

**\*\* Sent on behalf Drs. Steven Miller, Head and Laura Sauvé, Assistant Head, Clinical Partnerships,  
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Image: Drs. Jean-Pierre Chanoine and Ariane Alimenti

Dear Colleagues,

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Dr. Ariane Alimenti — a beloved colleague, dedicated clinician, inspiring teacher, and natural leader who transformed the lives of countless women and children living with HIV.

Dr. Alimenti joined our department as a Clinical Assistant Professor in 1999 and dedicated her career to providing specialized care for women living with HIV and their children, before, during, and after pregnancy at the Oak Tree Clinic at BC Women's Hospital + Health Centre. Her compassionate and pioneering work touched everyone who had the privilege of knowing her.

She was an active member of the Canadian Pediatric & Perinatal HIV/AIDS Research Group and a longstanding member of the Canadian Perinatal HIV Surveillance Program (CPHSP), helping lead research on preventing perinatal HIV infection and supporting families impacted by HIV. As an educator she taught generations of pediatric infectious diseases physicians about caring for families impacted by HIV.

Dr. Alimenti was a champion of Camp Moomba, a summer camp that included peer support and education program for youth living with and affected by HIV in BC. When the program faced the risk of closure, she stepped up with characteristic dedication and led fundraising efforts to ensure it survived — a testament to her deep commitment to the communities she served.

Beyond her extraordinary professional contributions, we will remember Ariane for her quiet elegance, her trademark casual-chic style, her remarkable ability to speak five languages, and her infectious love of salsa dancing. Her passion for travel, staying active, and nurturing a beautiful balance between her personal and professional life was an inspiration to all who knew her.

Dr. Alimenti retired in 2020 to spend more time with her family, travel, and pursue her many hobbies. She is lovingly survived by her husband, Dr. Jean-Pierre Chanoine, her daughters Manuelle and Camille, and her cherished grandchildren.

We are deeply grateful for the legacy Dr. Alimenti leaves behind — in the lives of her patients, the programs she championed, and the colleagues she inspired. She will be profoundly missed.

**Oak Tree Clinic at BC Women's Hospital + Health Centre:** <https://www.bcwomens.ca/our-services/specialized-services/oak-tree-clinic>

Thank you,

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