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Dr. Nancy McKee to receive CSPS Lifetime Achievement Award



Nancy McKee, MD, FRCSC

DR. NANCY MCKEE graduated from the University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine in 1970 and after completing an internship at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal, she started a residency in Plastic Surgery at the University of Toronto under Dr. W. K. Lindsay. She obtained her fellowship in 1979 and then did a prestigious 4-year Medical Research Council of Canada Research Fellowship under the supervision of Dr. Ralph Manktelow. Her interests in research and the pursuit of academia started early and have remained an underlying passion. In that era, the concept of the Surgeon-Scientist was in its embryonic state and Dr. McKee was both a pioneer and an advocate in establishing its importance in the world of academic surgery.

Dr. McKee began her staff appointment as the first divisional female member at the University of Toronto in 1979 and became a full Professor in 1993. She maintained several unique staff cross-appointments in both the University of Toronto School of Physical and Health Education (since 1988) and the Department of Kinesiology at the University of Waterloo (since 1997). In this way, she was able to expand the horizons and influence of the specialty and develop collaborative and fruitful relationships with groups that do not routinely cross the path of a Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon.

Her lifelong research interest has been focused on skeletal muscle

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CSPS 2017 President's Medal recipient is Dr. Douglas Ross



Douglas Ross, MD, FRCSC

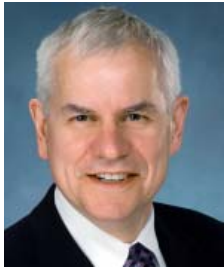
DR. ROSS was chosen for his contributions in education and administration in plastic surgery. He has served as the Chief Examiner in plastic surgery at the Royal College, and is currently the Chair of the Specialty Committee for plastic surgery. He has been instrumental in the implementation of a change in education, competency based training, which is being rolled out across Canada. He has also served as president of the Canadian Society of Plastic Surgeons, and Chief of Plastic Surgery at Western University.

Dr. Ross served on the CSPS Educational Foundation Board

from 2007 to 2015, as President in 2014 and 2015.

This award recognizes a CSPS member who has made an extraordinary contribution to the betterment of the specialty of Plastic Surgery. The award differs from the Lifetime Achievement Award, in that it recognizes a singularly outstanding contribution at any stage of career. The recipient is selected by the current CSPS President and two immediate past presidents. Past President's Medals were awarded to Dr. Rick Warren in 2014, Dr. Don Lalonde in 2015 and Dr. Mitchell Brown in 2016.

Dr. Don Lalonde is given CMA FNG Starr Award



DR. DON LALONDE has been selected by the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) to receive the 2017 CMA Frederic Newton Gisborne (FNG) Starr Award.

The CMA FNG Starr Award is the highest award that

CMA can bestow upon one of its members. It is awarded to individuals who have achieved distinction in one of the following ways:

- by making an outstanding contribution to science, the fine arts or literature (non-medical);
- by achievement in serving humanity under conditions calling for courage or the endurance of hardship in the promotion of health or the saving of life;
- in advancing the humanitarian or cultural life of his or her community; or
- in improving medical service in Canada.

In conferring this award, the CMA Board of Directors recognized Dr. Lalonde's outstanding contributions to medicine, including his work to make cleft lip/palate and hand surgery more accessible to children and adults in the developing world.

Presentation of the award will take place the evening of Tuesday, August 22. At the CMA Awards Gala in Quebec City.

DONATE YOUR LOUPES

Retiring or leaving practice? Consider donating your adjustable surgical loupes to residents in Africa. Dr. Don Lalonde (dlalonde@drlalonde.ca) will find a good home for your loupes.

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and peripheral nerve. This has evolved from important work examining the pathophysiology of free functioning muscle transfers and ischemia-reperfusion injury to extend into the world of composite vascularized allotransplantation. Her CV demonstrates a remarkable fortitude and dedication to the pursuit of basic science and academia. She has 89 peer-reviewed publications, 15 book chapters, over 150 scientific presentations and 27 invited lectures. She has an unparalleled track record of peer reviewed funding extending from 1976 to 2011. She has been a member and staunch supporter of the University of Toronto Institute of Medical Sciences since 1982 and the number of students mentored runs into the several dozens.

Dr. McKee has been a phenomenal supporter and cheerleader for Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and has maintained a presence at local, national and international levels for her entire career. She has been passionate about the well-being of the specialty and its important political bodies, namely the Canadian Society of Plastic Surgeons and the Plastic Surgery Research Council.

She was integral to developing innovative and practical educational opportunities for the residents. For many years, she ran the University of Toronto microsurgical workshop which involved importing a dozen Zeiss microscopes and soliciting the suture companies for donations. She has remained a good citizen of this division until the end of her career. She has just finished donating her library to many of the residents.

Nancy was one of the pioneer microsurgeons of the specialty and was involved in establishing a regional microsurgical service at the University of Toronto for purposes of replantation coverage. Nowadays, this sounds like a simple and straightforward idea but in the 1980's the concept was revolutionary. Nancy has a remarkable track record in students mentored and was integral to the success of several prominent members of our society including Dr. Bill Kuzon, Dr. Joel Fish and CSPS Past-President Dr. Howard Clarke.

Generous, collaborative, kind, broad-minded, idiosyncratic, sensitive, innovative, loyal and dedicated. These are the terms that come to mind when one reflects on Dr. Nancy McKee and her career. It is safe to say that her investments in the field of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery



In memoriam H. Bruce Williams

Dr. H. Bruce Williams passed away on March 24, 2017. He was born in Barney's River Nova Scotia. He completed his BA at Acadia University and graduated from Medical School at McGill University in 1955. Known especially for his work repairing congenital deformities and facial injuries in children, he also pioneered microvascular surgical techniques that have improved the lives of thousands of patients.

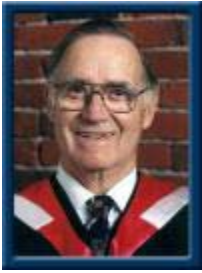
Emeritus Professor of Surgery at McGill University, he was the Chairman of McGill's Division of Plastic Surgery until 2007 and Director of its Residency Program until 2010, and founded the burn unit at the Montreal General Hospital. He led numerous national and international medical organizations, and served as Surgeon-in-Chief of The Montreal Children's Hospital for 14 years. The recipient of many awards and distinctions, he was inducted into the Order of Canada in 2014.

Dr. Williams served as president of the Canadian Society of Plastic Surgeons, ASRM, the American Society for Peripheral Nerve and the International Microsurgical Society.

In 2003 Dr. Williams received the inaugural CSPS Lifetime Achievement Award. He was a member of 34 medical societies and contributed more than 90 articles and book chapters to specialty publications.

Dr. Williams was the first out of country president of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons in 1990-91. He served as PSF president in 1976-77.

An avid golfer, he was a member of the Royal Montreal Golf Club, Royal Poinciana (Naples, FL) and the Abenakee Club (Biddeford Pool, ME) and thoroughly enjoyed playing rounds with his family and friends. Among other philanthropic endeavors, he co-founded the very successful Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation's Annual Golf Tournament in 1997 that supports research and excellence in pediatric care by attracting and retaining the best and brightest medical talent.



In memoriam James Ross

DR. JAMES ROSS passed away on August 31, 2016. He began his university education at UNB but was interrupted by World War II when he shifted gears to train as a paratrooper, receiving the rank of Company Sergeant Major. Just as his troop, the 1st Canadian Parachute Brigade was to be deployed, the war ended and he returned to university to fulfill the dream inspired by his mother to become a doctor.

He graduated from Dalhousie University Medical School in 1951. Following postgraduate training in Halifax and Toronto, he continued his studies as a travelling fellow in England and Europe. He became the first qualified plastic surgeon in the Maritime Provinces, beginning his practice in 1959. Jim was instrumental in the creation of the first two burn units in the Maritime Provinces. He specialized in the treatment of accident victims, cleft lip and palate reconstructions and burn treatments.

He established the foundations of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Dalhousie in 1972. Jim was the author of numerous medical articles and served as President of the Canadian Society of Plastic Surgeons in 1982. He was committed to encouraging and supporting students in their medical studies and created a nursing scholarship at UNB in his mother's name. His surgical skills were internationally renowned. Jim was hosted by the Czech government, to thank him for his dedication and medical attention entrusted to plane crash patients of the Czech crash that occurred in Gander in 1967. In 1976, Jim and three of his colleagues were invited by the Chinese Plastic Surgeon's Association to share medical knowledge and procedures. This information was invaluable at the time and augmented our medical techniques here tremendously.

Following his retirement Jim and his wife Betty moved to their Harmony cottage which many would say was his favorite place on earth. He and Betty operated a small farm and entertained friends from far and wide with food from their expansive garden. Jim's hobbies included studying wood turning and he assembled a beautiful collection of wood art. He was a voracious reader; his particular interest was in military history. He was a proud supporter of the arts and local community projects.

71st ANNUAL MEETING

June 21-24, 2017

Fairmont Hotel, Winnipeg, Manitoba
Scientific Program Highlights

Tuesday, June 20th :

- > **Advanced Breast Reconstruction Fresh Cadaver Dissection Course Perforator Flap and Direct to Implant with ADM**
- > AO Course: *Hand & Wrist workshop*
- > *Canadian Society for Surgery of the Hand (CSSH) meeting*

Wednesday, June 21st

- > *GAM Canada Annual Meeting with Invited Speaker Mr. Umraz Khan*
- > *Educational Foundation Symposium:*

- Session 1: Robots or Transplants - The amputated limb**
- Session 2: Game of Skin and Bones - My greatest case**
- Session 3: Unperceived Needs in Plastic Surgery**
- Session 4: Specialty Update Break Out Sessions**

Thursday, June 22nd

- > *Eye Opener: Diabetic foot disease* - Dr. Umraz Khan
- > *Canadian Expert: PIP Joint Injuries* - Dr. Paul Binhammer
- > *Canadian Expert: Global Surgery Advocacy and Outreach* - Dr. Yvonne Ying
- > *Canadian Expert: Facial fat grafting* - Dr. Damir Matic
- > *Canadian Expert: Current Therapies in Peripheral Nerve Repair* - Dr. Jaret Olson
- > *Invited Speaker: Physician Burn-Out* - Dr. Dike Drummond
- > *Young Plastic Surgeons Symposium*
- > *6th Annual Plastic Surgery Nurses Symposium*

Friday, June 23rd

- > *Eye Opener: Social media in plastic surgery and protection of your online reputation* - Almin Kassamali, StyleLabs, Edmonton
- > *A.W. Farmer Lecture: Using Perforators and Supermicrosurgery to expand the horizon of lower extremity reconstruction* - Dr. J.P. Hong
- > *Residents Meet the Professor: Navigating the Perils of Starting up a New Practice: Learning From the Mistakes of Others* - Dr. Leif Sigurdson, Dr. Douglas Humphreys

Saturday, June 24th

- > *Panel: Blepharoplasty* - Chair: Dr. Richard Warren
- > *Panel: Mastopexy* - Chair: Dr. Brian Peterson
- > *Panel: Facial Re-animation* - Chair: Dr. Damir Matic
- > *Panel: Basilar joint arthritis of the thumb* - Chair: Dr. Michael Morhart
- > *Canadian Expert: Moh's Micrographic Surgery* - Dr. Jeff Dawes
- > *Canadian Expert: Pigmented lesions in children* - Dr. Cynthia Vercheres