

2020 Cy Frank Legacy Lecture

Osteoarthritis: A Not-So-Silent Killer

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Dr. Gillian Hawker is the Sir John and Lady Eaton Professor and Chair of the Department of Medicine at the University of Toronto and a Senior Scientist at the Women's College Research Institute.



She is a rheumatologist and health services researcher whose research has focused on advancing care for people with osteoarthritis (OA) along three broad themes: 1. Elucidating the determinants and consequences of care for people with painful hip and knee OA, with a particular interest in appropriateness of use of total joint arthroplasty; 2. Understanding – and improving the measurement of - the OA patient experience, including the downstream effects of OA pain on sleep, mood, fatigue, activity limitations, and quality of care; and more recently 3. The inter-relationship of OA with other common chronic conditions which commonly co-occur in people with OA, e.g. diabetes and cardiovascular disease, on OA care and outcomes.

Dr. Hawker is a passionate advocate for advancing the academic careers of women in medicine. She has published almost 300 peer-reviewed articles and in 2020 was the recipient of the OARSI Award for Clinical Research.

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Dr. Cy Frank, MD, PhD, was an orthopaedic surgeon, scientist, long-time faculty member in the Cumming School of Medicine and one of the founders of the McCaig Institute for Bone and Joint Health. Dr. Frank was internationally known and acclaimed for his visionary efforts to lead and champion the value of multidisciplinary clinical research and the application of this research to innovative solutions for clinical care. At the time of his death in 2015, he was the Director and CEO of Alberta Innovates-Health Solutions. He was known to be an inspiring, empathetic and wise leader, dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of Albertans.

The Cy Frank Legacy Lectureship was created to showcase the work of individuals who reflect his passion and commitment to health innovation. The Lectureship takes place annually, usually in multiple locations across Canada – although this year it is being presented solely on-line.



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