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John Krahn



Dr. John Krahn is currently the Head, Department of Pathology & Lab Medicine, University of Saskatchewan & Saskatoon Health Region.

Born and raised in Manitoba, John is a true “prairie boy”. Dr. Krahn received both his undergraduate (BSc) and graduate (PhD) degrees from the University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg MB. He was a recipient of a MRC Studentship and a NRC Industrial Post-Doctoral Fellowship. Dr. Krahn completed his Post-Doctoral Fellowship training at the University Hospital of Alberta Hospital in Edmonton, AB. He is a fellow of both the Canadian Academy of Clinical Biochemistry and the National Academy of Clinical Biochemistry.

In 1975 John joined the staff of the Health Sciences Center (HSC) in Winnipeg, MB and over the next nearly 30 years held a number of leadership positions at the HSC, St. Boniface Hospital, the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority and the University of Manitoba. In 2006, Dr. Krahn headed west (just one province not two!) to take on the departmental leadership position for the Saskatoon Health Region.

Dr. Krahn is a member of the Canadian Academy of Clinical Biochemistry and a Past President of both the Canadian Society of Clinical Chemistry and the Manitoba Society of Clinical Chemistry. He is a member of the Editorial Board of *Clinical Biochemistry* and has served as an invited reviewer for numerous journals including: *Clinical Chemistry*, *Journal of Rheumatology* and *Clinical Biochemistry*.

Education has been a cornerstone of John’s career. His commitment and compassion for education has been unwavering. He has served on many accreditation committees including the Canadian Medical Association Conjoint Committee Accreditation team, the CACB Accreditation Committee and The Manitoba College of Physicians and Surgeons Accreditation Teams for Clinical Chemistry and Nuclear Medicine. Perhaps John’s most important educational legacy (certainly one that is nearest to his heart) was the establishment of the clinical chemistry post doctoral training program in Winnipeg in 1976 (with co-founders Paul Desjardins, Roger Boeckx and Mike Leroux). Over the ensuing 30 years, this program has produced many outstanding clinical biochemists!

Dr. John Krahn is a very worthy recipient of the 2007 CSCC Award for Education Excellence. On behalf of the Canadian Society of Clinical Chemists, congratulations and best wishes on receiving this award.