

**2014 CSCC Award for Education Excellence**  
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## **Mabood Qureshi**



The CSCC is pleased to recognize the remarkable career of Mr. A. Mabood Qureshi as the 2014 recipient of the CSCC Award for Education Excellence. Through this award the Society honors his distinguished career of more than 40 years in clinical biochemistry, and specifically for his role as an educator. During his career he has contributed to the training of many laboratory technologists, laboratory scientists, and university students at the undergraduate, graduate and post-doctoral (medical residents) levels.

Mr. Qureshi is currently appointed as Associate Professor and Clinical Biochemist in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, College of Medicine, University of Saskatchewan/Saskatoon Health Region (SHR) where he has worked since 2000. Here he continues his work through involvement in research and teaching, and has produced over 30 publications in peer-reviewed Journals and has over 100 conference abstracts and presentations to his credit since 2000. As a Clinical Biochemist his present affiliations are with SHR which includes Royal University Hospital (RUH), St. Paul's Hospital, and Saskatoon City Hospital (SCH). He is certified as a Clinical Laboratory Scientist (Chemistry) by the American Society for Clinical Pathology and was awarded Fellowship from the Canadian Academy of Clinical Biochemistry by Special Distinction in 2007. During his career he has been instrumental in providing clinical biochemistry service throughout the province of Saskatchewan especially during his years as head of the clinical chemistry department with the Provincial Laboratories in Regina.

Mr. Qureshi came to Canada from Pakistan in 1968, bringing with him a B.Sc. in Chemistry and Biology, and a Master's degree in Organic Chemistry. In Canada he completed his second Master's degree at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon in Pharmacy (1970). His teaching role began while he was a graduate student and involved in teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year pharmacy students at the University of Saskatchewan. His career as a Laboratory Scientist began shortly afterward when he went to work with the Provincial Laboratory at the Department of Health in Regina in 1973. He shortly thereafter became head of Clinical Chemistry, overseeing areas of clinical chemistry, endocrine testing, special chemistry, atomic absorption, RIA and toxicology. He continued in this position until early 2000. During his career at the Provincial Laboratory (1995), he received his first university appointment as Clinical Lecturer and Assistant Professor with the Department of Pathology at University of Saskatchewan.

In 2000, Mr Qureshi's career as an educator and mentor in Clinical Chemistry greatly increased when he was appointed to Graduate Faculty at the College of Graduate Studies and Research, and assumed the position of Chair of Graduate Studies and Research in the Department of Pathology—a position that he has held since. Mr. Qureshi was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor in the Department of Pathology (2004). Here he played an even greater role in training medical technologists, undergraduate, graduate and post graduate students. His many years of Clinical Chemistry experience made him an invaluable resource for medical residents at Saskatoon Health Region (RUH, SCH, St. Paul's); and even more actively to the annual stream of medical residents rotating under his mentorship. Also, since his appointment to the faculty of the University of Saskatchewan /SHR, he has been instrumental in enhancing graduate program in the department serving as graduate chair, graduate supervisor and committee member for

several graduate students. Since 2000, he has supervised 3 graduate students pursuing MSc and PhD degrees and served on the supervisory committee of over 20 graduate students pursuing MSc and PhD degrees. He is involved in the annual delivery of at least 4 graduate level pathology courses as coordinator and instructor, as well as involved in undergraduate teaching. Outside of this he also presents at many local, provincial, national and international meetings in the area of Clinical Biochemistry.

Mr. Qureshi is an active member of the CSCC, SSCC (Saskatchewan Society of Clinical Chemists), AACC, IATDMCT, ICA (International College of Angiology), ASQ (American Society for Quality) and the Provincial Chemistry (QA) Quality Assurance Committee, College of Physician and Surgeon of Saskatchewan. Included among his many contributions to CSCC are his service as Councillor (2005-2007) on CSCC Council and a team member for the CSCC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in Victoria (2006). He was also a member of the local organizing committee for the CSCC Annual Meeting in Saskatoon (2010). He has served in leadership roles locally in Saskatchewan as President, Vice President and Secretary Treasurer of the SSCC several times during 1976-2013. It is a pleasure to honour Mabood Qureshi, a distinguished Clinical Chemist and colleague, with the 2014 CSCC Award for Education Excellence.