

SPEAKER PROFILES

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Dr. Stuart Smith, MD, FRCPC

(Cardiology)

Stuart Smith MD FRCPC received his medical degree from McMaster University in Hamilton, Canada in 1986. He did his Postgraduate Training in Internal Medicine and Cardiology at the University of Western Ontario. In addition, he has done postgraduate training in Infectious Disease & Immunology at the Hospital For Sick Children; and Clinical Epidemiology at the University of Western Ontario.

Dr Smith worked as a Staff Cardiologist and Associate Professor (Medicine) at the University of Ottawa Heart Institute. He was the Director of the Heart Failure Clinic at the Heart Institute and a member of the Cardiac Transplant Team. His particular areas of interest are the therapeutic management of patient's with advanced heart failure with a particular emphasis on surgical options; organization of heart failure care in the hospital, outpatient clinic and the community; clinical trials and uses of devices including Left Ventricular Assist Devices and Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy for heart failure management.

He has been a member of the steering committees for several large clinical trials and has made over 150 presentations at local, national and international meetings. In 1999, he was asked to make a presentation to the Government of Canada's Special Commission on Organ Donation. More recently he has been involved with reviews of new cardiac technology for the Ontario Ministry of Health's Technology Evaluation and Assessment program as well as being a member of the Institute of Clinical and Evaluative Services Cardiology Technical Committee. He was a member of the Ontario Ministry of Health Task Force on (ICD) Implantable Cardioverter-Defibrillator therapy. In addition to his clinical and research interests he has won several prestigious awards for Clinical Teaching and remains very active in postgraduate medical education. He has been an examiner for the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada's Cardiology Board (1999 – 2007)

He is currently the Chief of Cardiovascular Services for St Mary's Regional Cardiac Centre in Kitchener-Waterloo – a full service regional cardiac centre. A part of this program is a very active regional heart failure program. He is also a member of the Board of Directors for the Cardiac Care Network of Ontario.



Dr. Martin G. Myers

Dr. Myers is a Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto and a member of the Division of Cardiology at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. Dr. Myers has been active in clinical research in both hypertension and cardiovascular disease with a special interest in therapeutics. He co-founded the Canadian Hypertension Society, international organizations in the field of hypertension. He has been the principal investigator of several national studies in hypertension and heart disease and has recently been on the steering committee of several large multicentre international studies. Currently, Dr. Myers is currently the recipient of a special research grant from the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario to study the use of automated blood pressure monitoring in the community. His main clinical interests are in hypertension and the post-operative care of the cardiac surgery patient.