

Dr. S. Larry Goldenberg Receives the Order of Canada

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Dr. S. Larry Goldenberg, professor and head of The Department of Urologic Sciences at the University of British Columbia and Founding Director of the Vancouver Prostate Centre at Vancouver General Hospital, was born and raised in Toronto and was an avid NHL fan. Although an inability to skate backwards kept him from playing ice hockey, Dr. Goldenberg recently found himself in the same line-up with former NHL great Mario Lemieux as they were appointed members to the Order of Canada.

In December of 2009, Dr. Goldenberg, Mario Lemieux, and 55 other Canadians were appointed to the Order of Canada, one of Canada's highest civilian honours, which recognizes a lifetime of outstanding achievement, dedication to community, and service to the nation. Dr. Goldenberg was honoured "for his contributions to prostate cancer research and treatment, as well as for promoting public awareness of the disease."

One of Dr. Goldenberg's greatest contributions to prostate cancer is the early promotion of alternative therapies for both benign and malignant disease based on scientific evaluations. This includes the clinical development of low dose antiandrogen/diethyl (DES) protocol for therapy of advanced prostate cancer, co-development of clinical protocols for neo-adjuvant hormonal therapy prior to radical prostatectomy, and testing the efficacy of intermittent androgen suppression (IAS) in men with advanced prostate cancer. Secondly, Dr. Goldenberg is recognized for the promotion and funding of cutting edge science and clinical care in British Columbia (BC). In his role, he has raised over \$100 million from government and philanthropic sources for prostate health; co-founded and developed the Vancouver Prostate Centre and the Canadian Urologic Oncology Group, both global leaders in clinical trials research for prostate cancer; and introduced the daVinci® Robotic surgical system to Vancouver General Hospital, which has revolutionized the surgical management of prostate cancer in BC.

As Dr. Goldenberg sets his sights on the future, he will forever remember his appointment to the Order of Canada as being "a most humbling experience," but he knows that his job is not quite finished. With prostate cancer research accelerating into the 21st century, Dr. Goldenberg and his team of researchers have an ultimate goal. They are "hoping to take a disease that

can be deadly, turn it into a chronic illness, hopefully cure it and ultimately prevent it." For all the men who will be affected by prostate cancer, let's hope that he is successful in reaching his goal. 

UBC Goes Southern

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UBC's MD undergraduate program is expanding with the addition of a new site. The first cohort of 32 UBC medical students based at the Southern Medical Program (SMP) site in B.C.'s beautiful Interior will begin studies in the fall of 2011.

Serving as the home base for first and second year students will be the Health Sciences Centre, a 4,266-square-metre building on the UBC Okanagan campus that houses video-conference equipped lecture halls and a gross anatomy laboratory.

The Clinical Academic Campus, a newly-built two-storey, 3,200-square-metre building on the Kelowna General Hospital campus (KGH) will serve clerkship students, residents, and faculty. It has a library, 11 clinical skills rooms, a 180 seat lecture theatre, administrative offices, and three video conference rooms that will be used for Academic Half-Days. Plans are also underway for the new six-storey Centennial Tower to be built on the KGH campus, which will house call-rooms for clerkship students and residents.

The Interior Health Authority has also purchased homes to provide students and residents completing rotations in the Interior with cost-effective temporary accommodation.

Like the Northern and Island Medical Programs, students will spend their first four months in Vancouver. Students will then move to the Interior for the remainder of the first two years of

the MD undergraduate program based at the new Health Sciences Centre where lectures will be video-conferenced from, and to, other sites. During Year 3 Clerkship, plans are for 24 students, based at Kelowna General Hospital and/or Royal Inland Hospital, to follow a traditional clerkship model of consecutive rotations. The remaining eight students will follow an integrated clerkship model at regional centres including the Royal Inland Hospital in Kamloops, the Vernon Jubilee Hospital, Penticton Regional Hospital, Kootenay Boundary, and East Kootenay Regional Hospitals.

The new Regional Associate Dean for the Southern Medical Program, Dr. Allan Jones, along with Drs. Connie Hull, Gerhard Schumacher, and Cheryl Holmes have been actively recruiting

clinical faculty with success. Dr. Holmes, Site Education Leader for the SMP, says she has been “pleasantly surprised by the [supportive] response of physicians” in Kelowna and in smaller communities in the Interior to the expansion. Clerkship rotations for psychiatry, obstetrics/gynecology, surgery, and anesthesiology have already been piloted with an emergency medicine rotation scheduled to be piloted in May 2010 and an ophthalmology rotation pilot in June 2010. Over 52 different electives have been developed for Year 4 Clerkship students of the new SMP.

Community awareness initiatives have not yet begun in earnest, but it is anticipated that community response will be positive given the appreciation for existing medical education programs within the B.C. Interior. 



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