

Dr. Peter Kavsak, PhD, FCACB, FAACC, FCCS



Dr. Kavsak is a Clinical Biochemist at Hamilton Regional Laboratory Medicine Program (HRLMP) and Professor in the Department of Pathology and Molecular Medicine, Division of Clinical Pathology, Faculty of Health Sciences, McMaster University. Dr. Kavsak is a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Clinical Biochemistry (FCACB), a Fellow, National Academy of Clinical Biochemistry, a Fellow of the American Association for Clinical Chemistry Academy, and a Fellow of the Canadian Cardiovascular Society (FCCS).

In addition to performing his job as a Clinical Biochemist at an exemplary level, Dr. Kavsak demonstrates an extraordinary commitment to teaching and research as a Professor in the Department of Pathology and Molecular Medicine at McMaster University. Dr. Kavsak is involved in teaching with the graduate and postgraduate Clinical Chemistry training programs at both mainly McMaster University and University of Toronto.

During the last 16 years he has taught 18 Clinical Chemistry Fellows and 25 Medical Biochemistry residents which are now working in many provinces across Canada. Dr. Kavsak demonstrates his teaching commitment not only for his graduate students, the Clinical Chemistry Fellows and Medical Biochemistry residents, but also for the medical laboratory technicians and technologists. Dr. Kavsak has provided tremendous support and is always willing to teach and share what he knows. Residents and fellows love reaching out to him and enjoy working with him as he encourages them to think, read, question, discuss, and challenge specific topics. Dr. Kavsak's door is always open for discussions with everyone including laboratory assistants, medical laboratory technologists, managers, fellows, and other colleagues.

Dr. Kavsak has over 200 publications in laboratory medicine, over 50 of which are published with one of his fellows or technologists. He has had over 100 invited local, national, and international presentations, has supervised MSc, PhD students as well as being a committee member and external examiner for both MSc and PhDs. He has taught in the MD program since 2007 being a tutor for 19 different medical foundations. Apart from intensive teaching and research, he is also an editor, editorial board member and reviewer for many laboratory and clinical journals. He was Editor-in-Chief, Clinical Biochemistry, from January 2012 to November 2017.

The education award is designed to acknowledge the value of exemplary skills, leadership, creativity, mentoring and other intangible aspects of the work needed to accomplish the teaching mission of the laboratory medicine field. Dr. Kavsak truly satisfies these criteria.