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Profile

Caring and learning are my two core values, either in the medical setting or in any other life situation. After training in Pediatrics in Belgium, I moved to Canada and lived most of my professional life in Edmonton as a neonatologist. After working for the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research for about one decade, and together with great teams and people, we developed the surgical NICU at the Stollery Children's Hospital (SCH) in the late 90's. Similarly, between 2000 and 2009, we integrated the largest regional program offering the widest variety of neonatal services in Canada, coordinating the services for 115 neonatal beds for the Northern Alberta Neonatal Intensive Care Program. Between 2009 and 2011, with the help of other visionaries, we started an initiative for Collaborative Practice and Quality Improvement for the Neonatal Program at SCH. In 2007, a new Master's degree in leadership studies was added to my toolbox to help people, teams and organizations transform our world into a better place. Recently, I became Regional Medical Director for Neonatology in the Fraser Health Region, partly in a distance leadership capacity, and I joined the Faculty of the Physician Management Institute at the Canadian Medical Association and the Associate Faculty at the School for Leadership Studies at Royal Roads University. As a health care consultant, I provide organizational and learning services for health care organizations and universities, and medico-legal expertise for others.

Experience

Regional Medical Director - Neonatology, Fraser Health Authority-Neonatologist, 2011 - now.

Faculty PMI - CMA, 2011 - now

Associate Faculty - School for Leadership Studies, Royal Roads University, Victoria, 2009 - present.

Collaborative Practice and Quality Improvement, Stollery Children's Hospital, 2009 - 2010.

Staff Neonatologist, Stollery Children's Hospital, 1985 - 2010.

Clinical Professor, University of Alberta, 1997 - 2010.

Medical Director, NICU - SCH, Capital Health, 1997 - 2001.

Medical Director, NICU - RAH, Capital Health, 2001 - 2007.

Medical Director, Pediatric Home Nutrition Program, Capital Health, 1996 - 2001.

Regional Medical Director, Newborn Medicine, Capital Health, 2000 - 2009.

Extensive committee work locally, provincially and nationally.

Consultant services provided to the Canadian Medical Protective Association, Alberta Health Services, Canadian Patient Safety Institute/WHO, Alberta Research Centre for Health Evidence (ARCHE), Stollery Children's Hospital in Edmonton, British Columbia Ambulance Service, Faculty of Medicine - Univ of Victoria, FoM - U of Alberta, Fraser Health Authority (BC), Canadian Association for Gastroenterology and others.

Education and Publications

MD, University of Leuven, Belgium, 1978

Residency Pediatrics, Belgium, 1978-82

Fellowship Neonatology, HSC, Toronto, 1982-1985

FRCPC, Pediatrics, Canada, 1991

PhD, Medical Sciences, 1992.

Master's of Arts in Leadership, Royal Roads Univ, Victoria, Canada, 2007/09.

Publications: > 70 peer-reviewed articles, 20 book chapters, 140 abstracts and >60 invited lectures.