been instrumental in developing innovative health services research methods and applying such methods to generate new knowledge to inform stakeholders and health care professionals. He has established an international reputation as a leader in health services research methodology, which is the hub for research and educational activities in



this field of research. He is leading an international research group of health information. The group members from countries around the world develop, test and promote methodological advances for the applied use of coded health information – with the aim of improving methods in health services research. He is the Director of World Health Organization Collaborating Centre at University of Calgary.

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

Léora Rabatach is Manager of Communications for the Institute for Public Health (IPH) 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 since 2002. 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.



**Melanie Rock, BA, MSW, PhD**

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

Melanie joined the University of Calgary faculty in 2003, following doctoral studies in medical anthropology (at McGill University) and postdoctoral studies focused on health promotion in the context of social inequalities (at the Université de Montréal). A grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) initiated Melanie's research program on population health and animal-human interfaces. Her research program has also been supported by an Alberta Innovates - Health Solutions Population Health Investigator Award (funded by the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Endowment), as well as by a New Investigator Award in Cultural and Societal Dimensions of Health from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).

Melanie mainly teaches in the Population and Public Health graduate program offered at the University of Calgary by the Department of Community Health Sciences. She also regularly supervises and facilitates student research projects in the Bachelor of Health Sciences - Health & Society Honours Program. She is Scientific Co-Director of the Population Health and Inequities Research Centre and also sits on a committee for Alberta Innovates - Health Solutions that is tasked with providing advice on funding arrangements to increase human resource capacity for health research. Her involvement in peer review includes a Canadian Institutes for Health Research fellowship selection panel.



**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.



**Tom Stelfox, BMSc, MD, PhD, FRCPC**

Dr. Henry Thomas Stelfox is a physician specializing in critical care medicine, and in mid-career is an extremely active health services researcher. In addition to his medical training, Dr Stelfox has a PhD in Health Policy from Harvard, and is an AIHS population health investigator.

With over 50 peer-reviewed publications in notable journals such as JAMA and the New England Journal of Medicine, he has also helped secure over \$18 000 000 in funds for his research activities in the last 5 years. A former Fullbright Scholarship winner, Dr. Stelfox has earned a CIHR New Investigator Award (2009-2014), and is recognized as an Alberta Innovates Population Health Investigator (2010-2017).

With his extensive supervisory experience, Dr. Stelfox will serve as Co-Lead and provide a significant portion of the time and energy required to spearhead this research initiative. He will also lead individual projects in the domain of transitions of care and innovative delivery models.



**Wilfreda (Billie) Thurston, PhD**

Dr. Wilfreda (Billie) E. Thurston is a Professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine and Department of Ecosystem and Public Health, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine. She is a member of the Institute for Public Health (at the University of Calgary). She has a bachelor's degree in psychology, and masters and doctorate degrees in health research and social epidemiology. She worked in family and children's services, addictions, and was director of a shelter for women escaping abusive relationships before taking up her academic career.

Her program of research and training includes development and evaluation of health promotion programs and health services; prevention of violence against women; public participation in health policy development; and the interplay of the social determinants of health, particularly gender, racism and poverty among marginalized populations, especially Aboriginal peoples.



**Dr. 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.



**Dr. 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.



**Tracy J. Wasylak, BN, MSc (Thesis), CHE**

Tracy Wasylak was appointed as Vice President, Strategic Clinical Networks & Clinical Pathways effective January 16th, 2012. Tracy has been working on the development of the Strategic Clinical Networks since September, 2011. She has also co-chaired Alberta Health Services's Bone & Joint Clinical Network since 2009 & will continue in this role as it transitions to a Strategic Clinical Network. She is viewed as a strong, innovative leader who has held numerous senior leadership roles within Calgary since 2001.

She has an undergraduate degree in nursing from University of Manitoba, Master's degree in Science (thesis) from McGill University and is an active Canadian Health Services Executive through the Canadian College of Health Leaders. Her research interests include Health Systems, patient engagement and health outcomes.

Her role is VP Strategic Clinical Networks and Clinical Care pathways, where she is responsible for setting up 15 SCNs for AHS. Each SCN will have patients and families as core members in the planning for each SCN. Tracy is the PI for the Patients Matter: Engaging Patients as collaborators to improve Osteoarthritis Care in Alberta. This project was established to train patients at Patient Engagement Researchers. She was also involved in setting up the Citizen Advisory Team for the South Health Campus, involving patients, families and citizens in collaborating on design and patient and family care principles for the new hospital.



**Deborah White, PhD, MN, BScN, RN**

Dr. Deborah White is a clinically trained nurse and a senior researcher in the Faculties of Nursing and Medicine at the University of Calgary. She is also the Associate Dean of Research for the Faculty of Nursing, University of Calgary and has over 20 years of experience in nursing education teaching, both at the undergraduate and graduate level.

She has interdisciplinary research collaborations provincially, nationally internationally. Dr. White's program of research in Patient Safety and Quality of Care is focused on three separate but linked areas: 1) health care workforce capability and development; 2) structures and processes in the work and learning environment; and 3) organizational practices. This work fosters exploration of the interrelationship of the structural characteristics of care (i.e., provider, patient, necessary resources and support to deliver care), the care processes (i.e., what care providers do, the context in which care occurs, and their relationship to provider, patient and system outcomes.

Dr. White is engaged in a number of committees including Associate Dean of Research Committee, Research Development and Policy Committee, Research Scholarly Development Committee, the University Research Grants Social Science Committee; Alberta Health Systems and Services Research and Population and Public Health Research Committee, and the steering committee for the Institute for Public Health at the University of Calgary.



**Samuel Wiebe, MD, MSc, FRCPC**  
**Associate Dean of Clinical Research, University of Calgary**

Dr. Samuel Wiebe is a Professor in the Departments of Clinical Neurosciences (DCNS), Community Health Sciences, and Pediatrics for the Faculty of Medicine, University of Calgary. He is Associate Dean for Clinical Research and Director and founder of the Faculty-wide Clinical Research Unit.

Dr. Wiebe graduated from medical school at the University of Guadalajara, Mexico, in 1983 and became certified in Internal Medicine at the National University in Mexico in 1988. He then completed his residency in neurology at the University of Western Ontario in 1993, an MSc in Epidemiology and Biostatistics at McMaster University in 1994, and training in epilepsy and EEG at the London Health Sciences Centre in 1994.

Dr. Wiebe was recruited to Calgary in 2004 as the Kinsmen Chair in Paediatric Neurosciences, and he currently holds the Hopewell Professorship in Clinical Neurosciences Research. Dr. Wiebe is a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences and was elected by the



<p>international community as the Secretary General of the International League Against Epilepsy. Dr. Wiebe has a wide variety of academic and research interests which include: clinical research informatics and analytics, outcomes research in clinical neurosciences, randomized neurosurgical trials, quality of life, epidemiological research and evidence based medicine. Dr. Wiebe mentors numerous national and international clinicians and researchers.</p>	
<p><b>Verna Yiu</b></p> <p>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 &amp; Dentistry at the University of Alberta preceded by senior positions in the dean's office since 2000.</p> <p>Dr. Yiu is an alumnus 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.</p> <p>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 &amp; 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.</p>	
<p><b>Gerald Zamponi, Dipl. Ing, PhD, FRSC</b></p> <p>Dr. Gerald Zamponi serves as Scientific Advisor for CombinatoRx, Incorporated. Dr. Zamponi is an AHFMR Scientist and serves as Research Director at Hotchkiss Brain Institute. He serves as Canada Research Chairman in Molecular Neurobiology in the Departments of Physiology &amp; Biophysics, Pharmacology &amp; Therapeutics and Cell Biology &amp; Anatomy, at the University of Calgary. Dr. Zamponi is a Professor of Department of Physiology and Biophysics of University of Calgary. He served as a Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of Neuromed Pharmaceuticals, Ltd. (formerly, Neuromed Technologies Inc.). An author of over 120 refereed papers, Dr. Zamponi's major research activities focus on the biophysics, molecular biology, modulation, and pharmacology of calcium channels and</p>	

their roles in neurological disorders. He holds over two dozen issued and pending patents concerning novel calcium channel blockers.

Dr. Zamponi's many awards include the Alta Pharm Senior Scientist Award from the Canadian Society for Pharmacology, an Investigator Award from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, an Independent Investigator Award from the National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression, and the prestigious EJLB Scholarship. He is AHFMR Senior Scholar. He was a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Biotechnology Laboratory at the University of British Columbia prior to taking a faculty position at the University of Calgary. He received his undergraduate Training in Engineering Physics from the Johannes Kepler University and a PhD from the University of Calgary.