

Awards and Appointments

Appointments

New Chair of Canada Health Infoway's Board of Directors



Graham W.S. Scott has been appointed chair of Canada Health Infoway's Board of Directors, announced Richard Alvarez, Infoway's president and chief executive officer (CEO). Scott has extensive experience in matters of governance and accountability in the healthcare sector. He has been involved in the amalgamation, restructuring and governance processes of more than 40 hospitals,

has served as interim CEO of Cancer Care Ontario, and was appointed supervisor of the Hôpital régional de Sudbury Regional Hospital and Quinte Health Care by the Ontario Minister of Health and Long-Term Care. He has also served as deputy minister of health for Ontario, assessor of the Muskoka Parry Sound Board of Health, and investigator of Kingston General Hospital. Scott succeeds H. Arnold Steinberg.

New Board Chair at CCO



Neil Stuart was named as the chair of the board at Cancer Care Ontario. Stuart, an expert in health services restructuring and strategic change in healthcare organizations, served for many years as a leader in the healthcare consulting practices of Price Waterhouse, PWC and IBM. Stuart currently holds an adjunct appointment in the University of Toronto's Faculty of

Medicine, and is co-author of *Healthcare 2015 – Win-win or Lose-lose*, a study on the future of healthcare and how it must transform to respond to the challenges of the coming decade. Stuart holds a PhD from Massachusetts' Brandeis University and serves on the Canadian Institute for Health Information Expert Analytic Advisory Group and on the boards of the Toronto East General Hospital, VON Canada, the Ontario Hospital Association and the Change Foundation.

Medbuy Announces New Board Chair



Medbuy is pleased to announce that Sue Denomy, president and CEO of Bluewater Health, was elected to a two-year term as chair of Medbuy's Board of Directors at its annual general meeting held in Saint John, New Brunswick. Denomy's healthcare career spans more than three decades as a registered nurse and leader in patient care and support service departments.

She was appointed president and CEO of Sarnia, Ontario-based Bluewater Health in March 2008. She holds an honours bachelor degree of commerce and a master's of business

administration from the University of Windsor. She has been a member of Medbuy's Board of Directors since May 2006, and most recently held the position of vice-chair.

GS1 Canada Announces Key Board Appointments



GS1 Canada is pleased to announce the appointment of representatives from several leading Canadian organizations to its sector boards. New board members include Cristina Butnaru, Johnson & Johnson Medical Products (Carenet Healthcare Sector Board); Dale Markewich, Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations (SAHO) (Carenet Healthcare Sector Board); Eric Blanchette-Ouellet, Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Quebec (CHUQ) (Carenet Healthcare Sector Board); Scott Baker, the Stevens Company (Carenet Healthcare Sector Board); Domenic Ruso, Unilever Canada (Foodservice Sector Board); Ed Harrington, Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd. (Healthcare Pharmacy Sector Board); and Ed Johnston, Canadian Tire Retail (General Merchandise Apparel and Hardlines Sector Board). These new members will advance the overarching objective of the GS1 Canada Sector Boards to improve supply chain efficiency across Canada through the use of GS1 standards.

GS1 Canada is a member of GS1, the world's leading supply chain standards organization. As a neutral, not-for-profit organization, GS1 Canada enables its more than 10,000 members – trading partners of all sizes from over 20 sectors across Canada – to enhance their efficiency and cost-effectiveness by adopting electronic supply chain best practices.

Dr. Paul Lasko Appointed Scientific Director of CIHR's Institute of Genetics

Dr. Alain Beaudet, president of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), along with CIHR's Governing Council, announced the appointment of Dr. Paul Lasko as scientific director of CIHR's Institute of Genetics. Dr. Lasko was the chair of the Department of Biology at McGill University, holds the James McGill professorship and was Molson chair of genetics from 2001 to 2007. He has been highly active in research grant adjudication and has served on CIHR or Canadian Cancer



Society grant panels continuously since 1995. He is a member of the Institute of Genetics Priority and Planning Committee for Developmental Genetics and Birth Defects. In addition to this academic work, Dr. Lasko is the president of the Genetics Society of Canada and has also worked extensively with the Human Frontiers of Science Program Organization (HFSP) over the past 10

years, serving on its program grant panel from 2001 to 2005, and since then as one of two Canadian representatives on the HFSP Council of Scientists. He has chaired the HFSP Council of Scientists since 2007.

Dr. Scherer to Lead \$50M Genomic Medicine Program at Toronto's McLaughlin Centre



The University of Toronto has announced renowned geneticist Dr. Steve Scherer as the new director of the McLaughlin Centre. Dr. Scherer holds the GlaxoSmithKline-CIHR endowed chair in genetics and genomics at The Hospital for Sick Children and University of Toronto. The McLaughlin Centre will invest in research, education, training and knowledge transfer in the

burgeoning area of genomic medicine. Over the years, Scherer's group has made numerous contributions to medical genetics including mapping, sequencing and disease gene studies of human chromosome 7. His team also contributed to discoveries of global gene copy number variation (CNV), revealing CNV to be the most abundant type of nucleotide variation of human DNA. His group has also found CNV to contribute to the etiology of autism.

HIMSS Electronic Health Record Association Elects New Leadership

The HIMSS Electronic Health Record Association (EHR Association) announced its new chair and vice-chair. Carl Dvorak, executive vice-president of Epic Systems, has been elected to the position of chairman, and Charles (Charlie) Jarvis, vice-president of healthcare services and government relations for NextGen Healthcare Information Systems, has been elected to the vice-chair position. Dvorak was a founding member of the association, now in its fifth year. He also served on the Executive Committee from 2004 to 2006, and was re-elected in 2009. Jarvis was first elected to the Executive Committee in 2007 and has also served as chair of the Communications Workgroup, the Government Initiatives Workgroup and the Ambulatory Special Interest Group. Re-elected to the Executive Committee for two-year terms are Rick Reeves, senior manager, product development services at CPSI, who has served as Certification Workgroup chair and on the Executive Committee since 2006; Jacob Reider, MD, chief medical informatics officer, Allscripts, who has served as chair of the Quality and Clinical

Decision Support Special Interest Group and vice-chair of the Acceleration Workgroup, and joined the Executive Committee earlier this year to complete the term of a former Allscripts representative; and Mickey McGlynn, director, government and industry affairs for Siemens, who is current chair of the Government Affairs Workgroup where she has served since 2008. Pamela Chapman, director of clinical product management for eMDs, also joins the Executive Committee as a new member with a one-year term.

New Board Chair at the Canadian Institute for Health Information



The Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) is pleased to announce that Dr. Brian Postl has become the new chair of its board of directors.

Dr. Postl was the dean of medicine at the University of Manitoba. He has served on CIHI's board as vice-chair since 2007, and as a representative for the Prairies, the Northwest Territories

and Nunavut.

Dr. Postl has also been president and chief executive officer of the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority; vice-president, clinical services, of the Winnipeg Hospital Authority; as well as department head of pediatrics and child health, and of community health sciences for the University of Manitoba.

He continues to practise medicine, and to serve as board chair of the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation (CHSRF) and the chair of the Manitoba Health Research Council

CIHI's new Vice-President of Research and Analysis



Jeremy Veillard is CIHI's new vice-president of research and analysis. He has substantial expertise in health policy development and health system reforms, as well as evaluation and health system performance measurement and management.

Veillard has extensive professional experience in the health sector in Europe and in Canada. He was most recently the regional adviser for health policy and equity at the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (WHO/EURO), and the lead for health system performance assessment.

Veillard's previous experience includes leading work on the Health Results Team at the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, and as a policy advisor at WHO/EURO in charge of hospital reforms. He also has experience in hospital management in France.

Currently a candidate for a PhD in public health, Veillard has two master's degrees: one in hospital management and another in arts (history).

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Dr. Peter Coyte Wins Award for Advancing Research in Health Services

The Canadian Health Services Research Foundation (CHSRF) has awarded Dr. Peter C. Coyte the 11th annual Health Services Research Advancement Award. For more than two decades, Dr. Coyte has demonstrated his commitment to excellence in educating and mentoring future generations of health services researchers.

Dr. Coyte is a professor of health economics in the Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation at the University of Toronto. He is also the inaugural president of the Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research (CAHSPR) and is a champion of the Toronto Health Economics Network. Since being awarded CHSRF/CIHR chair on health care settings and Canadians in 2000, he has developed a remarkable cadre of highly trained professionals committed to improving health services delivery through research, practice and knowledge brokering. Dr. Coyte has an impressive history of innovation and academic excellence in his own right. His research on knee replacement and middle-ear surgeries, as well as his work in evaluating services for children with autism have been influential in altering Ontario public policy. Dr. Coyte is also recognized for his focus on the economics of palliative care. These achievements, along with many others, have earned Dr. Coyte an international reputation in the area of health economics.

Cliff Nordal Receives Canada's Highest Distinction in Catholic Healthcare



The 2010 Performance Citation Award – Canada's highest distinction in Catholic healthcare – was awarded to Cliff Nordal, president and CEO of St. Joseph's Health Care, London (St. Joseph's) and London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC), in recognition of his outstanding commitment to the values of Catholic healthcare. With 41 years in hospital leadership, Nordal is uniquely

qualified for this award. He is Ontario's longest-serving CEO, having spent the last 28 years at the helm of four hospital organizations: Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Toronto, the Rehabilitation Institute of Toronto, St. Joseph's and LHSC. He is a recognized healthcare leader, whose energy and wisdom have served healthcare policy initiatives at the local, provincial and national levels. Nordal has worked in close partnership with others to advance the most integrated system of hospital care in Ontario.

The award is presented each year by the Catholic Health Association of Canada to an individual who exemplifies leadership in an activity, program or project judged worthy of national recognition for its strengthening of the Catholic health ministry in an extraordinary way.

The Excellence in Medical Leadership Award to Dr. Kendel

Dr. Dennis Kendel, registrar and CEO of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan, was the recipient of the Excellence in Medical Leadership Award from the Canadian Society of Physician Executives (CSPE) at the Canadian Conference on Physician Leadership. This award is presented to a physician who has made an outstanding contribution to the development and mentorship of medical leaders in the field of health services leadership and management. The nominee must demonstrate outstanding abilities in one or more of the following categories: commitment to enhancing the role of physicians in the management of healthcare delivery organizations; leadership in a hospital or health region management role; and significant contribution to leadership development within CSPE, the Canadian Medical Association or one of its divisions or affiliated societies.

Saint Elizabeth Health Care CEO Recognized by CCHSE for Innovative Leadership

Saint Elizabeth Health Care and the Canadian College of Health Service Executives (CCHSE) are pleased to announce that Shirlee Sharkey, president and CEO of Saint Elizabeth, has received the 2010 Innovation Award for Health Care Leadership. Sharkey has transformed Saint Elizabeth from a regional home care agency to a recognized innovative leader providing integrated health solutions to clients across Canada. Saint Elizabeth has fostered a culture of innovation by embedding creative structures and thinking in the organization. Extensive support for staff education and training, annual leadership events and a focus on continual improvement are in place to engage employees and aid in the development of best practices. Saint Elizabeth has also made significant investments in technology to drive more informed and efficient care while enabling a customized healthcare experience for each client. Fundamental to Sharkey's commitment is a culture of innovation and its positioning as one of Saint Elizabeth's core values. Innovation is reflected in all that the organization does – its processes, its strategies and its results. It is innovation that enables Saint Elizabeth to combine people, knowledge and emerging technology to enhance the human experience.

Gail Donner Recipient of Jeanne Mance Award, Canada's Highest Nursing Honour

Gail Donner received Canada's most prestigious nursing award, the Jeanne Mance Award, for her positive impact on the practice of nursing in Canada. Professor emerita at the University of Toronto's Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing, Donner holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in nursing and a PhD in adult education from the University of Toronto, as well as an honorary doctoral degree from Ryerson University. Donner retired in 2001 as professor and dean from the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Toronto. She has worked in leadership roles at Ryerson Polytechnic Institute (now Ryerson University), the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario and The Hospital for Sick Children.



Donner has held a number of government and community appointments, including member, Metropolitan Toronto District Health Council Hospital Restructuring Committee; chair, Air Ambulance Review,

Ministry of Health, Ontario; and vice-chair of the Director's Advisory Committee on the Long-Term Future of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE).

Donner was recognized at a gala banquet dinner on June 8, 2010, during the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) biennial convention in Halifax. CNA also presented five Orders of Merit representing the five domains of nursing. The recipients of these awards were as follows: Clinical Nursing Practice – Gaylene Molnar, for her inspired work of evolving geriatric nursing care in Canada; Nursing Administration – Alice Reid, for her administrative expertise as a nurse leader, teacher, practitioner and voice for Aboriginal health; Nursing Education – Deborah McLeod, for her exceptional work in the field of nursing and psychosocial oncology education; Nursing Research – Greta Cummings, for her substantial contributions to nursing research programs in Canada; and Nursing Policy – Elizabeth (Betty) Gourlay, for her tireless contributions to advancing a professional and educated voice for nursing.

Canadian Wins Prestigious International Prize in Health Research



Internationally renowned scientist and scholar Shirley M. Tilghman, president of Princeton University, was named the 2010 winner of the Henry G. Friesen International Prize in Health Research. The prize, established by the Friends of Canadian Institutes of Health Research in collaboration with the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences, recognizes exceptional innovation by a visionary

health leader of international stature.

Tilghman, a native of Canada, received her honours BSc in chemistry from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, in 1968 and obtained her PhD in biochemistry from Temple University in Philadelphia. During postdoctoral studies at the National Institutes of Health, she made a number of groundbreaking discoveries while participating in cloning the first mammalian gene.

She is renowned not only for her pioneering research, but for her national leadership on behalf of women in science and for promoting efforts to make the early careers of young scientists as meaningful and productive as possible.

Alberta Innovates Announces \$43 Million for Alberta Research

Health Solutions has awarded \$43 million in funding support to 37 outstanding health researchers across Alberta. These awards, 34 of which are seven years in length, are among the richest health research awards in Canada. Dr. Eric Smith is one of 18 researchers at the University of Calgary who was successful in the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research's 2009 independent investigator competition, which included 130 applications. The Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research is now Alberta Innovates – Health Solutions.

Funding support at the University of Calgary is being awarded to researchers in the faculties of engineering, medicine, science and veterinary medicine. An assistant professor of clinical neurosciences in the university's Faculty of Medicine, Dr. Smith is a new clinical investigator who studies what happens in the brain as people get older. Dr. Smith's clinical research is funded by Alberta Innovates – Health Solutions, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada, the Canadian Stroke Network and the National Institutes of Health.

OTN Wins Team Quality Award from 3M, CHIMA

Ontario Telemedicine Network (OTN) won the second annual 3M Health Information Management (HIM) Team Quality Award presented by the Canadian Health Information Management Association (CHIMA). OTN's project focused on data consistency and quality. The program achieved a 90–98% alignment of customer site and system data across all core applications. CHIMA was impressed with the calibre of submissions for this prestigious award. Not only did OTN's Quality Customer Data Initiative demonstrate the importance of quality data and information to achieve its organizational vision of telemedicine (as a mainstream channel for healthcare delivery and education), but it stood out as being collaborative, progressive and innovative. As this year's winner, OTN presented an overview of its project to an audience of HIM professionals from across Canada at CHIMA's weekend conference. OTN and the finalists received glass awards and large professionally designed posters of their projects to display within their facilities. The posters will soon be published on the 3M and CHIMA websites.

3M and CHIMA received several outstanding submissions this year, including these finalists: Markham Stouffville Hospital Corporation – Harnessing Safety Measures for Results; Mount Sinai Hospital – Innovations in Real-Time Reporting of Quality Data for Quality Outcomes; and North York General Hospital – HSMR as a Lens: Catching Sight of Gaps in Quality of Care and Documentation. The award recognizes HIM professionals' contribution to recognizable, sustainable and transferrable quality improvements within their organizations. The winner receives \$2,500 and additional funds to celebrate its achievement with staff members and supporters. **HQ**

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