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Gillian Lockitch



Dr. Gillian Lockitch received her MBChB and Doctor of Medicine from the University of Cape Town, South Africa. She immigrated to Canada in the mid 1970's and completed her formal education at the Vancouver General Hospital and University of British Columbia completing a residency in Pediatrics, followed by a Fellowship in Pediatric Neurology and finishing with a residency in Medical Biochemistry. She holds dual fellowships (Pediatrics and Medical Biochemistry) with the Royal College of Physicians of Canada.

Dr. Lockitch's dual interest in pediatrics and biochemistry evolved into a storied career of service, teaching and research. In her thirty year career she has held numerous leadership positions at the Vancouver General Hospital, the British Columbia Women's Hospital, the Children and Women's Health Centre of British Columbia and the University of British Columbia.

Gillian has provided outstanding support to many professional associations including: the American Association for Clinical Chemistry (including serving as Chair of the Pediatric Clinical Chemistry Division), the Canadian Association of Medical Biochemists (President 2001 to 2003), the International Association for Pediatric Laboratory Medicine (President 2001 to 2003) and the British Columbia Society of Clinical Chemists (President 1985 – 1987 and 1990-1991)

This year, the Canadian Society of Clinical Chemists is pleased to recognize and honour Dr. Lockitch's outstanding contributions to education. Laboratory medicine, clinical and medical biochemistry have been direct beneficiaries of Gillian's passion for education. She has taught nine different courses focusing on biochemistry, pediatrics and perinatal and obstetrical biochemistry at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Her combined educational background of Pediatrics and Biochemistry lead to the development of unique course mixtures focusing on pediatric/obstetrical biochemistry. This example of partnership and integration between Biochemistry and other clinical programs has spread across the country in many different disciplines. She served as program director for the Medical Biochemistry Training Program from 2000 to 2004. She has supervised four fellows and eight different medical biochemistry residents and has made over 100 invited presentations at local, provincial, national and international meetings and conferences. Gillian has created an educational legacy which individual students, colleagues and the entire profession has, and will continue to, benefit from.

Bravo Gillian on receiving the CSCC's 2009 Award for Education Excellence!!!