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The CSCC is pleased to recognize Dr. Lynn Allen and Dr. Edward Randell, representing the CSCC Quality Management Working Group, as the recipients of the 2016 CSCC Award for Education Excellence. Fundamental to maintaining the important role that laboratory medicine plays in healthcare is high quality training and education of clinical biochemists and others who work in laboratory medicine. To that end this award recognizes outstanding contribution to education in the field of clinical chemistry.

Dr. Lynn Allen is currently the Laboratory Director, Headwaters Health Care Centre, Orangeville, ON, and a consultant in Clinical Chemistry and Quality Management. She is an Associate Professor with the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology and the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Toronto. Dr. Allen received her PhD from the University of Ottawa in 1973, her Diploma in Clinical Chemistry from the University of Toronto in 1975 and certification from the CSCC in 1976, becoming a Fellow with the CACB in 1985.

Dr. Edward Randell is the Division Chief for Clinical Chemistry with the Department of Laboratory Medicine, Eastern Health Authority, St. John's, NL. He is a Professor in Laboratory Medicine and holds cross appointments with Medicine, the School of Pharmacy and the Department of Biochemistry at Memorial University. Dr. Randell received his PhD from Memorial University in 1992, completed his training in Clinical Biochemistry at the University of Toronto in 1995, received certification from the CSCC and became a Fellow with the CACB in 1996.

Dr. Allen is Chair and Dr. Randell is the co-Chair of the CSCC Working Group on Quality Management (QM), a group of CSCC members interested in advancing the knowledge of quality management among CSCC membership and assisting with development of educational activities to address knowledge gaps in quality management. Toward this end, the WG has developed an educational program to bring Clinical Biochemists, as laboratory leaders, to a level required to provide competent leadership and oversight to the quality management systems (QMS) in their laboratory. The certificate program is presented as an online course in quality management and consists of five different modules that collectively provide a comprehensive overview of quality management. The program makes use of a variety of educational resources, including CSCC

Education Roundtables, CSCC Travelling Lectureship talks, CSCC workshop talks, references (mainly open access), IFCC presentations, WHO documents, and other educational material available in the public domain through web access. Each module is divided into subsections with learning objectives and written text to guide learning and augment materials covered in linked presentations, recommended readings, and other reference materials. Mastery of the materials contained within each module will take about 10 hours of self-learning, and will be assessed for professional development credit through a web-based short-answer quiz. The WG-QM members will serve as course faculty.

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