

## SPEAKER PROFILES

### CARDIO-PULMONARY UPDATE 2012 CARIBBEAN PEARLS: FEBRUARY 4-16, 2012



**Dr. David Fitchett, MD, FRCPC, FACC**

Dr. David Fitchett graduated from Cambridge University in the UK in 1970, and continued his clinical training at The Middlesex Hospital Medical School, London. His cardiology training was at The Brompton and Hammersmith Hospitals where he completed his MD thesis in Clinical and Experimental Studies of Heart Muscle Disorders. In 1978 he came to The Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal where he was director of the CCU for more than 10 years, and medical director of the cardiac transplant program.

He is a fellow of the American College of Cardiology, The European Society of Cardiology and of the Royal College of Physicians of Canada.

In 1997 he came to St Michael's Hospital in Toronto as Director of the Cardiac ICU.

Dr. Fitchett has over 190 reviewed publications, abstracts, and book chapters His research interests are clinical trials in acute coronary syndromes, and the impact of diabetes and metabolic syndrome on heart disease. He was a leader in the development of the recent Canadian Diabetes Guidelines.

Currently Dr. Fitchett is an Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto and a Staff Cardiologist at St Michael's Hospital.



**Dr. Dale Lien, MD, FRCPC**

Dr. Lien graduated from the University of Alberta in Edmonton in 1978. He completed an internship, Internal Medicine training, and Pulmonary Medicine training at the University of Alberta before continuing with a research fellowship at National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine in Denver Colorado. In 1987 he returned to join the Pulmonary Division at the University of Alberta where he currently is a Professor of Medicine and practices at the University of Alberta Hospital. Among various positions served in the past, he has been director of the pulmonary medicine training program, director of undergraduate training for pulmonary medicine and respiratory representative to the Alberta Medical Association, Currently he is director of the lung transplant program, and co-director of the pulmonary hypertension program. Current interests include continuing medical education for practising physicians and development of clinical practice guidelines. Research interests include clinical investigation in the areas of pulmonary hypertension, pulmonary fibrosis and lung transplantation.



**Mr. Michael Fraleigh, B.A., J.D.**

Michael is a Partner at Fogler, Rubinoff LLP where he heads the health law group. He is also a member of the Firm's Executive Committee. Michael has extensive experience in all aspects of health law including the representation of physicians in regulatory matters involving complaints, discipline, quality assurance, fitness to practice and registration issues. He has represented numerous physicians in hospital privilege disputes as well as in matters involving the management and business operations of a medical practice including billing issues. He also advises corporations and institutions with respect to health law issues. Michael is also an experienced medical malpractice litigator having both defended physicians and represented plaintiffs. Michael is a frequent speaker at continuing education programs for health care practitioners and lawyers on issues relating to health law and medical practice. Michael is the Immediate Past President of the Medico-Legal Society of Toronto.



**Gregory Hilderman CFP, CLU, CHFC**

Greg Hilderman has been a partner in G2 Financial Partners since 1989. A Certified Financial Planner, Chartered Life Underwriter and Chartered Financial Consultant, Greg has practiced comprehensive financial planning since 1981. He has been a specialist in retirement, tax and estate planning since 1987.

Greg is a founding member of the Conference for Advanced Life Underwriting (CALU) and is the past president of the local organization of the Canadian Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors. He has also served as a member of the Retirement Planning Steering committee in Ottawa.

Greg has been instrumental in reshaping how numerous physician groups are compensated, focusing on improving their current and future lifestyles. He has worked on formulating changes to provincial, federal and corporate pension plans to provide enhanced benefits to members. Some of the groups Greg has worked with include neo-natologists, radiologists, thoracic surgeons, neurologists and oncologists.