



## SIX CANADIAN GIANTS IN HEALTH JOIN CANADA'S MEDICAL HALL OF FAME

London, ON - Six outstanding Canadians will be inducted into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame by means of a virtual Induction Ceremony scheduled to be RELEASED AT 12:00 PM EDT ON APRIL 29, 2021. Hosted in association with The University of British Columbia, esteemed health, academic and business leaders from across the country will virtually honour these outstanding individuals. Heather Hiscox, host of 'Morning Live' on CBC News Network, will serve as the Master of Ceremonies. The 22nd Induction Ceremony is sponsored by the Canadian Medical Association with medical student sponsor MD Financial Management Inc.

"The CMA is thrilled to provide support in recognizing these individuals who raise the bar in our profession," says Dr. Ann Collins, CMA President. "We salute and thank them for their extraordinary contributions."

The Canadian Medical Hall of Fame is proud to welcome these six individuals whose outstanding contributions to health have made Canada, and the world, a better place," said Dr. William Orovan, chair of the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame. "Their impact is well documented, and they have earned their place alongside our 137 Laureates.

The Canadian Medical Hall of Fame Laureates are individuals whose outstanding contributions to medicine and the health sciences have led to extraordinary improvements in human health. Their work may be a single meritorious contribution or a lifetime of superior accomplishments. Pioneers in their field, they are role models and an inspiration to young Canadians to pursue careers in the health sciences. The new CMHF Laureates are:

**Harvey Max Chochinov, OC OM MD PhD FRCPC FRSC FCAHS** (Winnipeg, MB): Distinguished Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Manitoba whose seminal publications addressing psychosocial dimensions of palliation have helped define core-competencies and standards of end-of-life care.

**Jean Gray, CM MD FRCPC FRCP FCAHS** (Halifax, NS): Praised and admired for her wide-ranging knowledge of pharmacotherapeutics and her devotion to evidence-informed practice, she has championed rigorous studies of drug safety and effectiveness to improve prescribing practice.

**Venerable Jeanne Mance** (Montreal, QC): Travelled from France in 1642 to Montreal, at that time a remote frontier outpost, founding a small wilderness hospital, the Hôtel-Dieu de Montréal, which has been serving the people of Canada for more than 375 years.

**Marco Marra, OBC PhD FRSC FCAHS** (Vancouver, BC): Head of the Personalized Oncogenomics project at BC Cancer, one of the first applications of whole genome sequencing in a clinical setting, using information derived from thousands of individual cancer genomes and transcriptomes to identify promising therapeutic targets in individual patients.

**Joseph B. Martin, OC MD PhD** (Boston, MA): Former Dean of Harvard Medical School distinguished for his ability to promote collaboration in building and expanding the institutional foundations of medical education and science in North America.

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**Annette O'Connor, OC MScN PhD FCAHS FRSC** (Ottawa, ON): Her pioneering work in actively engaging patients in their own treatment and supporting them in shared decision-making with physicians and caregivers, has helped make respect for patient agency an accepted part of enlightened and humane medical practice.

#### **RESOURCES**

- Available April 29 12:00 pm EDT | Watch the virtual Induction Ceremony [HERE](https://cdnmedhall.ca/laureate-induction-ceremony)  
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- Laureate portraits and detailed biographies available on request

#### **ABOUT THE CANADIAN MEDICAL HALL OF FAME**

The Canadian Medical Hall of Fame (CMHF) celebrates Canadian heroes whose work advances health in Canada and the world, and fosters future generations of health professionals through the delivery of local and national youth education programs and awards. This enduring tribute to our country's rich medical history is showcased on our virtual hall online at [www.cdnmedhall.ca](http://www.cdnmedhall.ca) and in an exhibit hall in London, ON.

#### **ABOUT THE CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**

The Canadian Medical Association is the national voice of the medical profession. Our focus is on creating strong and accessible health systems, fostering well-being and diversity in medical culture, and ensuring every person in Canada has equal opportunity to be healthy. In partnership with physicians, medical learners, patients and others, we advance these goals through advocacy, knowledge sharing and granting.

#### **ABOUT MD FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INC.**

With more than 50 years of physician-focused experience, MD Financial Management Inc. (MD) is dedicated to providing financial peace of mind to Canada's physicians and their families, so they can enjoy what matters most to them while achieving their career and life goals. MD had more than \$58 billion in assets under management as of April 15, 2021. MD Management Limited was the first of the MD Group of Companies to be founded, in 1969. MD Financial Management Inc. wholly owns or has a majority interest in its seven subsidiaries (the MD Group of Companies). It provides financial products and services, is the fund manager for the MD Family of Funds and offers investment counselling services. For a detailed list of the MD Group of Companies, visit [md.ca](http://md.ca).

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