

SPEAKER PROFILES

CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT UPDATE 2019

GALAPAGOS: NOVEMBER 20-30, 2019

David C. W. Lau, MD, PhD, FRCPC



Dr. David Lau is Professor of Medicine, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, and Cardiac Sciences at the University of Calgary. He is currently the Editor-in-Chief of the Canadian Journal of Diabetes, President of Obesity Canada, and Vice-President of the Canadian Association of Bariatric Physicians and Surgeons. Dr. Lau is a practicing endocrinologist who specializes in diabetes, obesity and lipid disorders. His research interests include fat cell biology in health and obesity, development of insulin resistance in obesity and diabetes, and cellular mechanisms of diabetic vascular complications. He is also involved in population health and clinical research programs in diabetes, obesity and lipid disorders. Dr. Lau has published over 100 scientific papers in peer-reviewed medical journals, periodicals and books.

Dr. Lau was Chair of the evidence-based Obesity Canada Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) Steering Committee and Expert Panel, and lead author of the 2007 CPG publication in the Can. Med. Assoc. Journal. Dr. Lau was a member of the 1998, 2003 and 2008 Canadian Diabetes Association Clinical Practice Guidelines Expert Panel, as well as the expert panel of the 2009 Canadian Cardiovascular Society Guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of dyslipidemia and prevention of cardiovascular disease in the adult. Dr. Lau is a member of the expert panel committee on the 2013 CDA CPG as well as the 2012 Canadian dyslipidemia CPD update.

In 2004, Dr. Lau was honored as the top 20 notable Calgarians, and top 50 Albertans for his exemplary contributions to improve the health of Albertans.

Vincent Woo, MD FRCPC



Dr. Vincent Woo obtained his medical degree from the University of Manitoba and his specialty training in Endocrinology and Metabolism at the University of British Columbia. He is currently a member of the Section of Endocrinology and Metabolism at the University of Manitoba.

He is actively involved with the Canadian Diabetes Association where he is a past Chair of the Clinical and Scientific Section and served it's the Board of Directors. Dr. Woo chaired the 2008 Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Prevention and Management of Diabetes in Canada. He was also on the Executive and Steering committees for the 2013 and 2018 Clinical Practice Guides and co-authored many of the chapters..

He is also a member of the Canadian Hypertension Guidelines (CHEP). He also co-authored the diabetes and driving guidelines in Canada.

He was awarded the Gerald S. Wong Award in 2014 for dedication to diabetes service in Canada and the 2014 Best Banting award for dedicated service in diabetes for the Province of Manitoba. He has received teaching awards from the University of Manitoba medical school.

He is a principal investigator at the Diabetes Research Group at the John Buhler Research Centre and is involved in a large number of important clinical trials and holds a number of grants. He has published over a 100 articles and abstracts and is a reviewer and associate editor for many journals including Diabetes Care.

He is actively involved in teaching and continuing medical education at all levels from medical students, residents and fellows as well as family physicians and endocrinologists.

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Dr. Bradley J. Dibble, MD FRCPC, FACC

Cardiology

Dr. Dibble was born and raised in Barrie and attended Barrie North Collegiate, graduating top of his class and serving as valedictorian in 1984. He attended McMaster University in the Arts and Science Programme for two years before attending medical schools at the University of Western Ontario in London, where he graduated cum laude in 1990. He remained in London to complete training in Internal Medicine followed by Cardiology, and then completed a six-month position as a Clinical Assistant for the Department of Cardiology at Victoria Hospital. He started his practice in Barrie in 1996, and joined the team at Southlake in 2000 where he has worked in the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory.

He has a broad-based practice in clinical cardiology, with a particular interest in preventative medicine and risk factor modification. He has been the regional spokesperson for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario, and is often on radio and television discussing cardiovascular issues. He was the Physician Lead for the Division of Cardiology and the Clinical Director of the Cardiovascular Program at RVH from 2012 to 2017, helping to bring advanced cardiac care to the region's own Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory which officially opened in January 2018.

Outside of Cardiology, he also has an interest in the climate crisis, and was appointed by the federal Minister of the Environment (the late Jim Prentice) as one of 25 members to the Sustainable Development Advisory Council, a membership he still maintains. He has written a book on the subject entitled 'Comprehending the Climate Crisis' which has won awards and been endorsed by former Canadian astronaut Col. Chris Hadfield, and has received training from former Vice President and Nobel Laureate Al Gore in San Francisco in August 2012, allowing him to provide versions of Mr. Gore's climate talk to Canadians. He now serves as a Mentor for Climate Reality Canada.