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## KEYNOTE LECTURER



**Barbara Vanderhyden, PhD** Distinguished Professor | Corinne Boyer Chair in Ovarian Cancer Research | University of Ottawa  
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"The Fun and Challenges of Being a Cancer Researcher"

Barbara Vanderhyden completed her B.Sc. and Ph.D. in Reproductive Physiology at the University of Western Ontario, and then did postdoctoral studies at The Jackson Laboratory in Maine, where she learned to climb mountains, both literally and scientifically. She is the inaugural Corinne Boyer Chair in Ovarian Cancer Research and spends most of her time leading a cancer research program and developing networks and resources to increase ovarian cancer research across Canada. Her current research program focuses on using exciting new technologies to understand how cells communicate with each other in tumours, developing and improving models of ovarian cancer, and using those models to design and test novel cancer treatments.

Dr. Vanderhyden serves on the Board of Directors of Ovarian Cancer Canada, is a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences and a recipient of the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award. In her spare time, she established two science outreach programs based in Ottawa: Let's Talk Science, which makes science fun for students in local elementary and high schools, and Science Travels, which sends teams of graduate students to deliver science workshops with indigenous students in remote northern communities. She has received many awards for her research, outreach, and mentorship of young scientists. Her passions are chocolate and science, and she most enjoys the thrill of discovery.