



## **SPEAKER PROFILES**

### **CARDIO-PULMONARY UPDATE 2015**

VIETNAM & THAILAND: NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2, 2015



### Robert Dent, MD, FRCP(C)

Robert Dent is a specialist in Internal Medicine with academic appointments in Endocrinology and Surgery at the University of Ottawa.

In 1992 he established the Weight Management Clinic at the Ottawa Hospital and the University of Ottawa. This is a multidisciplinary clinic designed with these objectives: patient care, teaching health care professionals and research in the genotype phenotype associations of obesity. This clinic design has been adopted in several Canadian university centres.

With respect to research he has 35 publications in peer reviewed journals in the last 7 years. These publications deal with the design and out comes of the clinic; and on the genetics of obesity. Since 2011 he and Dr Ruth McPherson hold a CIHR Genetics grant entitled Metabloic and Genetic determinants of Obesity and Obesity-related Phenotypes

During the years 2005 to 2007, He was a member of the Expert Committee for the Canadian Clinical Practice Guidelines on the Management and Prevention of Obesity and contributed two chapters to that work which were published in the Canadian Medical Association Journal in 2007.

Other memberships include: The Canadian Obesity Network (founding Membership), Bariatric Surgery Panel to develop the Health Technology Utilization Guidelines of Ontario, November 2005, Chairman for the working group on obesity for the Champlain Primary Care CVD Prevention Guidelines both in September 2006, and for the 2012 edition and Board member of The Ontario Bariatric Network, and Canadian Association of Bariatric Physicians and Surgeons.

Since 2009, he has worked with the Ministry of Health of Ontario as Chairman, The Ontario Bariatric Network Patient Assessment Working Group. The objectives of this committee were to develop criteria to identify appropriate candidates for bariatric surgery including those outside the usual BMI and age ranges; to develop a structured assessment process to allow fair and equitable access to obese patients requiring bariatric surgery.

His primary interests include, Obesity treatment, psychosocial aspects of obesity, patient advocacy, and the genotype-phenotype associations of obesity.



#### D. KENNETH ROBERTS, MD, FRCP©

Ken Roberts has been a community respirologist and general internist for 30 years. He is a past chief of medicine and of respirology at Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket, Ontario, which awarded him the Physician Award of Excellence in 2008. Ken is an experienced educator on pulmonary and sleep topics, and has a special interest in DVT and pulmonary embolism. Ken also enjoys his frequent medicine locum stints in Yellowknife, NT at Stanton Territorial Hospital. He is a graduate of Princeton University, the University of Toronto Medical School, and the Toronto residency program.





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### Dr. Paul Armstrong, MD

Paul Armstrong is a Distinguished University Professor, University of Alberta and Founding Director of the Canadian VIGOUR Centre (Virtual Coordinating Centre for Global Collaborative Cardiovascular Research). He serves in a broad range of consultative editorial and research leadership roles and has received numerous awards for scholarly and societal contributions. He has published extensively, frequently lectures in national and international academic forums and plays an active leadership role in the conduct of a number of ongoing cardiovascular clinical trials and data safety monitoring boards. Dr. Armstrong has had a lifelong commitment to the education and training of healthcare professionals and is widely acclaimed for his mentoring of trainees and faculty which has been a key signature of his career. He is recognized both nationally and internationally for his expertise in acute coronary disease and heart failure and has a particular interest in novel approaches to clinical trial design and their interpretation. Dr. Armstrong was the founding President of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS): in 2012 an annual lecture was named in his honour by the Academy. He is also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.



#### Dr. Hyman Rabinovitch

Dr. Rabinovitch did his neurology training at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland after going to McGill Medical School. He has been on staff at the University of Ottawa Medical School for over 30 years. He is actively involved with the M.S. Clinic there. He does province wide Telestroke. He attends Stroke Clinic. He is the neurology consultant for the Civil Aviation Medical Review Board.