



**Canadian Blood Services
Société canadienne du sang**

**Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Steering Committee –
Biographies**

**Dr. Graham D. Sher
Chief Executive Officer
Canadian Blood Services**

Dr. Graham D. Sher is currently the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Canadian Blood Services, the agency charged with managing Canada's national blood, plasma and stem cell programs in all provinces and territories across Canada, excluding Quebec (FY 2009 revenues of approximately \$950 million and 4,700 employees). Dr. Sher has been with Canadian Blood Services since it began operations in September 1998, when he joined as its first Vice President for Medical and Scientific Affairs. He was appointed CEO in June 2001.

In this capacity, Dr. Sher continues to lead Canadian Blood Services through an extensive, multiyear transformation journey which is focused on three major themes or pillars: Safety, Operational Excellence, and Prepare for Tomorrow.

In order to achieve the organization's mission and deliver on the strategies aligned under these themes, Dr. Sher ensures appropriate effort and resources are directed toward the foundations of Canadian Blood Services' people, systems and culture. He is also passionately committed to the principle of public participation in the decision making process, and an avid champion of stakeholder engagement in all of Canadian Blood Services' affairs.

Dr. Sher continues to promote the need for system wide healthcare delivery reform in Canada beyond just the blood system. Most recently, under Dr. Sher's leadership, Canadian Blood Services has been asked by provincial and territorial governments to assume responsibility for national services related to organ and tissue donation and transplantation, thereby expanding the mandate of the existing national blood service.

Dr. Sher is a recognized expert in transfusion medicine and science, and is widely sought after as a speaker nationally and internationally. He sits on a number of blood system and health care related advisory bodies, and has provided consulting support to other countries in the transformation of their health care systems. Dr. Sher is a founding member and the current Chair of the Alliance of Blood Operators and was one of the first international directors on the Board of AABB (formerly the American Association of Blood Banks).

Dr. Sher is a hematologist by training, having acquired his medical and doctoral degrees at the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa, and his fellowship training through the University of Toronto, Canada. He was formerly a physician and scientist on staff at the Toronto Hospital and on faculty in the Department of Medicine at the University of Toronto.

Dr. Simon Sutcliffe

**Former President and Chief Executive Officer BC Cancer Agency
Incoming Chair, Canadian Partnership Against Cancer**

Dr. Simon Sutcliffe graduated with honours from St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, England in 1970. Following training positions at St Bartholomew's, Hammersmith (Royal Postgraduate Medical School) and Oxford in the areas of internal medicine and medical oncology, he completed his doctoral thesis at London University (1979) after periods of research study at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine (New York) and Tulane University (New Orleans).

Dr. Sutcliffe obtained his Canadian Fellowship in Radiation Oncology in 1981, his U.K. Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians in 1989 and the Fellowship of the Royal College of Radiologists in 1997.

Dr. Sutcliffe was a staff oncologist and member of the senior scientific staff of the Ontario Cancer Institute/Princess Margaret Hospital (OCI/PMH) 1982-1989, the Vice President Oncology Programs 1989-1993, and the President and Chief Executive Officer of OIC/PMH 1994-1996. Between 1996 and 2000, Dr. Sutcliffe was Vice President at the BC Cancer Agency with responsibility for the Vancouver Cancer Centre, academic development in oncology with the University of British Columbia and leadership of the Provincial Tumour Groups. Dr. Sutcliffe was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of the BC Cancer Agency (October 2000 – March 2009).

Dr. Sutcliffe was also the inaugural Chair of the Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control (2003-06), Vice-Chair of the Board of the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer (November 2006 – June 2009) and will assume the Chair of the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer in June 2009.

Dr. Sutcliffe has served as a chair and member on the Boards and committees of the Canadian Cancer Society/National Cancer Institute of Canada, the Boards of the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research and Genome BC, and as a member of public and private sector boards and committees. He has published extensively in the areas of radiation and medical oncology as applied to the treatment of lymphoma, leukemia and endocrine malignancies, fertility and gonadal function in cancer patients, and cellular immune-deficiency and immune-modulation in cancer.

The Honourable A. Anne McLellan
Former Deputy Prime Minister and Federal Minister of Health
Current member of the Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation

The Honourable A. Anne McLellan, P.C., joined Bennett Jones LLP's Edmonton office in 2006. Ms McLellan provides strategic advice to the firm and its clients. On May 12, 2006, she was appointed Distinguished Scholar in Residence at the University of Alberta in the newly established Alberta Institute for American Studies.

Ms. McLellan also serves on the Board of Directors of Nexen, an independent, Canadian-based global energy company; Agrium, a global producer and marketer of agricultural nutrients and industrial products and a major retail supplier of agricultural products and services; and Cameco Corporation, the world's largest uranium producer.

Ms. McLellan also sits on the Board of the Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation and is on the Community Outreach Committee for the Lois Hole Hospital for Women. Ms. McLellan also sits on the boards of Habitat for Humanity (Edmonton Chapter), the Institute for Research on Public Policy (IRPP), Canadian Business for Social Responsibility (CBSR), and is a mentor with the Trudeau Foundation.

Ms. McLellan served four terms as the Liberal Member of Parliament for Edmonton Centre from October 25, 1993 - January 23, 2006. During that time, she served as Deputy Prime Minister of Canada and as the first Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness in the government of the Rt. Hon. Paul Martin (December 2003 - January 2006). Ms. McLellan served as Minister of Health (January 2002 - December 2003), Minister of Justice (June 1997 - January 2002) and Minister of Natural Resources and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians (November 1993 - June 1997).

From 1976 to 1980, Ms McLellan was an Assistant Professor of Law at the University of New Brunswick. In 1980, she was appointed Associate Professor of Law at the University of Alberta. She served as associate dean of the Faculty of Law between 1985 and 1987 and was Acting Dean from July 1991 to June 1992.

Ms. McLellan holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Law degree from Dalhousie University and a Master of Laws degree from King's College, University of London. Ms McLellan was admitted to the Bar of Nova Scotia in 1976.

Dr. Brian Postl
President and Chief Executive Officer
Winnipeg Regional Health Authority

Dr. Brian Postl is a graduate of the University of Manitoba where he achieved Royal College Fellowships in Community Medicine and Pediatrics. He has practiced these specialties in rural and northern areas of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. He is currently President and Chief Executive Officer of the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, a position he has held since 1999.

In July 2005, the Government of Canada appointed Dr. Postl as Federal Advisor on Wait Times, a position that required him to work with the federal, provincial and territorial governments in order to meet the requirements of the September 2004 First Minister's Accord. His final report was released in July 2006.

Dr. Postl has been head of the Departments of Pediatrics and Community Health Sciences at the University of Manitoba.

He serves on a number of national boards and committees in various capacities. He is currently the Chair of the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation (CHSRF), Vice-Chair of the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) and member of Canada Health Infoway.

Dr. Postl has published widely on a variety of topics, but with a special focus on the health of residents in rural and isolated northern native communities and circumpolar health. Clinical involvement continues through the Children's Hospital Northern Referral and Medical Clinics, and as visiting pediatrician to Rankin Inlet, Nunavut, Grand Rapids and Easterville, Manitoba.

Dr. Andrew Baker
Medical Director – Trauma and Neurosurgery Program,
St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto

Dr. Andrew Baker is currently the Acting Chief of Critical Care as well as the Medical Director of the Trauma and Neurosurgery Program at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto. He is professor in the Departments of Anesthesia and Surgery at the University of Toronto and his medical specialty lies in the areas of anesthesia and intensive care.

Dr. Baker conducts both clinical and laboratory research in brain injury including trauma, subarachnoid hemorrhage and ischemia. His laboratory also studies the neurologic effects of blast-induced brain injury. He has published numerous papers and speaks internationally on neuro-critical care, biological mechanisms of brain injury following trauma and on resuscitation.

Dr. Baker is an author of the current Canadian guidelines for declaring death by neurological criteria, the guidelines for optimal critical care of deceased donors, and the recommendations for the introduction of donation after death by cardiac criteria.

Commodore H.W.Jung, OMM, CD
Canadian Forces Surgeon General

Commodore H.W. Jung joined the Canadian Forces in 1981. He completed his medical training at the University of Toronto and the Toronto East General and Orthopaedic Hospital.

In 1985, Cmdre. Jung was posted to Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt, serving both on the base and on HMCS PROVIDER as the ship's Medical Officer. Posted to Germany, he served as Base Surgeon at the Canadian military posts in Lahr and Baden. In 1990, Lieutenant-Commander Jung was the Senior Medical Officer to the Canadian Air Task Group (Middle East) in Qatar, serving through the air campaign of the 1991 Persian Gulf War. During his five-year tenure at Canadian Forces Europe, he was a member of the NATO Tactical Evaluators. Upon returning to Canada in 1993, he attended French language training in Ottawa. This was followed by a tour as a medical Detachment Commander at National Defence Headquarters' (NDHQ) Medical Inspection Room.

In 1995, Cmdre. Jung was posted to Air Command Headquarters in Winnipeg, Manitoba. During his tenure at Air Command, he assumed multiple roles that included the posts of the Command Flight Surgeon and A1 Medical Operations. In the summer of 1997, he was posted to Maritime Forces Pacific Headquarters in Esquimalt as the Maritime Pacific Surgeon. Captain(N) Jung was promoted to his present rank in July 2000 and was appointed Medical Advisor to the Chief of Maritime Staff at NDHQ. Captain(N) Jung was appointed to the Order of Military Merit in 2001.

Subsequently, Cmdre. Jung assumed responsibilities as Director Health Services Operations and Director Health Services Personnel at the Canadian Force Health Services Group Headquarters. Cmdre. Jung completed his Masters of Arts degree in Leadership from Royal Roads University in 2005. He is a graduate of the National Securities Studies Program at the Canadian Forces College. He is currently the Canadian Forces Surgeon General at the Canadian Forces Health Services Group Headquarters

Dr. Judith Shamian, RN, PhD
President and Chief Executive Officer
Victorian Order of Nurses Canada

In addition to her current role with the Victorian Order of Nurses Canada, Dr. Judith Shamian is currently President Elect of the Canadian Nurses Association and active with the World Health Organization. Dr. Shamian formerly held the title of Executive Director of Nursing Policy with Health Canada and is a Professor in the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Toronto. She was also the President of the RNAO from 1998 to 1999.

Dr. Shamian obtained her PhD from Case Western Reserve, Cleveland, Ohio, her Master's in Public Health from New York University and her Baccalaureate in Community Nursing from Concordia University in Montreal. She has published and spoken extensively in North America and internationally.

Dr. Shamian is known for her commitment to professional excellence in practice, education and research. Her continuous interest in healthcare politics and policy and international health is well known. She is the 1995 recipient of the Ross Award for Nursing Leadership and was awarded the Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002 by the Governor General of Canada.

Dr. John Frederick Hamm
Former Premier of Nova Scotia
Chair of Assisted Human Reproduction Canada

Dr. John Hamm graduated from the University of King's College and Dalhousie University and worked as a family doctor in his hometown of Stellarton, Nova Scotia for 30 years prior to becoming the 32nd Premier of Nova Scotia. During this time, Dr. Hamm also served as President of the Nova Scotia Medical Society.

Dr. Hamm entered politics in 1993, becoming the Member of the Legislative Assembly for the riding of Pictou Centre. He became leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Nova Scotia in 1995, succeeding Terry Donahoe. His party won 14 seats in the 1998 provincial election and held the balance of power in a minority government where both the Liberal Party and the New Democratic Party each had 19 seats. Dr. Hamm's Tories defeated the Liberal minority government on a budget vote on June 17, 1999, and in the subsequent election on July 27, 1999, Dr. Hamm became Nova Scotia Premier after winning 30 of 52 seats in the provincial legislature.

After taking office, Dr. Hamm sold or closed government-owned industries such as Sydney Steel. He invested more in education and health care, and implemented some tax cuts. His government was the first to truly balance provincial finances in 25 years, following changes in public sector accounting practices. One of his most notable achievements was negotiating with the federal government to implement the Atlantic Accord, a multi-decade regional development program that had been approved in principle during the late 1980s to prevent provincial government offshore oil and gas royalties from being included in calculations for the federal equalization program.

On September 29, 2005, Dr. Hamm announced his intention to retire as Premier and Progressive Conservative Party Leader. On December 21, 2006, Dr. Hamm was appointed Chair of Assisted Human Reproduction Canada, a federal agency created to protect and promote the health and safety, human dignity and human rights of Canadians who use or are born of assisted human reproduction technologies, and to foster ethical principles related to assisted human reproduction and related matters.

**Dr. Maurice McGregor - MB, BCh, MD, FRCP(C), FRCP(Lond), FACC
Cardiovascular Division, Department of Medicine
McGill University Health Centre, Montreal**

Dr. Maurice McGregor trained in Medicine at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa, and, following military service in World War II, studied Cardiology in London, England. From 1950 until 1957, he was a clinician, teacher, and researcher at his Alma Mater. He later joined the faculty of McGill University in Montréal, Canada.

Dr. McGregor has served as Head of Cardiology and Physician in Chief of the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montréal, and as Dean of Medicine and Vice Principal of McGill University. He has also served terms as the Bethune Exchange Professor at Peking Medical College (1973) as Dean of Medicine of his Alma Mater (1984-87), and as a member of numerous hospitals' governing boards.

Dr. McGregor has also published over 180 articles, chiefly in the fields of cardiovascular disease, cardiovascular physiology and pharmacology, medical education and health policy. He has had experience as both a consumer and a producer of HTAs and Clinical Practice Guidelines – the latter as the founding Chief Executive Officer and President of Canada's first HTA agency, the conseil d'évaluation des technologies de la santé du Québec (1988 to 1994), as a founding Board Member of the Canadian Coordinating Office for Health Technology Assessment, and as Chair and Editor of Canada's Guidelines for the Management of Breast Cancer (1994-98).

Dr. McGregor is a Cardiologist and a Professor Emeritus at McGill University, and is Chair of the Technology Assessment Unit of the McGill University Health Centre.

Dr. William Wall
Transplant Surgeon at London Health Sciences Centre
Professor of Surgery at the University of Western Ontario

Transplant Surgeon, Dr. William (Bill) Wall joined the Schulich School of Medicine at the University of Western Ontario in 1977. Since then, he has been instrumental in building the transplant program into a national leader.

More than 4,100 organ transplants have been done at the London Health Sciences Centre in London, Ontario since the first transplant occurred in 1973. They include Canada's longest-surviving liver recipients – four of whom have attained a cumulative survival of more than 100 years.

The transplant program launched an education program, in partnership with Trillium Gift of Life Network and the Kidney Foundation of Canada, to educate senior high-school students about the vital importance of organ and tissue donation, and the success of transplantation.

London Health Sciences Centre has also been credited as a Canadian pioneer in the initiation of a new protocol – Donation after Cardiac Death – which has helped to increase the number of donated organs for transplantation in Canada.

Dr. Wall has received Canada's highest civilian honour - the Order of Canada. He was recognized for his contributions to the development and advancement of liver transplantation in Canada, and for promoting awareness of the need for organ donation.

Mr. Craig Knight
Assistant Deputy Minister
Corporate Policy, Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations
B.C. Ministry of Health Services

Mr. Craig Knight completed his undergraduate education at Valparaiso University in Indiana where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology in 1971. He then attended Christ Lutheran Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri and graduated with Master of Divinity in 1975.

Following a 13 year career as a Lutheran clergyman, Mr. Knight accepted a position in 1988 with the British Columbia Ministry of Health as a clinical counselor for Alcohol and Drug Services. He also held positions as a clinical trainer and area manager for the Northern Vancouver Island region of Alcohol and Drug Services.

In 1995, Mr. Knight developed a provincial problem gambling treatment and prevention program to address gambling addiction. In 1995 he joined the Ministry's headquarters staff as a business analyst with Strategic Management Services.

In 1998, Mr. Knight accepted a position as Director of Intergovernmental Relations, and in 2000 he became Executive Director of Health Human Resource Strategic Planning. Mr. Knight was appointed Assistant Deputy Minister for Corporate Policy, Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations in November 2003.

Mr. Knight has served as a health policy advisor to the 2004 First Ministers Meeting on health care and funding. Mr. Knight led a successful negotiation which resulted in federal, provincial and territorial Ministers of Health agreeing to transfer coordination responsibility for organ and tissue donation and transplantation to Canadian Blood Services in 2008. He is a member of the Board of Directors for the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research and the Forensic Psychiatric Commission.

Dr. Michael Strong, PhD

Dr. Michael Strong graduated from Gonzaga Prep and Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. He served 20 years in the US Navy during which he received a PhD from the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Dr. Strong began his career in 1965 as the Supervisor of the Blood Bank of the 1600 bed Naval Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. During 15 years of research at the Naval Medical Research Institute in Bethesda, Maryland, he was involved in the establishment of the Organ and Bone Marrow Transplantation units of the Army and Navy; Histocompatibility, Clinical Immunology and Tissue Banking Programs at the National Naval Medical Center; and the establishment of the National Marrow Donor Program.

Dr. Strong retired from the Navy in 1985 and moved to Seattle to become Vice President of Research and Development at Genetic Systems, a biotech company. He joined the Puget Sound Blood Center in 1988 to establish the Northwest Tissue Center. He served in different capacities at the Blood Center, including Director of Laboratories and Chief Operating Officer and retired from the center in 2007. He holds Research Professor appointments in the Department of Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine, and the Department of Surgery at the University of Washington School of Medicine.

During his more than 40 year career, Dr. Strong has written for more than 400 publications, including more than 65 book chapters in blood and tissue banking and has lectured at over 35 universities and hospitals on six continents. He currently serves as the North American Editor of the Journal of Cell and Tissue Banking. He has served on several boards including the American Association of Tissue Banks and the Northwest Organ Procurement Agency, and as President of the AABB (formerly the American Association of Blood Banks).

Additionally, Dr. Strong has conducted tissue bank training programs as an expert for the International Atomic Energy Agency in Australia, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Korea, India and Brazil. He has been a consultant for the National Institutes of Health, the World Health Organization, and is currently consulting for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research at the Food and Drug Administration, where he has served on the Blood Products Advisory Committee.

Dr. Strong is the recipient the DeGowin Lectureship in Blood Banking from the University of Iowa and has received Lifetime Achievement Awards from Americas Blood Centers, the AATB, and the Asia Pacific Association of Surgical Tissue Banks.