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## **Gillian C. Luxton**



Dr. Luxton is a Medical Biochemist and an Internist who works at St. Josephs Hospital and McMaster University in Hamilton. Her greatest interest lies in the field of education. Although her primary role is that of a laboratory physician, Gillian also has clinical interests that lie in the area of diabetes and maintains a clinical practice in this area. In private life Gillian and her husband George are very interested in racing horses. They live in the countryside near Hamilton where they race and breed thoroughbreds.

Dr. Luxton started her career in medical laboratories as a technologist getting her RT in 1963, followed by an ART in 1967. She rose to the level of Chief Technologist in Clinical Chemistry at the Hamilton General Hospital in 1968. After this she studied medicine at the University of Toronto and got her MD in 1979. This was followed by a residency program which resulted in achieving fellowships in the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in two specialty areas, those being Medical Biochemistry (1983) and Internal Medicine (1984).

Since that time she has spent her professional life practicing both internal medicine and clinical biochemistry in McMaster University and the Hamilton Laboratory Medicine program and is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Pathology.

Gillian has also done research and published but her greatest love is teaching and education. During her career as a technologist she was actively involved in the education of technologists. Even after graduating from medicine and completing her residency, this teaching of technologists continued at Mohawk College until 1994. In her current position, Gillian is the Director of the Medical Biochemistry Residency Program, as well as the Director of the Postdoctoral Training Program in Clinical Biochemistry. She also coordinates the medical biochemistry component of the General Pathology Program. In addition to these administrative duties, much of her time is spent teaching at the undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate levels. She also lectures on various lab topics, presents at rounds, helps with other medical continuing education programs and does clinical teaching in her diabetes clinic. Gillian has participated in accreditation teams for postdoctoral training programs for the Canadian Academy of Clinical Biochemistry as well as serving as an examiner for the certification of clinical and medical biochemists and she has been a consistent contributor to the CSCC annual meetings. The CSCC and the CACB extend a special thank you to Dr. Gillian Luxton for the very special educational contributions she has made to the profession over her career and wish her every success in the future.