Integrative Health Institute (IHI) Conference

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Keynote Speakers:


Dr. Gaudet is the Executive Director of the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) National Office of Patient Centered Care and Cultural Transformation. She received her BA degree in Psychology and Sociology from Duke University, her MD from Duke University, and her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology from the University of Texas in San Antonio. She is a recognized leader in the transformation of healthcare and speaks nationally through both public and professional venues ranging from The Institutes of Medicine and the Department of Defense, to The Oprah Show. She has been featured in numerous national media including the PBS nationally acclaimed special entitled “The New Medicine”, and was named by Shape magazine as one of the eleven women who shape the world. In July of 2011, Dr. Gaudet was recognized as one of the “Top 25 Women in Healthcare 2011” by Modern Healthcare, and was featured as a Game Changer in Fortune Magazine in October of 2013. She is the recipient of the 2013 Bravewell Leadership Award for her significant contributions to advancing the field of medicine.

Chief Wilton Littlechild, IPC, CM, FP, QC LLD (hon) - “Indigenous Health: Path to Reconciliation”

Chief Littlechild has the distinction of being the first Treaty First Nation person to acquire his law degree from the University of Alberta in 1976. He is the Grand Chief of Treaty 6 Nations, a Cree lawyer, PhD, residential school survivor, and former Member of Parliament. He has worked both nationally and internationally, including with the United Nations to advance Indigenous rights and Treaties. Through leadership with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, he has raised awareness of former Canadian policies that decimated the livelihood and culture of Indigenous Canadians. Chief Littlechild has a lifelong love of sports and is an accomplished athlete. He is one of the founders of the North American Indigenous Games, and is helping to host the World Indigenous Nations Games being held in Edmonton and Enoch Cree Nation in July. He will also be part of the first National Gathering of Indigenous Elders this September in Edmonton. Chief Littlechild truly has a passion for community, and has made countless efforts throughout his life to improve the lives of Indigenous peoples and communities.

Simon Sutcliffe, MD, FRCP, FRCP(C), FRCR - “Innovation in Health Practice: Why Is It So Challenging?”

Dr. Sutcliffe is an Adjunct Clinical Professor at the University of British Columbia, and an Associate Scientist with the Michael Smith Genome Sciences Centre at the BC Cancer Agency. He is currently the President of the International Cancer Control Congress Association and the International Network for Cancer Treatment and Research - Canada Branch (Two Worlds Cancer Collaboration), and is Chief Medical Officer for QuBiologics Inc. and Omnitura Inc. He is the former President and CEO of the BC Cancer Agency (2000-2009) and the Princess Margaret Hospital/Ontario Cancer Institute (1994-1996). Dr. Sutcliffe served as Board Chair for the Institute for Health Systems Transformation and Sustainability (2010-2016), the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer (CPAC, 2009-2012), the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research (MSFHR, 2000-2007), and Premier Diversified Holdings (including Premier Diagnostics Centre). He has also acted as Senior Advisor to the Terry Fox Research Institute (2008-2016) and has served the Boards of CPAC, MSFHR and Genome BC.

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