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Robin Armstrong PhD, DSc, FRSC

Chair, Board of Directors

Dr. Robin Armstrong received his MSc and PhD degrees from the University of Toronto and did postdoctoral studies at Oxford University. He served as Chair of the Department of Physics at the University of Toronto (1974-1982), Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science at the University of Toronto (1982-1990), and President of the University of New Brunswick (1990-1996). He is currently Professor Emeritus at the University of Toronto. Dr. Armstrong's research interests involve the use of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) for both medical and condensed matter applications.



In the 1980s, he collaborated to establish a small animal MRI laboratory at the Toronto Western Hospital. In the 1990s he established an MRI laboratory at the University of New Brunswick, exclusively for the study of materials. Dr Armstrong has served on numerous federal and provincial research committees, including the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (1977-1981 and 1991-1997) and its Vice-President (1994-1997); and the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (1981-1999). Over his career he has received recognition for his research achievements, including his appointment as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada (1979), the Herzberg Medal (1973), and the Medal of Achievement (1990) of the Canadian Association of Physicists, and an honorary Doctor of Science degree from the University of New Brunswick (2001).



Claire Bombardier MD, FRCPC

Co-Scientific Director

Professor Claire Bombardier currently holds a Canada Research Chair in Knowledge Transfer for Musculoskeletal Care as well as a Pfizer Research Chair in Rheumatology and she is the Rheumatology Division Director for the University of Toronto. She is also a senior scientist at the Toronto General Research Institute and at the Institute for Work and Health, an independent, not-for-profit research organization whose mission is to improve the health of working people.

After serving as Interim Scientific Director for the Canadian Arthritis Network for eight months, Dr. Bombardier was named Co-Scientific Director. She was the founding director of the clinical epidemiology program at the University of Toronto. She completed her MD at the University of Montreal and her residency at McGill University. She was a Robert Wood Clinical Scholar in economics and rheumatology at Stanford University.

Honours she has received include the University of Toronto's Goldie Price Award (1986), an Arthritis Society Associateship (1979-85), a National Health Research Scholar Award (1986-91) and the University of Toronto, Department of Medicine 2001 Research Award for outstanding research accomplishments. In May 2001 the Endowment of "The Claire Bombardier Award" for the most promising (MSc Clinical Epidemiology) student was created. In Sept 2003, she was named the University of Toronto, Dales Award in Medical Research.

Her professional interests include the improvement of clinical effectiveness, optimum use of technology and drugs, clinical economics, performance measurement/program evaluation, health research methods (clinical trials), knowledge transfer, and workplace/rehabilitation, with a focus on musculoskeletal disorders.

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Monique Gignac PhD

Co-Scientific Director

Dr. Monique Gignac is a Senior Scientist with the Division of Health Care & Outcomes Research and a research investigator with the Arthritis Community Research and Evaluation Unit (ACREU) at the Toronto Western Research Institute (TWRI). She is also an Associate Professor in the Dalla Lana School of Public Health at the University of Toronto and an Adjunct Scientist with the Institute for Work and Health.



In 2008, she became Co-Scientific Director of the Canadian Arthritis Network. Dr. Gignac's expertise is in the areas of health and social psychology. Her research examines psychosocial factors like coping and adaptation, and their importance in understanding the impact of arthritis and other chronic diseases on the lives of middle- and older-aged adults. In addition, her work focuses on ways to enable people with chronic diseases to maintain involvement in valued roles and activities like employment.



Johnathan Riley MHA

Managing Director

Johnathan Riley was appointed Managing Director of the Canadian Arthritis Network (CAN) in 2004. He joined the Network in 2001 as Manager of the Disease Management Core in Vancouver, where he conducted research on a national registry of patients with osteoarthritis. In April 2002 he was appointed Director of Research, Information and Analysis and relocated to CAN's administrative office in Toronto.

Mr. Riley has had extensive experience in health care management. As Project Manager for the British Columbia Ministry of Health's Hepatitis C Blood Recipient Notification Project, he led the public and letter notification programs. Between 1985 and 1990, transfusion and health records of blood recipients were collected from 84 British Columbia hospitals. Mr. Riley's experience in the British Columbia hospital sector includes work at the Chilliwack General Hospital where he completed an evaluation of the hospital's program management structure and patient focused care delivery system. At the BC Children's and Women's Hospital, he developed a strategic communications plan for the Paediatrics Patient-Based Care Unit and revised admission criteria for The Children's Centre at Mount Saint Joseph Hospital. Mr. Riley was actively involved as a volunteer on the executive committee of the Health Care and Epidemiology Program Alumni Association where he was the treasurer and co-leader of the 19th Annual Pacific Health Care Forum Conference. He also volunteered for the Vancouver Lifeguard Society and the Royal Life Saving Society of Canada.

Mr. Riley was awarded a B.Sc. in Biochemistry and a B.Sc. in Medical Laboratory Science as well as a Master's degree in Health Administration from the University of British Columbia.