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Meet Dr. Caron Strahlendorf

WHAT I LOVE ABOUT MY JOB THE MOST

I love building relationships with patients and families. I am passionate about working in an area of medicine where advancements in care and innovation make a difference to children's lives.

MY ROLE WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION

I am a Pediatric Hematologist Oncologist since 1998 and Division Head with the department since 2014. I am also the Co-Chair of the UBC Children's and Women's Research Ethics Board since 2009.

MY PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT TO DATE

I am so proud to lead a team that is committed to compassionate high-quality patient care. It is an honor to be part of a group of who genuinely care for each other's wellbeing.

WHY I BECAME A DOCTOR AND RESEARCHER

I am interested in bioethics and the ethical conduct of research in children. My clinical research focus is solid malignancy in children and clinical trials.

As a child, I always wanted to be a doctor and I have had the privilege to follow my dreams. As a trainee, I found so much joy working with children, which led me to specialize in pediatrics. The field of Hematology/Oncology is a dynamic field with innovative approaches to care and therapies, constantly evolving. Our research makes a difference in improving the lives of children while balancing the unique needs of a growing child.

HOW MY ROLE AS CLINICIAN/RESEARCHER COMPLEMENT/BALANCE EACH OTHER OUT

Clinical care and clinical research, for me, are inter-woven. My patients have taught me so many new things everyday and have advanced my understanding of childhood cancer and the importance of providing compassionate care. I have found working in this field so humbling as it has enabled me to be curious while at the same time reminding me daily of how precious life is.

MORE:

<https://pediatrics.med.ubc.ca/divisions-centres/hematology>

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