



David Naylor, MD DPhil

Accomplished physician-scientist C. David Naylor, past dean of medicine and president emeritus at the University of Toronto, is broadly recognized for his visionary and far-reaching contributions to health research, education, administration, and policy. A Rhodes Scholar earning a DPhil at the University of Oxford before training in internal medicine at Western University, Dr. Naylor led in creating a new research program in clinical epidemiology at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre before proposing and serving as inaugural chief executive (1992-1998) of the renowned Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences, one of the world's leading centres for multidisciplinary health care research.

Co-author of more than 300 scholarly publications spanning multiple medical fields, inaugural governor of the new Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Dr. Naylor has worked tirelessly to improve the scope, funding, and organization of health research in Canada. Heading the federal inquiry into Canada's national response to the SARS epidemic (2003), Dr. Naylor was instrumental in establishing the Public Health Agency of Canada leading to the appointment of Canada's first Chief Public Health Officer. More recently, as Canada's representative, Dr. Naylor co-authored the internationally influential report of the Global Commission on Educating Health Professionals for the 21st Century and has served, by government appointment, as chair of the national advisory panel on health care innovation.

Recipient of numerous awards and honours, including the Order of Canada, Dr. Naylor has used his influence in his many and varied offices to promote medical research in Canada and to improve its institutional deliveries. He has worked as an indispensable mediator between the imperatives of government and the mission of medical care founded in robust research.

Dr. Naylor's diverse contributions as physician-researcher, educator, administrator, and his powerful advocacy for excellence in the provision of health services have enhanced and strengthened national and international health care. His work has addressed challenges facing broad-based health delivery in a global context and has materially advanced the cause of medical science in service to Canadians and the world community.

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