NOTABLE SPECIALISTS IN COMMUNITY MEDICINE

John Frank
Scientific Director of the Institute of Population and Public Health (IPPH)
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Dr. John Frank trained in Medicine and Community Medicine at the University of Toronto, in Family Medicine at McMaster University, and in Epidemiology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He was the founding Director of Research at the Institute for Work & Health in Toronto from 1991 until 1997, and is currently a Senior Scientist. That Institute's research program aims to identify and act upon major preventable causes of work-related disability- such as low back pain.

Dr. Frank is a Fellow with the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research Population Health Program, and Professor at the University of Toronto in the Department of Public Health Sciences. As a physician-epidemiologist, with special expertise in prevention, his main area of interest is the biopsychosocial determinants of health status at the population level. Dr. Frank was Provostial Advisor on Population Health at the University of Toronto from 1994 to 1997. From 1997 to 2001, he was Adjunct Professor at the School of Public Health at the University of California, Berkeley, where he received the Distinguished Teacher and Mentor of the Year Award. In December 2000, he was appointed Scientific Director of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research - Institute of Population and Public Health, located at the University of Toronto.

David Butler-Jones
Chief Public Health Officer with the Public Health Agency of Canada

Dr. David Butler-Jones, Canada's first Chief Public Health Officer, heads the Public Health Agency of Canada, providing leadership on the government's efforts to protect and promote the health and safety of Canadians.

He has worked in many parts of Canada in both Public Health and Clinical Medicine, as well as consulting in a number of other countries.

He has taught at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, is a Professor in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Manitoba, and is an Associate Clinical Professor at the University of Saskatchewan. He has also been involved as a researcher in a broad range of public health issues.
From 1995 to 2002, Dr. Butler-Jones was Chief Medical Health Officer for the Province of Saskatchewan and Executive Director of the Population Health and Primary Health Services Branches for the province.

Dr. Butler-Jones has served with a number of organizations including as: President of the Canadian Public Health Association; Vice President of the American Public Health Association; Chair of the Canadian Roundtable on Health and Climate Change; International Regent on the board of the American College of Preventive Medicine; Member of the Governing Council for the Canadian Population Health Initiative; Chair of the National Coalition on Enhancing Preventive Practices of Health Professionals; and Co-Chair of the Canadian Coalition for Public Health in the 21st Century.

He is married to a United Church Minister and they have three children.

Sheela Basrur  
Former Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario  

Many first met Dr. Sheela Basrur during last year's SARS crisis. As the Medical Officer of Health for the City of Toronto, Dr. Basrur was the city's voice of reason, providing calm, clear and accessible information to a nervous population.

While her extraordinary leadership in the face of SARS brought her public notoriety, Dr. Basrur has a long history of accomplishments in the field of health. She has also been at the forefront of developing women's health programs, which give women more control over their bodies and their lives. She has supported sexual and reproductive health as well as multi-lingual health information for all Toronto women.

Public health is often the first point of contact with healthcare for many. Women and girls seeking access to services, information and resources have benefited from Dr. Basrur's understanding of them as both primary caretakers, affecting the health of their families and their communities, and as agents of their own well-being.

Since her appointment as Medical Officer of Toronto in 1998, she has been known for her problem-solving to address systemic problems. She has ensured that Toronto’s Public Health department delivers equitable, accessible services that address the diverse needs of Toronto. She is also noted for her unique understanding of issues facing immigrant and refugee women and her expertise in Public Health is widely recognized. She is sought for her expertise internationally, particularly for her formidable skills in investigating and managing communicable disease outbreaks. As the Medical Officer of Health for the City of
Toronto she headed one of the largest public health bodies in North America with an annual operating budget of $160 million and 1,800 staff across 30 locations.

Born in Toronto, Dr. Basrur completed a Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Western Ontario in 1979, becoming a Doctor of Medicine in 1982 at the University of Toronto, followed by a rotating internship at Dalhousie University in 1983. After a year in general practice in Guelph, Ont., Dr. Basrur traveled to India and Nepal where she found her inspiration to pursue the study of public health.

In 1987, she completed a Masters of Health Sciences at the University of Toronto specializing in community health and epidemiology. This was followed by the completion of a post-graduate residency program, which made her a specialist in Community Medicine. Today, she serves as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences at the University of Toronto.

In 2003, Dr. Basrur was awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal and a Special Award of Merit from the Association of Local Public Health Agencies. She is the recipient of numerous other professional awards including the 2003 Public Service Award from the Ontario Psychological Association, the C.P. Shah Award for public health and the K.J.R. Wightman Award for Internal Medicine in 1982.

Dr. Basrur was recently appointed the province's Chief Medical Officer of Health and Assistant Deputy Minister of the Public Health Division. In her new role, Dr. Basrur will be developing more effective health promotion strategies and programs, to deliver measurable results, while maintaining her stalwart commitment to the health of women and their children.

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Perry Kendall
Provincial Health Officer
http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/pho/kendall.html

Born in the United Kingdom in 1943, Dr. Perry Kendall completed his undergraduate medical training at University College Hospital Medical School in 1968 and interned at the Seaman's Hospital in Greenwich, before spending a year as Senior House Officer at the University Hospital of the West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica. In 1972 he moved to Toronto, Canada and spent two years working in general practice and at Toronto's Hassle Free Clinic.

In 1974 he moved to Vancouver and worked for the Vancouver Health Department's Pine Free Clinic and East Health Unit while acquiring a Master's Degree in Health Care Planning and Epidemiology and a Fellowship in Community Medicine. In 1984 he returned to Ontario and was Manager, Disease
Control and Epidemiology Services with the Ontario Ministry of Health until 1987, when he returned to British Columbia as Medical Officer of Health for the Capital Regional District, in which capacity he opened one of Canada's first needle exchange programs. In 1989 he took on the role of Medical Officer of Health for the City of Toronto, a position he held for six years, during which time he pioneered programs for AIDS/HIV and drug abuse prevention, established Harm Reduction as the official City policy for substance abuse and was involved in developing and promoting the City's comprehensive tobacco control by-laws. In 1991 he received an Addiction Research Foundation Community Achievement Award for leadership in substance abuse prevention. In 1992 he received the Non Smokers Rights Association Award of Merit for outstanding contributions to environmental health and disease prevention.

In 1993 Dr. Kendall spent a year on secondment to the Deputy Minister of Health as Special Adviser on Long Term Care and Population Health.

In March 1995 he was appointed President and CEO of the Addiction Research Foundation of Ontario, one of six academic health science centres in Toronto and a WHO Collaborating Centre, a position he held until the Foundation’s amalgamation with three other hospitals to form the Addiction and Mental Health Services Corporation on January 23rd, 1998.

In April 1998 he took on the position of Vice-President, Seniors’ Health, with the Capital Health Region in Victoria.

May 3, 1999 Dr. Kendall assumed the position of Provincial Health Officer for the province of British Columbia.

In June 2005 Dr. Kendall was awarded the Order of British Columbia for his contributions to Public Health practice and to harm reduction policy and practice in BC.

The Health Act outlines the role of the Provincial Health Officer (PHO). As senior medical health officer for British Columbia (BC), the PHO’s responsibilities include:

- advising the Minister and senior members of the ministry on health issues in BC and on the need for legislation, policies and practices concerning those issues;
- monitoring the health of the people of BC;
- providing information and analyses on health issues;
- reporting to the public on health issues, the need for legislation, a change of policy, or practice respecting health in BC.

Dr. Kendall participates on a number of committees at the provincial and national level and co-chairs the Pan-Canadian Public Health Network Council.
He is married with two children.

Vivek Goel
Vice-President and Provost, University of Toronto
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The Vice-President and Provost is the University's chief academic officer and chief budget officer with responsibility for the University's 28 Faculties, Colleges and Schools and for academic support services including the University of Toronto Library. The Provost leads the university's academic planning and works closely with the Principals and Deans in setting academic priorities and in forming academic budgetary and development plans to ensure the continual enhancement of the University's mission. The Provost also has responsibility for the development, implementation and administration of academic policy with respect to academic staff, to students, and for academic programs. The Provost is senior assessor to the Academic Board and to the Planning and Budget Committee, voting assessor to the Agenda Committee, and non-voting assessor to the Business Board and the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs.

Reporting to the Provost are twenty-five Principals and Deans, the Director of the School of Continuing Studies, the Director of the Transitional Year Program and the Chief Librarian. In accordance with the Policy on Academic Administrators, the Provost is responsible for chairing the search committees that make recommendations to the President with respect to appointments to these positions.

Biography

Professor Goel is a licensed physician and Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Canada, having obtained his Medical Degree from McGill University. He did his post-graduate medical training in community medicine at the University of Toronto and also obtained a Master’s degree (M.Sc.) in Health Administration from the University of Toronto and a Master’s degree (S.M.) in Biostatistics from Harvard University’s School of Public Health.

In 1991, he joined the University of Toronto as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Preventive Medicine and Biostatistics. Professor Goel served as Chair of the Department of Health Administration in the Faculty of Medicine from 1999 until 2001. He holds a cross-appointment to the Department of Public Health Sciences and is an adjunct Senior Scientist at the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES). He is also a member of the Graduate Department
of Community Health and of the Institute for Medical Science. From 1999 to 2002 he was the Scientific Program Leader, Health Evidence Applications Linkages Network (HEALNet), a federal network of centres of excellence.

His primary research interests include health care evaluation with a focus on medical screening intervention, especially cancer screening, breast cancer health services research, and population health informatics.

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David Naylor
President, University of Toronto
http://www.president.utoronto.ca/aboutthepresident/biography.htm

David Naylor was appointed President of the University of Toronto effective October 1, 2005. He received his MD from the University of Toronto's Faculty of Medicine in 1978 with scholarships in medicine, surgery, and paediatrics, and his D.Phil. in the Faculty of Social and Administrative Studies at Oxford University in 1983, where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar. He became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons (Internal Medicine) in 1986, was a Fellow of the Medical Research Council at Toronto General Hospital in 1987, and joined the Department of Medicine of the University of Toronto in 1988, where he was promoted to full Professor by 1996. Prof. Naylor was founding Chief Executive Officer of the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (1991-1998), before becoming Dean of Medicine and Vice Provost for Relations with Health Care Institutions of the University of Toronto (1999 - 2005).

Formerly a Senior Scientist of the Medical Research Council of Canada, Prof. Naylor is the co-author of approximately 300 scholarly publications, spanning social history, public policy, epidemiology and biostatistics, and health economics, as well as clinical and health services research in most fields of medicine. Prof. Naylor served as chair of the National Advisory Committee on SARS and Public Health in 2003. The Committee’s report catalyzed the creation of the Public Health Agency of Canada, major new investments in public health at the federal level, and the appointment of Canada’s first Chief Public Health Officer. A Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, he is the recipient of various...
national and international awards including the John Dinham Cottrell medal, Royal Australasian College of Physicians (1996); Malcolm Brown award, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons (1996); Michael Smith award of Excellence from the Medical Research Council (1999); the Research Achievement award of the Canadian Cardiovascular Society (2002); and the Defries Award of the Canadian Public Health Association (2005).