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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 a principal investigator at the Diabetes Research Group at the John Buhler Research Centre and is involved in many clinical trials and holds a number of grants. He has published a number of articles and abstracts and is a reviewer for many journals. He is actively involved with the Canadian Diabetes Association where he is currently the Chair of the Clinical and Scientific Section and Chaired the 2008 Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Prevention and Management of Diabetes in Canada. He is also a member of the Hypertension guideline committee in Canada (CHEP) and the Cardiovascular harmonization guidelines in Canada (C-CHANGE).

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Robert Gauthier, MD, FRCSC

Dr Robert J. Gauthier graduated from the University of Montreal School of Medicine and obtained his degree in Medicine in 1970. He completed a residency in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Montreal (1971-75). In 1975-76, he became a Certified Specialist in Obstetrics and Gynaecology of the Quebec College of Physicians (CSPQ) and a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (FRCSC).

From 1975-77, he pursued a two-year fellowship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine at the University of Southern California Medical Centre in Los Angeles (CA), U.S.A.

In 1977, he started his academic career at the University of Montreal and became an active medical staff member at Hospital CHU Sainte-Justine. He is now clinical Professor, Dept. Obstetrics-Gynecology, University of Montreal.

He has held different positions:

President - Quebec Association of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists	1992-94
Member of the Executive Board and Regional Representative Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada	1991-95
President – Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada	1999-2000
Chief – Dept. Obstetrics and Gynaecology, CHU Ste Justine, Montreal	1994-99; 2001-04
President – Canadian Foundation for Women's Health	2002 -2007

Dr. Gauthier is also a Fellow of the ACOG (Chair, Quebec Section, District 1), Member of the Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine, Fellow (ad eundem) of the RCOG.

His research interests are concentrated in obstetrics and gynaecology, specifically in Maternal-Fetal Medicine.